

January 16, 2016
Principal's Report
St. Matthew's Parish Education Committee

Enrollment

Enrollment has remained consistent at 210 students.

Looking ahead to Kindergarten 2016/2017 – the office has on record a number of siblings of current students in our school who will enter Kindergarten in September.

Annual General Meeting & New Applicants Meeting

On Thursday, February 11, 2016 we will hold our Annual General Meeting in the school gym at 6pm. Re-registration packages will be handed out to current families at this time. **Families MUST attend the meeting to receive their re-registration package;**

On Thursday, February 18, 2016 we will hold our New Applicants Meeting in Jubilee Hall.

Foundational Skills Assessment – Grade 4

Mrs. Rasmussen and the Grade Four students have been preparing for the upcoming FSA assessments in reading, writing and numeracy. FSA assessments are given to all school children in British Columbia (both public and independent school students in Grades 4 and Grades 7). FSAs will be administered to students during late January and early February 2016.

Professional Development - ReDesigned Curriculum

The Ministry of Education has given professional development time to all BC schools and thus, all CISVA schools have been mandated to spend 10 hours devoted to exploring the ReDesigned Curriculum. St. Matthew's school will be hosting a Professional Development session with Linda O'Reilly on January 18, 2016. We will also have another Professional Development day on May 20, 2016.

Federation of Independent Schools Association (FISA) Conference

All staff members (teachers and SEAs) will attend a special FISA conference on February 4 and 5, 2016 at the Convention Center in downtown Vancouver. This conference replaces the annual CEC (Catholic Educators' Conference). This conference will unite educators from most independent schools in BC (Christian schools, Jewish schools, Muslim schools etc.) in celebration of 50 years of Independent school education. Keynote speakers include Chris Hadfield and Daniel Pink.