

**November 22, 2016 Principal's Report
St. Matthew's Parish Education Committee**

Enrolment

Figures as of November 22, 2016

GRADE	# IN CLASS
K	30
1	30
2	30
3	30
4	30
5	30
6	30
7	28
Total	238

Anxiety Workshop

Last week a workshop was held for parents to learn how to best assist their children when issues around anxiety arise. The workshop was led by a registered clinical counsellor, Natalie Mezo.

Testing of Potable Water

The Ministry of Education requires that schools have their potable water tested annually to ensure that its quality complies with water management best practices and the Drinking Water Protection Act. Schools are required to work with their local Health Authority to complete initial water testing to ensure potability. Testing should be for metals, in particular, lead.

CISVA Sexuality and Your Child - January 18, 2017

The CISVA and Archbishop Miller are committed to providing our parent community with support in introducing and fostering conversations about the truth about sexuality to our children. There will be a mandatory meeting for all parents of students in Grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. The meeting will be led by experts from Signal Hill.

Remembrance Day Assembly

On Thursday, November 10 our Grade 3 class led the school in an assembly focused on Remembrance Day. Students also, "dressed up" on this day in formal wear to honour our veterans.

Catholic Leadership Days - November 30, December 1, December 2, 2016

I will be away on the dates above at the annual Catholic Leadership Conference Days held up at Harrison. Ann Garrido, Professor of Homiletics at the Aquinas Institute University will be the featured speaker on the topic: *Redeeming Administration*.

Christmas Musical

On Wednesday, December 14 the entire school community will present a Christmas Musical called, *The Bethlehem Project*, based on the nativity story. There will be 2 shows: 1:30 pm

and 7:00 pm. All St. Matthew's parishioners are welcome to attend.

St. Matthew's Elementary School Choir

The SMES choir will be performing at the Parish Christmas Concert on December 10, 2016; as well, the choir will be performing for the senior residents at Elim Village on December 9, 2016.