

April 12, 2016
Principal's Report
St. Matthew's Parish Education Committee

Enrollment

Enrollment has remained consistent at 209 students.

Projected Enrolment 2016-2017

Acceptance phone calls went out to New Applicant families for available spots in Kindergarten through Grade Seven. Families who were unable to secure a spot for their child(ren) (due to lack of space) were placed on our Wait List. Below is a summary of our current enrolment numbers for each grade and the *projected* enrolment (as of early April 2016) for September 2016:

	Number Currently Enrolled	Projected Enrolment for 2016-2017 (as of April 2016)
Kindergarten	30	30
Grade One	30	30
Grade Two	30	30
Grade Three	30	30
Grade Four	31	30
Grade Five	30	30
Grade Six	28	30
Grade Seven	N/A	29
TOTALS	209	239

Teacher Evaluations

This year three of our teachers were formally evaluated by the principal; evaluations are now in the final stages of being complete and documents are being sent to the Superintendent's office. The evaluations consisted of the principal formally evaluating each teacher teaching a variety of lessons (Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, etc.) and also included informal observations. Father Tran also interviewed the teachers to ensure the educators are committed to personal and professional faith development.

Speech Arts Festival

This year our school will be hosting the Regional Speech Arts Festival on April 20, 21, 2016. Representatives from St. Bernadette's, Our Lady of Good Counsel and Star of the Sea will join some of our students in presenting poems, speeches and Bible Readings.

Spelling Bee

Our annual School Spelling Bee, held in March, yielded a winner who will go on to represent St. Matthew's at the regional finals held at St. Anthony's West Vancouver in early May 2016.

Sacraments

The Grade Two students of our school will be participating in their First Reconciliation on April 23, 2016 (in conjunction with the PREP classes of St. Matthew's parish). First Communion Mass will take place on May 1st at 2:00 pm.

Divine Mercy Sunday

2 St. Matthew's staff members helped out with activities for children aged 3-12 years of age in St. Matthew's gym for Divine Mercy Sunday held on Sunday, April 3 at St. Matthew's Parish. The event was an archdiocesan event which brought together special guest speakers, and the opportunity for families to participate in a Divine Mercy Chaplet and celebrate Mass with Archbishop Miller.