

**February 21, 2017
Principal's Report
St. Matthew's Parish Education Committee**

Enrollment

Figures as of February 21, 2017

GRADE	# IN CLASS
K	30
1	30
2	30
3	29
4	29
5	30
6	30
7	28
Total	236

Ministry of Education Monitoring Visit

We will have a monitoring visit by the Inspector of Independent Schools, Theo Vandeweg on Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation (Confession) which was scheduled for February 3, 2017, unfortunately had to be postponed due to poor weather conditions (snow). It will now be held on Saturday, February 25, 2017.

Confirmation 2017

Our Confirmation date with Archbishop Miller has been set for Sunday, May 28, 2017 at 2:00 pm. This will be St. Matthew's Elementary first Confirmation class.

Spring Presentation 2017 - Date Change

There will be a change to the date of our school's Spring Presentation due to Confirmation Rehearsal being scheduled on the same day/time. The revised date will be sent out soon.

Kindergarten 2017-2018

Our Kindergarten interviews were conducted in mid-January and our Kindergarten class for 2017-2018 is complete. New families will be present at the Annual General Meeting in early March 2017.

Archbishop's Scholarships

The Archbishop's Scholarship for Leadership in Catholic Education has been set up to foster the pursuit of Catholic higher education for teachers within our CISVA schools who have demonstrated or have the potential for leadership within CISVA. The Archbishop's Scholarship will reimburse successful applicants their tuition fees upon completion of the

designated courses.

Working in partnership with St. Mark's College, the Archdiocese, and CISVA have organized courses that focus on *Foundations of Theology, Christian Morality, and Introduction to Scripture*

Eligibility

1. Open to all teachers (full- or part-time TRB certified) from CISVA and Congregational schools within the Archdiocese of Vancouver.
2. Successful applicants will have demonstrated leadership experience or show promise in the areas of religious education, faith development, campus ministry, or working as department heads, vice-principals and principals.
3. The Archbishop's Scholarship applies only to designated courses offered through St. Mark's College at the University of British Columbia in 2017 that are listed above. It provides for full tuition reimbursement for these courses upon successful completion (defined as attaining a course grade of 70% or better). Scholarships are available for up to 3 courses offered in 2017.
4. Applicants must be employed by a Catholic school within the Archdiocese of Vancouver and are under contract at the time of course engagement.

Annual General Meeting

On Thursday, March 2, 2017 we will hold our Annual General Meeting in the school gym at 6:00 pm. Re-registration packages will be handed out to current families at this time. **Families MUST attend the meeting to receive their re-registration package.**

Foundational Skills Assessment (FSA) – Grade 4 and Grade 7

Mrs. Sisk and the Grade Four students as well as the Mrs. Rasmussen and the Grade Seven students have now completed the FSA assessments in Numeracy, Reading and Writing. The assessments will be marked in late February and results will be given to parents in mid-March 2017.