

To: all.families@stpaulschool.ca
Cc: staff@stpaulschool.ca; Parish St. Paul (Richmond)
Subject: Thursday Letter
Attachments: St. Pauls School Parent Flyer January 2025.pdf



Dear Parents,

Welcome back, and Happy New Year! I sincerely hope you all enjoyed a lovely holiday. We have lots on the go as the second term gets underway, so be sure to stay up to date with Seesaw and communications from the office. If you haven't registered for our (free!) Parent Information evening next Monday (details below) you can do so [here](#). All the best for 2025!

Yours in faith,

Maureen Griffin
Principal



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and Proclaiming
OUR FAITH

Behold, I am making all things new. Revelation 21:5

UPCOMING Events

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. This is a free event! Please see attachment for more details.

Thank you from Madame Caprilli - To the St. Paul Families: Your Christmas gifts were such a wonderful surprise and I thank you very much for thinking of me. I am very touched by your kindness and generosity and I am so grateful to be a part of this loving community. I hope you had a relaxing and joyful holiday season with your loved ones. Je vous souhaite beaucoup de bénédictions pour la nouvelle année. Sincèrement, Madame Caprilli.

Farewell Ms. Carroll (again!) – Having said goodbye twice before, we think she really means it this time! Ms. Carroll is off to join her husband and finally live in the same country together. Thank you for your time with us, Ms. Carroll, and best of luck!

Dress Down Day – Wed. Jan. 15th. **Black Excellence Day**. Students may come out of uniform wearing black.

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

Gr. 7 Confirmation Retreat – Saturday, Jan. 11th. 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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

School Mass – Thursday, Jan. 16th. 9:15 AM. Gr. 2 to lead.

Assembly - Jan. 17th. Gr. 6 & 3 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacrament Preparation – Saturday, Jan. 18th. 5:00 pm.

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 x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

