

To: 'all.families@stpaulschool.ca'
Cc: 'staff@stpaulschool.ca'; 'Parish St. Paul (Richmond)'
Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: HG & D Parent Letter.pdf



Dear Parents,

Happy Easter! We continue to share this joyful greeting all this week, from Easter Sunday through to Divine Mercy Sunday, making it one continuous feast known as the Easter Octave. This sacred time is the beginning of the Easter season, which continues for fifty days until Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. As a school community, may this joyful season inspire us to live as people of hope, carrying the light of the risen Lord in our words, our actions, and our care for one another each day.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



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Celebrating, &
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OUR FAITH

When we overprotect our children and don't allow them to take any risks, we block them from overcoming anxiety, learning to manage risks, and learning to be self-governing. ~ Jonathan Haidt, *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness.*



Important Parent Meeting for Gr. 4, 5, 6, & 7 – May 5th at 7:00 pm in your child's classroom. Dr. Julia Sadusky will present this year's content for the *Human Growth and Development curriculum*. At least one parent from each family is expected to attend and attendance will be taken. Please see attached letter for further details. ****This evening is only for parents who have children in Gr. 4, 5, 6, & 7.**

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

Class Photo Day – Wednesday, April 15th. Students must be in full uniform, including sweater.

School Mass – Thursday, April 16th. 9:15. Gr. 4 to lead.

School Assembly – Fri., Apr. 17th. 9:00 in the gym. Gr. 7 and Kindergarten to lead.

Hot Lunch – April 10th. Fukuroku. Apr. 13th – Yummy Pizza. Apr. 17th – Triple O's.

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.

Follow us on Instagram! - [st.paul.school.richmond](https://www.instagram.com/st.paul.school.richmond).

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 xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

