

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



Dear Parents,

As we welcome the Year of the Snake, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all our families who celebrate. The snake symbolizes intelligence, transformation, and grace—qualities that inspire us to embrace new opportunities and overcome challenges with confidence. The Lunar New Year is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the past year's achievements and look forward to new beginnings. May the Year of the Snake guide our students toward curiosity, lifelong learning, and meaningful achievements.

Wishing you a joyful and prosperous Lunar New Year, filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments.

Happy Lunar New Year! 🍀

Yours in faith,
Maureen Griffin
Principal



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CELEBRATING,
and Proclaiming
OUR FAITH

May you be blessed with prosperity and health in the new year.



ANOTHER Safety Message from Constable Walker – During her second visit in two weeks, 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.

Reminder – Please sign and return the Parent Code of Conduct by Monday. Thank you.

Assembly Tomorrow - Gr. 4 & 2 to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Assembly next week – Fri. Feb. 7th. Gr. 7 and K to lead. 9:00 am in the gym.

Hot Lunch – Tomorrow – Fukuroku. Feb. 7th – Triple O's.

School Mass – Thurs. Feb. 6th. 9:15 am. Gr. 1 to lead.

Gr. 2 Family Mass for Sacrament Preparation – Saturday, Feb. 1st. 5:00 pm.

Gr. 2 Parent Meeting for Sacrament Preparation – Wed. Feb. 5th. 6:45 pm in the gym.

Dress Down – Feb. 12th. Students may come out of uniform in red/pink/white for Valentine's Day. Students asked to bring a minimum \$2.00 donation for Chalice.

No School – Feb. 13, 14, & 17th. Two professional days and Family Day.

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](https://www.instagram.com/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 xʷməθkʷəyem (Musqueam), and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.



FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2nd
