

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



Dear Parents,

This weekend, we keep our Grade 2 students in our prayers as they celebrate the beautiful sacrament of First Holy Communion. After many months of preparation, learning, and reflection, our students will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time. What a lovely milestone in their faith journey! We congratulate our Grade 2 families on this special occasion and thank Ms. Wu, Ms. Prabhaker, and our parish community, for helping prepare them with such care and reverence.

May this sacred celebration be filled with joy, peace, and God's abundant blessings for all our families.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



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Celebrating, &
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OUR FAITH

Children are most likely to thrive when they have a play-based childhood in the real world. They are less likely to thrive when fearful parenting and a phone-based childhood deprive them of opportunities for growth. ~ Jonathan Haidt, *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness.*

To All Grade 2 Students

CONGRATULATIONS



ON YOUR 1ST COMMUNION

St. Paul/St. Joseph the Worker Track Meet – Tues., May 12th. Minoru Park. For Gr. 3 to 7.

Hot Lunch – May 8th – Triple O's. May 11th – Yummy Pasta.

School Mass – Thursday, May 14th. 9:15. Gr. 2 to lead.

No School – Friday May 15th (Professional Day) and Monday May 18th (Victoria Day).

Gr. 4 Book Drive is back on! – Are you in need of donating books to a good cause? Please see attached letter for details. Books and monetary donation for shipping can be brought to school between **May 19th and 22nd**.

School Assembly – May 22nd. 9:00 in the gym. Gr. 5 & 1 to lead.

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

