

To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: Luke 15 House Parent Letter 2024.pdf



Dear Parents,

As we await the second week of Advent, we focus on the theme of peace, represented by the lighting of the second candle. The second week of Advent encourages us to reflect on the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, a story of faith and perseverance. The second week also emphasizes sharing peace with others through acts of kindness and reconciliation. Our school staff will be preparing your donations for Luke 15 House this coming week and visiting with the residents to share in a meal, some Christmas cheer, and to give them their care packages. Your generous donations will go a long way to brighten Christmas for Luke 15 House. Thank you for your contributions.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



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OUR FAITH

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 4:7



Do you know what your child's assigned donation gift is? – a reminder of the email that came home Nov. 27th outlining each child's donation gift for Luke 15 House. Donations are due by **Monday, Dec. 9th**. If you missed the email, the letter is attached again to this email.

Learning Updates – Coming home tomorrow.

Assembly - Tomorrow. Gr. 5 & 1 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Hot Lunch – Dec. 6th – Triple O's. Dec. 9th – Yummy Pizza. Dec. 13th – Fukuroku.

School Mass – Thursday, Dec. 12th. 9:15 AM. Gr. 2 to lead.

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 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.



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.

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