

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



Dear Parents,

These last two weeks of school are a whirlwind of activity. Earlier this week at our final school Mass we said farewell to our Gr. 7 students, and watched as they passed on their light of leadership to the current Gr. 6 class. We then celebrated in the evening with the Gr. 7 families in a wonderful ceremony and reception hosted by our Gr. 6 families. It was a lovely evening of recognition, joy, and community. A big thank you to all our Gr. 6 families for making the night so special.

Tomorrow morning we invite all our parents and grandparents to an appreciation breakfast in the gym. (Adults only please...students will be supervised outside on the playground.) It's our turn to show you how much we appreciate all you do for our school. Bring your appetites!

Yours in faith,
Maureen Griffin
Principal



You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. ~Dr. Seuss



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

Final Assembly – Last day of school. June 26th. 9:00 am in the gym. Gr. 6 & 3 to lead.

Fun Day – Tomorrow! ****12:30 Dismissal****

Track Ribbons/Medals Presentation – Join us tomorrow in the gym at 12noon as we present our Track and Field athletes with their ribbons/medals that were earned at the CISVA championships.

Parent Appreciation Breakfast – Tomorrow! **8:15 to 8:45 in the gym**. Parents are welcome to join us for some light breakfast items and refreshments as a show of appreciation for all you do for our school.

Primary Year End Picnic – June 24th.

Dress Down Day – Last day of school. June 26th. Students can come out of uniform wearing play clothes.

Last Day of School – June 26th. ****Noon dismissal.****

****Meet the Teacher Night** - Tues. Sept. 3rd**. Please note that our Meet the Teacher/AGM evening will be held on the evening of the first day of school. 6:30 pm in the gym.



Parish Picnic – help needed! - We are looking for volunteers to serve as greeters, to supervise the kids' activities/inflatables, and to make cotton candy. If you are interested in helping out for an hour or two at this year's Parish Picnic (Sunday, July 28, 2024 / 1-5 pm), please [sign up here](#).

2024/2025 School Calendar -. If you are looking for professional days, dates for school holidays, etc., our online calendar is updated to June 2025. The calendar can be accessed through the school website at www.stpaulschool.com.

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).

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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.

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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