

To: 'all.families@stpaulschool.ca'
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Subject: FW: Thursday Letter
Attachments: Student Led Appointments 2025-2026.pdf



Dear Parents,

We are excited to host our annual Scholastic Book Fair next week! Please watch for an email tomorrow with all the details. Participating in the Book Fair supports our library and enables us to buy new books each year. The bigger the profit from the Book Fair, the more new books we can buy to stock our shelves! We encourage all families to stop by, explore the wonderful selection, and help foster a love of reading in our students while supporting this important initiative.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



There is evidence that the fragmentation of attention in early adolescence caused by problematic use of social media and video games may interfere with the development of executive functioning (planning, focus, and self-control). ~ Jonathan Haidt, *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness.*

here's what's Happening



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.**

Scholastic Book Fair – Next week! Watch for an email tomorrow with further details.

School Assembly – Tomorrow. 9:00 in the gym. Gr. 7 and Kindergarten to lead.

School Mass – Thursday, April 23rd. 9:15. Gr. 5 to lead.

Hot Lunch – Apr. 17th – Triple O's. Apr. 20th – Yummy Pasta.

Student Led Conferences – Online booking for Conferences will open this Saturday morning (April 18th) at 9:00 am. Please see attached information letter for how to book your appointment online. Student Led Conferences will take place next Friday, April 24th. There will be no regular classes that day.

Badminton – See online calendar and Seesaw messages from Mr. Kelly.

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.

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