

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



Dear Parents,

Next Wednesday we will have our Walkathon Assembly at 1:00 pm in the gym. There will be prizes awarded, the Walkathon video, and of course, the grand total reveal! Will we reach our goal?? Join us to find out.

We will also have our Halloween dress down day on Oct. 31st. Please read the details below for costume expectations for students.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



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OUR FAITH

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

~Jane D. Hull

October Happenings

No School – Tomorrow. Professional Day.

School Mass – **WEDNESDAY, Oct. 30th.** 9:15 am. Gr. 3 to lead.

Walkathon Assembly – Wed. Oct. 30th. 1:00 PM in the gym.

Assembly – Friday, Nov. 1st. 9:00 am in the gym. Gr. 5 to lead.

Hot Lunch – Nov. 1st - Triple O's.

Dress Down Day – Oct. 31st. Students may come out of uniform wearing a Halloween costume, or orange and black.

If your child will wear a costume, we ask the following:

- **We are a Catholic community;** therefore costumes must be modest, respectful of others, and free of offensive language.
- **We are focused on student safety and peace of mind,** therefore: no weapons or replica weapons of any kind (guns, swords, knives, chains, etc.); no blood or slime; no witches, ghosts, goblins, zombies, or scary monsters.
- **We are a learning community,** therefore students must be able to sit at their desk comfortably and consider the space of others (no big hats or wide wings, etc.); fully participate in all class activities (including PE and recess times); and see and hear clearly.
- **We will have a short costume parade in the gym at 9:15 am.** Parents are welcome.

Volleyball – See PE announcements on Seesaw.

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.

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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*. *This also includes late arrivals and early pick-ups 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.



CWL Fall Marketplace – Saturday, Oct. 26th. 10am to 2:30pm in the parish/school gym.



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 Sḵw̓x̓w̓ú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

