



Dear Parents,

December is soon upon us, and in tomorrow's assembly we will bless our classroom Advent wreaths. Advent is the first phase of the upcoming holy season. Christmas follows, and then the Epiphany; they all tie into our Christian beliefs during this busy time of our lives. We anticipate with Joy the coming of our Saviour, the Incarnation, and His Baptism – all gifts God has given mankind. We all wait for those gifts under the tree, but it is those gifts from our Lord that we must always open first, and use them throughout our lives. Here at school we will be having our Advent assemblies, preparing our students for our Saviour's birth and helping them meaningfully understand the true meaning of Christmas. We will continue to work together to support Luke 15 House during the Advent Season, reminding us that it is far better to give than it is to receive.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



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OUR FAITH

Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man. Pope Francis

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Congratulations, Dos Santos Family! We are excited to share the news that Mrs. and Mr. Dos Santos are proud new parents to a beautiful baby girl, Harper Rose Dos Santos. (Photo attached!) Big brother Hudson is taking his role very seriously, and loves his new baby sister. God has certainly blessed their beautiful little family.

Do you know what your child's assigned donation gift is?— a reminder of the email that came home yesterday outlining each child's donation gift for Luke 15 House. Donations are due by **Monday, Dec. 9th**. If you missed yesterday's email, the letter is attached again to this email.

School Mass – Thursday, Dec. 5th. 9:15 AM. Gr. 6 to lead.

Assembly tomorrow - Gr. 4 & 2 to lead. We will be blessing our classroom Advent wreaths. 9:00 am in the gym.

Assembly next week – Dec. 6th. Gr. 5 & 1 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Hot Lunch – Nov. 29th – Fukuroku. Dec. 6th – Triple O's.

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.

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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.

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 xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), and Skwxw̓ú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

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