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Subject: Thursday Letter

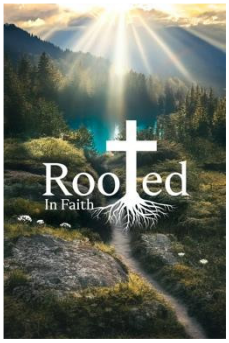


Dear Parents,

Having just finished celebrating All Saints/All Souls, Halloween, and Remembrance Day, and while we linger a moment before the start of Advent, we can enjoy the gift of ordinary days. During these quieter weeks, the children are continuing to learn, grow, build friendships, and overcome challenges. The everyday experiences may not always make the headlines of the Thursday Letter, or Instagram, but they are the heart of what makes St. Paul's such a special place. As we await the busyness of December, let's celebrate these little moments, because they often lead to the biggest growth!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



My *Let Grow* project is:

"I am going to sew my family's old and ripped up clothes back together again and make them wearable." (Gr. 7)

"Doing my own laundry." (Gr. 7)



Hot Lunch – Nov. 13th – Fukuroku. Nov. 16th – Yummy Pizza.

No School – Friday, Nov. 20th. Professional Day.

***No School Mass** – There will be no school Mass next week (Nov 19th).

Assembly – Friday, Nov. 27, 2026. 9:00 in the gym. Gr. 4 & 2 to lead. We will be blessing our classroom Advent wreaths.



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.

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.

