

To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: St. Paul School Walkathon 2024 Information Sheet.pdf; St. Paul School Walkathon 2024 Pledge Form.pdf



Dear Parents,

Welcome back, St. Paul families! I hope you all had a restful, joy-filled summer!

As we begin this new school year together, I reflect with pride on this wonderful community where we devote each day to faith, love, and service. Each of you is a valued member of this community, and I am excited to see how we will come together to contribute to our shared mission of excellence in faith-based education for our children.

We have much to look forward to in the coming months - new lessons and activities, new friendships, and new opportunities to grow in our faith. Let us approach this year with open hearts and minds, ready to embrace the challenges and joys that lie ahead.

Welcome back, and may God bless St. Paul's and all who are part of it!

Yours in faith,
Maureen Griffin
Principal



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CELEBRATING,
and Proclaiming
OUR FAITH

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

School Starts Next Week!

First Day of School – Tuesday, Sept. 3rd. ****8:45 to Noon**** Doors open at 8:30 am. (Kindergarten will have a different schedule.)

Meet the Teacher Night - Tues. Sept. 3rd. 6:30 pm in the gym.

Gr. 7 Parent meeting regarding Outdoor Ed – Sept. 3rd. 6:10 pm in the Gr. 7 classroom. (Prior to AGM/Meet the Teacher)

Traffic Crossing Guard Meeting – Sept. 3rd. 9:00 am in the covered area.

Lunch Supervisor Meeting – Sept. 4th at 11:30 beside the playground.

Library Supervisor Meeting – Sept. 5th at 3:00 pm in the library.

School Mass – Thursday, Sept. 5th. 9:15 am. Staff to lead.

Assembly – Fri. Sept. 6th. 9:00 am in the gym. Gr. 7 will be presented with their leadership hoodies.

Gr. 7 Outdoor Education trip – Sept. 10th to 13th.

Walkathon – Friday, Sept. 27th. 12:15 pm dismissal. Our annual walkathon is our one and only big fundraiser for the year, empowering the students to help raise funds for their school through sponsorship while having the benefit of exercise and fun as they walk with their friends, teachers and parents!

Hard copies of the notice and pledge sheets will be sent home with each child once school begins, however we encourage you to start early using the attached forms.

SPIRIT Night for Gr. 6 & 7 – St. Paul Parish will be hosting the first meeting of the year for the SPIRIT Ministry (pre-teen) on Friday, Sept. 27th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Centre. Come and join the fun!

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.ca.

Follow us on Instagram! - st.paul.school.richmond.

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.

School Arrivals – Please note that **classes begin at 8:45 AM**. Please 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.



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.

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 xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

