

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



Dear Parents,

Greetings from the Sunshine Coast! It is my absolute pleasure to be writing this Principal's message from camp with our Gr. 7 students. It has been a fantastic few days of fresh air, lots of activity, hungry appetites, and tired campers (and that's just the staff!). I feel blessed every year to share in this experience with our Gr. 7 leaders, and I am filled with pride as we watch them step outside their comfort zones, challenge themselves, and build resilience. Their positive attitudes and strong sense of community make this a highlight experience in their Gr. 7 year. See you next week!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin  
Principal



Living,  
**CELEBRATING,**  
and Proclaiming  
**OUR FAITH**

***Adopt the pace of nature. Her secret is patience.***

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

# here's what's Happening



**How much should my child aim to collect in pledges for Walkathon?** - Our Walkathon total last year was **\$87,706**, and we're hoping to beat it this year! Averaged out over our 169 families, that would equal approximately **\$500 worth of pledges per family**. Students are encouraged to ask family members, relatives, family friends, and neighbours, all with parent permission and supervision. We can do this!

**School Mass** – Thursday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. 9:15 am. Gr.7 to lead.

**Assembly** – Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. 9:00 am in the gym. Gr. 5 & 1 to lead.

**Photo Day** – Monday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Walkathon** – Friday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. 12:15 pm dismissal.



**CELEBRATING OUR FAITH** - Please send in a photo of your family celebrating our faith! It can be a photo of a Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, a Church wedding, a Church group gathering etc. These photos will be posted on our front theme board. Please send in a hard copy of the photo (no digital copies please) and write the name and Grade of your oldest (or only) child on the back of the photo. Thank-you!

**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. 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stpaulschool.ca).

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

**If your child will be away** – A reminder to please email the school ([absent@stpaulschool.ca](mailto:absent@stpaulschool.ca)) 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](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.

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

