

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



Dear Parents,

This coming week, we joyfully celebrate the third week of Advent, a time of preparation and reflection as we draw closer to Christmas. At school, we emphasize the theme of *joy*, symbolized by the pink candle on the Advent wreath, reminding us of the joy that the coming of Christ brings to the world. Our upcoming Christmas production will certainly be a joyful event, and the students and staff have been working tirelessly for the last several weeks. Together, we foster a spirit of gratitude and anticipation, making this season meaningful and memorable for our school community.

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



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CELEBRATING,
and Proclaiming
OUR FAITH

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ~ Philippians 4:4



Thank you from Luke 15 House! – The school staff made our visit to Luke 15 House yesterday evening to deliver your donations and spread some Advent cheer. The residents were touched by the kindness of our school community and expressed their heartfelt thanks. Thank you for the generosity of your donations, and for helping us bring God's love to these deserving men.

Christmas Concert – Tuesday, Dec. 17th. **Matinee** – 1:00 pm. **Evening** – 6:45 pm. More details to come. (If you're looking to avoid the crowds, the matinee show is always less busy!)

Hot Lunch – Tomorrow – Fukuroku.

School Mass – Thursday, Dec. 19th. 9:15 AM. Gr. 4 to lead.

Dress Down Day – Dec. 20th. Ugly Christmas sweater day, or Christmas colours.

Noon Dismissal – Dec. 20th.

Assembly - Our final assembly before the break will be next **Friday, Dec. 20th**. Gr. 7 & K to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

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.



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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