

To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: Soccer Challenge.pdf; Soccer Challenge Entry Form.pdf



Dear Parents,

As we honour National Truth and Reconciliation Day this weekend, we recognize the injustice and suffering endured by Indigenous peoples. We honour their resilience, culture, and wisdom, and reflect on the painful legacy of residential schools in Canada. It is a time to listen, learn, and commit to meaningful actions toward healing and justice for all Indigenous peoples.

We humbly pray for a collective commitment to healing, equity, and unity for all Canadians

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



Listen. Reflect. Reconcile.



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!

Walkathon – Tomorrow. *12:15 pm dismissal.*

No School – Monday, Sept. 30th. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

CISVA Cross Country Meet – Wed. Oct. 2nd. Swangard Stadium.

School Mass – Thursday, Oct. 3rd. 9:15 am. Gr. 5 to lead.

Pet Blessing – Friday, Oct. 4th at 3:05 pm on the grass field. In honour of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, families are invited to bring their family pets for a blessing from Father Smith at dismissal time. All pets must be contained (leash, crate, cage, tank...) in order to join the blessing.

Assembly – Friday, Oct. 4th. 9:00 am in the gym. Gr. 7 & Kinder to lead.

Hot Lunch – Friday, Oct. 4th. Fukuroku. (For those who ordered)

Volleyball – See PE announcements on Seesaw.

No School – Monday, Oct. 14th (Thanksgiving) and Tuesday, Oct. 15th (Professional Day).

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!

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge - On Sunday, September 29th at 2pm in the St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14. For registration and more information, please contact **Tony Banting - 778-387-5191, or Kevin Mendonca - 604 808 1187**. See attached entry form.

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](https://www.instagram.com/st.paul.school.richmond).

If your child will be away – A reminder to please email the school (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.

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 Sḵwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

