

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



Dear Parents,

As we approach the sacred days of the Easter Triduum, beginning with Holy Thursday, continuing through Good Friday, and culminating in the joy of Easter Sunday, we are invited into the core of our faith. This is a profound time for prayer, reflection, and gratitude as we remember Jesus' great love and sacrifice and celebrate His Resurrection. I encourage all our families to cherish these beautiful liturgies, making space within your families to enter into this holy time together. May the Triduum be a meaningful opportunity for renewal, drawing us closer to Jesus and to one another.

Wishing all our families a blessed and joyous Easter!

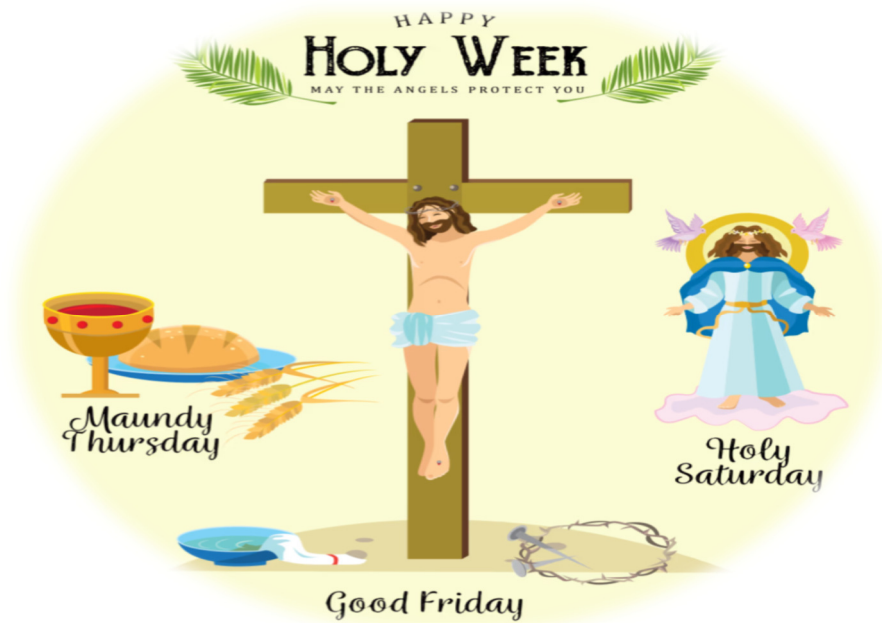
Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



Living,
Celebrating, &
PROCLAIMING
OUR FAITH

From death comes life; from darkness, light; from sacrifice, new hope.



Gr. 4 Book Drive Postponed! – Please do not send books next week. We will let you know when the collection will happen. Thank you for your patience.

No School – Friday April 3rd (Good Friday) and Monday, April 6th (Easter Monday)

School Mass – Thursday, April 9th. 9:15. Gr. 1 to lead.

Hot Lunch – April 10th. Fukuroku.

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. *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) 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 Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

