

September 6, 2016
Principal's Report
St. Matthew's Parish Education Committee

Enrolment

Our enrolment numbers for this school year are detailed below:

Figures as of Sept 6, 2016

K	30
1	30
2	29
3	29
4	30
5	30
6	30
7	27
Total	235

Staff for 2016-2017

Principal – Miss D. Welsh

Office Admin – Ms. P. Rossi

Grade 7 - Mrs. A. Rasmussen

Grade 6 – Ms. R. Pacheco

Grade 5 – Mr. J. Kuester

Grade 4 - Mrs. Sisk

Grade 3 – Ms. S. McGrath

Grade 2 – Ms. S. Sarangelo

Grade 1 – Ms. F. Baldissera

Kinder – Mrs. J. Sallos

Learning Support Teachers - Mrs. Sharri Testani (5 days a week); Mrs. Paula Bourassa (3 days a week)

Physical Education – Mr. Damian Durante

Music Teacher - Mrs. Denise Fawcett (1 day a week)

Educational Assistants: Mrs. L. Potter, Ms. R. Potter, Ms. S. Chem, Ms. C. Ehman, Mrs. R. Mehra, Ms. L. Gatlabayan; Ms. V. Chow, Mrs. L. Davies, Mrs. M. Dias

Staff Faith Development Day and Staff Retreat

All staff attended the annual Faith Development Day on September 1, held at St. Matthew's Church. The keynote speaker was Rev. Robert Spitzer - head of the Magis Center (and former president of Gonzaga University). He spoke on 3 topics: The Shroud of Turin, Near Death Experiences and the case for a Creator. His talks were inspiring, yet challenging!

In early September all staff members went to Queen of Peace Monastery in Squamish for a retreat led by Father Tran. It was a beautiful setting and a peaceful day.

Autism Workshop

3 of our staff members are attending an on-going workshop around Autism Spectrum Disorder. They will be sharing the information they obtain with the rest of our staff at an upcoming staff meeting.

This year our staff will also focus on integrating Self-Regulation as part of a comprehensive school goal.

Meet the Teacher Night

Our annual Meet the Teacher night will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00 pm in the school gym. Parents will be introduced to the staff as well as info about the ReDesigned BC Curriculum. Parents will also get a chance to be introduced to their child's classroom teacher.

School Growth Plan for 2016-2017

This year our staff will focus on understanding and implementing the BC ReDesigned Curriculum, effectively.

Special Education Support

This year we will continue to work with a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, a Speech Language Pathologist and an Occupational Therapist for some of our designated students.

Use of school (after school hours)

We continue to have 4 regular user groups using our elementary school classrooms after school hours; they include: Chinese Language School (Saturdays); Vietnamese Prep (Sundays); St. Matthew's PREP (Wednesdays) and RCIA (Saturdays).

Superintendent's Office for 2016-2017

Superintendent – Dan Moric

Associate Superintendent for Educational Services – Sandy Marshall

Associate Superintendent for Finance – Mike Donelson

Associate Superintendent for Human Resources – Lesya Balsevich

Director of Learning Support – Jennifer Tong

Director of Evangelization and Catechesis – Michel Gloanec