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Subject: Thursday Letter

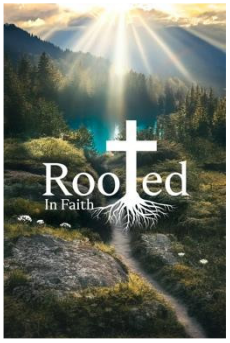


Dear Parents,

As we enter November, we celebrate two important feast days in our Catholic faith: All Saints' Day on November 1st and All Souls' Day on November 2nd. All Saints' Day reminds us of the many holy men and women who have gone before us and who inspire us to live lives of faith, kindness, and service to others. On All Souls' Day, we remember and pray for our loved ones who have passed away, keeping their memories close to our hearts. These special days offer a wonderful opportunity for families to reflect on the gift of faith, remember those we love, and remind our children that we are all called to be saints through our everyday words and actions.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



My *Let Grow* project is:

"I walked to my friend's house alone." (Gr. 5)

"I tried a 3D printing program for the first time." (Gr. 6)



Neighbour complaints regarding speeding – we have received complaints from our neighbours that cars are speeding along the roads surrounding our school, particularly if you access the back parking lot. We ask that all drivers please be mindful of their speed and respect the posted speed limits. The safety of our students, families, and neighbours is a shared responsibility, and we appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping our school community safe. Please slow down and allow yourself a few extra minutes when arriving to or from the school.
Dress Down Day – Halloween edition! Tomorrow! Students may come out of uniform wearing a Halloween costume. Students who prefer not to wear a costume may come in orange and/or black. Please refer to the email sent last Friday from Ms. Griffin regarding acceptable Halloween costumes.

Hot Lunch - Oct 30th – Fukuroku. Nov. 2nd – Yummy Pasta. Nov 6th – Triple O's.

School Mass – Thursday, Nov. 5th. Gr. 5 to lead. 9:15 AM in the church.

Volleyball – See online calendar and/or Seesaw.



School-wide Earthquake Release Drill – Monday, Nov. 9th between 2:00 and 3:00 pm. **Parents/guardians will also be involved in this release drill,** so please mark your calendar. More details to come.

Can I use the drop off lane? Just a reminder that if an adult needs to get out of the car to assist your child to exit or enter your car, then **please do NOT use the drop off/pick up lane;** please park in a parking spot instead. Families using the drop off/pick up lane should have children who can quickly exit/enter the car by themselves while the adults stay inside the car. Thank you for helping our drop off/pick up lane move efficiently.

Calendar Updated! – The 2026/2027 school calendar is now updated with preliminary 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.

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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 xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), and Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

