

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



Dear Parents,

What a fantastic community event this past Tuesday celebrating our Christmas concert performances, and the weeks of hard work from the students and staff. Your support and encouragement, and the children's colourful performances, truly captured the spirit of the Advent season!

On behalf of our staff, I want to thank you for the many gifts, treats, and well-wishes that have come our way these past couple of weeks; your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Wishing all our families a most blessed Christmas, and a happy, healthy 2025. See you January 6th!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



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OUR FAITH

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which means God is with us. ~Matthew 1:23



Noon Dismissal – Tomorrow.

Dress Down Day – Tomorrow. Christmas sweater day, or Christmas colours. (red and green)

Assembly - Tomorrow. Gr. 7 & K to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

First day back to school – Monday, Jan. 6th.

School Mass – Thursday, Jan. 9th. 9:15 AM. Gr. 7 to lead.

Hot Lunch – Jan. 10th – Triple O's. Jan. 13th – Yummy Pizza.

Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacrament Prep – Wed. Jan. 15th. 6:45 pm in the gym.

Parent Information Evening with Safer Schools Together – **Mon. Jan. 20th**. 6:30 to 8:30 in the gym. ALL parents are HIGHLY encouraged to attend. Topics that will be covered include Social Media awareness, digital parenting strategies, digital footprint and reputation, and recommendations for family guidelines and parental controls. Don't miss this free event!

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.

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 Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

