

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



Dear Parents,

What a beautiful day at Swangard yesterday for all our athletes who attended Day 1 of the CISVA track and field championships. Comeraderie, sportsmanship, personal achievement, and friendly rivalry between our CISVA schools is what makes this event a highlight for track and field teams. We continue to be grateful for the athletes who are working hard, the teachers that got them there, and the families who are supporting us along the way. We look forward to Day 2 next Wednesday!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin  
Principal



*“Being young is the best time of your life. Don’t waste it on your phone.”* Jonathan Haidt, *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness.*



**Extra Bingo Help Needed** – The Bingo team is currently looking for help with 4-8pm Cashier shifts for Team A, which includes these Thursdays: (2026) Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Dec 3, 10, 17 (2027) Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. If you feel the call to lend an extra hand, or know a parishioner who would like to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. Please reach out to [pec.bingo@stpaulschool.ca](mailto:pec.bingo@stpaulschool.ca) if you can help. Thank you.

**Assembly** – There are no more Friday assemblies this year. Our final assembly will be on the last day of school - **Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.**

**Hot Lunch** – May 29<sup>th</sup> – Triple O's. June 1<sup>st</sup> – Yummy Pasta.

**School Mass** – Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. 9:15. Gr. 6 to lead.

**Gr. 7 Sacrament of Confirmation Retreat** – Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. **9:00 AM to 2:30 PM** in the parish centre.

**Gr. 7 Sacrament of Confirmation Rehearsal** – Wed. June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 7:00 PM in the church.

**CISVA Track & Field Meet Day 2** – Wed., June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**No School** – Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Professional day.



**Parish Picnic** – Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. All school families are invited to the St. Paul Parish Picnic on Sunday, July 26, 2026 (1-5pm, in the field behind the school). Join us for this wonderful opportunity for families to come together in fellowship, enjoy time with one another, and celebrate our community during the summer season. There will be food, games and activities for all ages! More details about these and volunteer opportunities will be shared in the coming weeks. Save the date, and bring the whole family to enjoy this fun-filled day of community, laughter, and fellowship.

**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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**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 Sḵw̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

