

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



Dear Parents,

We look forward to our Feast Day/90th Anniversary celebration tomorrow. Our primary and intermediate choirs have been preparing to sing beautifully for you, and you will have an opportunity to learn a little bit about our parish history and how we came to be.

It was an excellent turn out earlier this week for our parent evening with Safer Schools Together. Thank you for taking the time to inform yourself on how best to support the safety and responsibility of your child online. Once the parent resources are sent to me, I will share them with all families.

A reminder that we have a 12:15 dismissal tomorrow, and a professional day on Monday, so enjoy the long weekend!

Yours in faith,
Maureen Griffin
Principal



Living,
CELEBRATING,
and Proclaiming
OUR FAITH

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. St. Paul

SCHOOL SAFETY: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY



Safety Message from Constable Walker – During her visit earlier this week, Constable Walker noticed cars speeding when using the drop off lane (disregarding our signage) and children without seatbelts before the car has come to a stop in the drop off area. Please obey traffic and safety laws at all times. Thank you.

St. Paul Feast Day Celebration – Tomorrow! Mass at 9:15, and an assembly at 11:30 in the gym.

****12:15 Dismissal Tomorrow**** - Students will be dismissed tomorrow at 12:15 pm..

No School – Monday, Jan. 27th. Professional day.

Hot Lunch – Jan. 31st – Fukuroku.

School Mass Next Week – Thurs. Jan. 30th. 9:15 am. Kindergarten to lead.

Assembly – Jan. 31st. Gr. 4 & 2 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacrament Preparation – Saturday, Jan. 25th. 5:00 pm.

Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacrament Preparation – Wed. Jan. 29th. 6:45 pm 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.

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.

