

**To:** 'all.families@stpaulschool.ca'  
**Cc:** 'staff@stpaulschool.ca'; 'Parish St. Paul (Richmond)'  
**Subject:** Thursday Letter



Dear Parents,

This week's Principal's Message is one of personal gratitude for this beautiful community. Thank you for the thoughtful gifts, heartfelt cards, warm wishes, and the genuine joy we received as my husband, Walter, and I celebrated our wedding this past weekend. A very special thank you also to the children who sang in the choir; your voices added such beauty and joy to the celebration.

I feel truly blessed to belong to a community that celebrates life's special moments together, and Walter and I will carry your prayers and well wishes with us as we start our life together.

With heartfelt thanks,

Maureen Griffin  
Principal



Living,  
Celebrating, &  
**PROCLAIMING**  
**OUR FAITH**

*“Children learn through play to connect, synchronize, and take turns. They enjoy attunement with each other and need enormous quantities of it. Social media, in contrast, inhibits attunement and leaves heavy users starving for social connection.”*

~ Jonathan Haidt, *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness.*



**Gr. 2 First Confession** – Please pray for our Gr. 2 students who will make their First Confession next Thursday.

**Hot Lunch** – Tomorrow – Fukuroku. Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> – Triple O's. Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> - PCK

**Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacrament Preparation** – Saturday, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>. 5:00 pm

**Dress Down Spirit Day** – Wed. Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>. **Career Day!** Come dressed as what you want to be when you grow up.

**Last Day of School** – Friday, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>. **3:00 dismissal.**

**Learning Updates Home** – Friday, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Spring Break** – March 14<sup>th</sup> to March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**First Day back to school** – Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Last Supper Presentation by Gr. 7 Class** – Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:45 AM in the gym. All are welcome.

**Daily Lenten Mass** – Continues until April 1<sup>st</sup>. 8:15 AM in the church.

**Taking photos/video during school Masses** - We love when parents and grandparents join us for school Masses, however, to keep the focus on the sacredness of the Mass, **we kindly ask parents and grandparents not to take photos or video.** This allows everyone to remain fully present in the reverence of the Mass. It also helps protect the privacy of other students whose families may not wish for them to be photographed.

**Calendar Updated!** – The 2025/2026 school calendar is updated with dates for professional days, dates for school holidays, etc. The calendar can be accessed through the school website at [www.stpaulschool.ca](http://www.stpaulschool.ca). \*Please note dates can change, so check often.

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**If your child will be away** – A reminder to please email the school ([absent@stpaulschool.ca](mailto:absent@stpaulschool.ca)) and the teacher if your child is sick. This needs to be done *each day your child is away. This also includes late arrivals and early pick-ups and please email before 8:30 AM.* Thank you.

**School Arrivals** – Please note that **classes begin at 8:45 AM.** Please make an effort to have your child arrive to school in time to be settled in the classroom by 8:45 and ready to learn. Thank you.



**When Parents Have Concerns** – If at any time you have a concern regarding your child, a school event, a staff member, or an incident that happened, we ask that you please come and speak with your child’s teacher. The only way that concerns can be effectively resolved is through open communication between home and school, resulting in accurate information being shared, and an informed understanding of your concern.

**When your Child is Sick** – In anticipation of cold and flu season, we’d like to remind parents to be prudent when it comes to deciding when to keep your child home, or when to send him/her to school if he/she has just recovered from being ill. Some basic guidelines are as follows: 24 hours after temperature returns to normal, or after gastrointestinal illness (vomiting/diarrhea); contagious infections such as suspected pink eye or strep throat; unexplained skin rash; severe cough and cold symptoms. Exercising proper hand-washing techniques is also crucial to helping prevent the spread of viruses. This will go a long way to keep our student and staff population happy and at school.

**Birthday Celebrations** – If you wish to have your child share a special treat with the class on his/her birthday, you are welcome to send **a small allergen-free treat** that the teacher can hand out at the end of the day. We now have **30 students** who carry Epi-Pens for food-related allergies, so all treats must be free of allergens according to our school policy on anaphylaxis. Please help us keep all our students safe.

St. Paul School acknowledges that the land on which we work, learn, and play is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the territories of the xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), and Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

