

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



Dear Parents,

With planning for next year already in full swing, we can now share some staffing changes for 2026/2027. We are sad to be saying goodbye to three staff members: Education Assistant **Ms. Rimland** will be going back to school to earn her Bachelor of Education degree, Education Assistant **Mrs. Marwaha** is transferring to St. Matthew's school to be closer to home, and Gr. 7 teacher **Mr. Mayer** is retiring.

We welcome two new Education Assistants, Ms. DeForest and Ms. Kovalick, as well as our new Gr. 7 teacher, Mr. Addison.

We wish our departing staff members all the best on their new paths and look forward to a new year with fresh faces, and the same joyful spirit of St. Paul School!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin  
Principal



Living,  
Celebrating, &  
**PROCLAIMING**  
**OUR FAITH**

*“The Great Rewiring devastated the social lives of Gen Z by connecting them to everyone in the world, while disconnecting them from the people around them.”* Jonathan Haidt, *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness.*

# 2026 Class of CONGRATULATIONS!

**School Mass** – Tomorrow, 9:15 AM. Gr. 6 & 7 classes to lead. This is the “Passing of the Light” Mass where our Gr. 7 students pass on the light of leadership to the Gr. 6 students.

**Assembly** – Our final assembly will be on the last day of school - **Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.**

**Primary Picnic** – Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**TWO Dress Down Days** – **June 24<sup>th</sup> – FIFA Day!** Wear your favourite jersey or team colours. **June 25<sup>th</sup>** - Play clothes.

**Last Day of School** – \*Noon dismissal. Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.



**Parish Picnic** – Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. 1:00 to 5:00 pm. **Seeking volunteers!** 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. We are looking for volunteers to supervise the kids' activities/inflatables, make cotton candy, and help with set up/take down, etc. To sign up for an hour or two to help out at this year's Parish Picnic, please complete [this form](#). For any questions, please send email to [sp.parishpicnic@gmail.com](mailto:sp.parishpicnic@gmail.com).

**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.

**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.com](http://www.stpaulschool.com). \*Please note dates can change, so check often.

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



**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.

