



St. Matthew's Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

October 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe that one month of school has already passed by! We are now into the beautiful season of Autumn where the leaves are crisp and the weather seems to change with each passing day!

Thank you to all parents and guardians for supporting your children by ensuring that they are coming to school on-time. This year there has been a marked improvement in students arriving to school at or before 8:40 am. Time management is a life skill that all of our children will need to master as they navigate the world - so keep up the good work!

*Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6*

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE

Wednesday, October 5	Grade 2 Parent Meeting 6:30 pm	<i>Jubilee Hall</i>
Wednesday, October 5	Hot Lunch Starts Today	
Friday, October 7	School Assembly - Grade 6 <i>Living Rosary - 9:00 am</i>	<i>St. Matthew's School Gym</i>
Saturday, October 8	Grade 2 Theme Mass 5:30 pm	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>
Monday, October 10	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday	
Wednesday, October 12	Grade 7 Parent Meeting (Confirmation) 6:30 pm	<i>Jubilee Hall</i>
Wednesday, October 12	Walking Wednesday	
Friday, October 14	Last day for use of summer uniform	
Friday, October 14	School Mass - led by Grade 6 9:00 am	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>
Friday, October 21	NO SCHOOL - Provincial Professional Development Day	
Saturday, October 22	Grade 7 Investiture Mass 5:30 pm	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>
Sunday, October 23	Pancake Breakfast After the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses	<i>St. Matthew's School Gym</i>
Wednesday, October 26	Walking Wednesday	
Wednesday, October 26-Friday, October 28	Scholastic Book fair	<i>St. Matthew's library</i>
Friday, October 28	NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Interviews	



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Monday, October 31	Dress as a Saint	<i>Bring a toonie or loonie for charity</i>
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PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please keep in your prayers one of our staff members, Mrs. Marilu Dias; her mother-in-law passed away in Peru last week. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her and on all the souls of the faithful departed.*

DAILY MORNING MASS INVITATION

Beginning in the first week of October we are encouraging our intermediate students (Grades 4-7) to attend 8:00 am morning Mass at St. Matthew's Church.. A letter went home last week that details when students are scheduled to attend; this schedule is also available on our school's website under the, *Newsletters* tab. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher. Thank you.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016

Please keep in mind that teachers will be conducting *Parent-Teacher* interviews on Friday, October 28, 2016. A form will go home soon with more details about this day but, please mark your calendars now as this is a day where you will receive information about your child's progress thus far in school. Please note that this is not a regular day of school for children and thus, there is NO SCHOOL for students on this day.

SAINT DRESS UP DAY - MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016

This year Father Tran has requested that we focus our October non-uniform day on the saints of the Catholic Church. So, children are encouraged to come dressed up as as their favourite saint. This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to learn key details about a saint's life and to weave that information into a saint costume! For information about the lives of saints we have several books in our school library that contain biographies on famous and little known saints. You and your child(ren) may also want to visit Loyola Press', *Saint Stories for Kids*: (<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages>) for more information about saints.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY PHOTO OPPORTUNITY - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016

Lifetouch Photos will be here on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm to take Christmas Family Photos. Watch for flyers about this event in the upcoming weeks. Get your Christmas photos completed early and cross that off your *To Do* list!

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - JANUARY 3, 2017

All CISVA schools will be adding an additional professional development day to their school calendars so that teachers can continue to explore how to best use the ReDesigned Curriculum to meet the needs of your children. At St. Matthew's our next Professional Development Day will be on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. There will be NO SCHOOL for students on this day. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

PARKING LOT REMINDERS



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Please be reminded that when entering the parking lot we are asking drivers to enter through the **church driveway and stay to the right and follow the arrows**. This will ensure the safe flow of traffic during the busy times of the morning and afternoon rush. Drivers are also reminded of the following: **Do not park near the Holy Cross School buses or in any numbered parking spaces**. Those are for Holy Cross staff only. At no time should St. Matthew's families be parking in the numbered parking spaces. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

YCFG FALL FAMILY EVENT

The Young Catholic Family Group of St. Matthew's Parish (YCFG) with the support of the Knights of Columbus, will be celebrating the fall by hosting a family potluck pumpkin carving event on **Friday, October 28th, 2016 from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm** in the St. Matthew's Elementary School Gym. Please join us and please bring a main dish, salad or side dish to share for about 10 people. Please also remember to bring your own pumpkin(s) and pumpkin carving tools. We will provide refreshments, dessert, treats, crafts and activities for the children. Attire for adults and children: Dress as your favorite Saint (optional). E-mail us at: ycfg@saintmatthews.ca if would like to volunteer for this event or if you have any questions. Thank you.

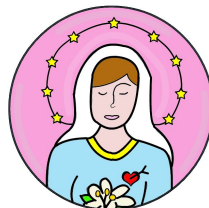
Sincerely in Christ,
Deborah Welsh
Principal

Dear Parents,

October is the month of the rosary. With Mary, we are invited to mediate on the mysteries of our salvation. We are a part of these mysteries, and they give meaning to our lives. The Joyful Mysteries remind us that God shared in family life, and is present in our homes. The Sorrowful Mysteries remind us that Jesus and Mary understand our sufferings. The Glorious and Luminous Mysteries bring hope to our pilgrimage of faith, which will reach its completion when we are home, body and soul, with all our loved ones in heaven. Mary is our model of faith, and she is with us in prayer.

Suggested Activities

- *Ask Mary to pray with and for your family this month*
- *Try saying the rosary together as a family*
- *With smaller children try to say at least five Hail Marys together*





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