



St. Matthew's Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

November 2017


Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have been enjoying some beautiful Fall weather. The leaves look just perfect and the sunshine we have experienced thus far has been nothing short of glorious!

November is the month in which we remember all Holy Souls and our heavenly heroes - the Saints! It is a good practice to teach our children to never forget family members and friends who have died and to pray for those souls, that they may enjoy eternal peace with God. We can also teach our children about those holy men and women who dedicated their lives to God in such a special way that they are recognized as official saints in heaven.

*Let everything that has breath praise
the LORD. Praise ye the LORD. Psalms 150:6*

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE

Wednesday, November 1	All Saints Mass - 9:00 am (led by Grade 7)	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>
Wednesday, November 1 - Friday, November 3	Scholastic Book Fair	<i>St. Matthew's School Library</i>
Thursday, November 2	Lifetouch Photo Retakes	
Friday, November 3	3 Way Conferences No Regular school for Students Come for your appointed time in uniform	
Sunday, November 5	Spirit Day - 10:00 am - 6:00 pm (Grade 7 students)	<i>Chandos Pattison Auditorium</i>
Thursday, November 9	Remembrance Day School Assembly (led by Grade 3) 9:00 am	<i>St. Matthew's School Gym</i>
Friday, November 10	School Mass (led by Grade 6) 9:00 am	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>
Saturday, November 11	Remembrance Day - <i>Lest We Forget</i>	
Monday, November 13	No School - Remembrance Day Holiday Observed	



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Wednesday, November 15	Non-Uniform Day “Hero Day” Bring a pair of WARM, ADULT socks for homeless men and women	
Sunday, November 19	Pancake Breakfast After the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses	<i>St. Matthew's School Gym</i>
Tuesday, November 21	Head Checks	
Friday, November 24	School Mass 9:00 am	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>
Saturday, November 25	Grade 2 Theme Mass 5:30 pm	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>
Tuesday, November 28	PEC Meeting 5:30 pm	<i>St. Matthew's School Library</i>
Wednesday, November 29	Grade 7 Non-Uniform Fundraiser “What I Want to Be When I Grow Up” Bring a loonie or toonie	

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017

Lifetouch Photos will be here on Thursday, November 2 to do picture re-takes for those students who either missed getting their individual school photo taken in September or for those students who wish to have their photo retaken. Thank you!

HALLOWEEN CHOCOLATES AND ADULT SOCKS APPEAL

Some staff members from St. Matthew's will be partnering with Good Shepherd Ministries to help distribute chocolates and warm, adult-sized socks to the less fortunate in downtown Vancouver. We are asking if you have any extra Halloween **chocolate** bars to consider donating them to the school, so they can be distributed to the homeless. We are also accepting warm, adult-sized socks to distribute as well. Thank you for your support!

KINDERGARTEN 2018/2019

Although the 2018/2019 school year seems far away, we ask that families who have a son or daughter that was born in 2013 and will be starting Kindergarten in September 2018 inform Ms. Rossi at the school office. Please phone Ms. Rossi (604-589-7545) or e-mail her at: office@stmatthewselementary.ca and provide her with your child's name and date of birth.

POPPY DRIVE

During the month of November we take the time to remember those who have given their lives through military service for their country. From November 6 - 10, poppies will be made available for a donation of one dollar (more is always welcomed). 100% of the proceeds will go towards supporting our Canadian veterans. *Lest we forget!*

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Now that Fall has set in, we remind everyone to be sure to wear warm clothing and boots on those wet days. Although the sun is shining and we are enjoying clear blue skies, we know that the season brings



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lots of rain. Students do go outside in wet weather and should be properly dressed for the weather conditions.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please be sure to email the classroom teacher and office (office@stmatthewselementary.ca) or phone the office@ 604-589-7545.

NON-UNIFORM DAY - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017- HERO DAY!

Our next non-uniform day will be on Wednesday, November 15 and the theme is *Hero Day*. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite hero; whether it is a superhero for a movie or TV show or a hero like, Terry Fox - we look forward to seeing many heroes. We ask that those students who dress up **bring a pair warm, adult-sized socks.**

Sincerely in Christ,

Deborah Welsh

Principal