

**To:** all.families@stpaulschool.ca  
**Cc:** staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)  
**Subject:** Thursday Letter  
**Attachments:** Food Drive for Luke 15 House.pdf



Dear Parents,

Our track and field practices have been running smoothly this week, and fingers crossed that the weather continues to cooperate. Thank you for your support in getting your child to and from Minoru on these early mornings. We look forward to our friendly meet with St. Joseph the Worker on May 29<sup>th</sup>, as well as taking our CISVA team to Swangard on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Let's hope our athletes run as fast as these last 5 weeks of school are going to zip by!

And on this coming Pentecost Sunday, may the Holy Spirit inspire believers and dwell within us, guiding us in all we do.

Yours in faith,  
Maureen Griffin  
Principal



*And they were filled with the Holy Spirit.* ~Acts 2:4



**Reporting an Absence** – If your child will be away, please send an email to [absent@stpaulschool.ca](mailto:absent@stpaulschool.ca) (as well as the teacher). **Please do NOT** email the office email address.

**Congratulations, Mrs. Dos Santos!** We are excited to share that Mrs. Dos Santos and her husband are expecting their second child (a girl!) in November. Congratulations to them, and to big brother Hudson. 😊

**Luke 15 House Food Drive** – Donations due by May 24<sup>th</sup>. Please see letter attached.

**No school** – Tomorrow (Pro-D) and Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. (Victoria Day)

**School Mass** – May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Gr. 2 to lead. 9:15 am in the church.

**Assembly** – May 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the gym. Gr. 7 & K to lead.

**Uniform Swap Meet** – Wed., May 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2:00 to 3:00 pm in the parish centre.

**Gr. 4 to 7 Parent Evening** – May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the gym. *Sexuality and Your Child* with Sister John Mary. One parent from each family expected to attend.



**Gr. 7 Fundraiser – The Final Chapter** (Variety Show) – Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. The Grade 7 Fundraiser Snack Menu was sent home with your child today. Orders and payment are due on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you in advance for your support.



**St. Paul Parish Picnic - Sunday, July 28, 2024 (1pm to 5pm).** Stay tuned! More details coming soon.

**Please use the Crosswalk** - If you park on the church side of the front parking lot, please ensure you cross at the **designated crosswalk** to make your way to the covered area. Between the drop off lane and parishioners leaving after Mass lets out, it can be a very busy traffic area.

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

**2023/2024 School Calendar** - This year's online calendar has been updated. If you are looking for professional days, dates for school holidays, etc., our online calendar is updated to June 2024. The calendar can be accessed through the school website at [www.stpaulschool.com](http://www.stpaulschool.com).

**If your child will be away** – A reminder to please email the office and the teacher if your child is sick. This needs to be done each day your child is away, and please email before 8:30 AM. Thank you.

**Late Arrivals to School** – Please note that **instruction in the classroom begins at 8:45 AM**. We have a number of students arriving late to school on a daily basis, so we ask our families to 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.

**Rainy Days** – Like last year, we will continue with students going outside for recess, regardless of inclement weather. A reminder to ensure your child is dressed for the possibility of wet weather every day, as they go outside for recess rain or shine. Extra socks are handy to have in the backpack.



**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.

**Planning the school year?** –If you are looking for professional days, dates for school holidays, etc., our online calendar is updated to June 2021. The calendar can be accessed through the school website at [www.stpaulschool.ca](http://www.stpaulschool.ca).

**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.

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