



# St. Matthew's Elementary School

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## NEWSLETTER

October 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The month of September has flown by and we are now into the beautiful season of Autumn. As the air becomes colder and the daylight fades quickly please keep in mind that your children need to be dressed for the weather. Please ensure they have a warm coat to wear to school; and it would also be a good idea to pack gloves and a hat, just in case!

Please also ensure your children are dressed in complete uniform each day for school. If you have any questions about this or any aspect of school life do not hesitate to contact me at [welsh@stmatthewselementary.ca](mailto:welsh@stmatthewselementary.ca) or 604-589-7545.

*The Lord's acts of mercy are not exhausted, his compassion is not spent; they are renewed each morning - great is your faithfulness! The Lord is my portion ... therefore I will hope in him. The Lord is good to those who trust in him, to the one that seeks him. Lamentations 3:22-25*

### UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE

<b>Friday, October 6, 2017</b>	<b>School Assembly - Grade 5 9:00 am</b>	<i>School Gym</i>
<b>Monday, October 9, 2017</b>	<b>No School - Thanksgiving Holiday</b>	
<b>Wednesday, October 11, 2017</b>	<b>Grade 7 Parent Meeting 6:30 pm</b>	<i>Jubilee Hall</i>
<b>Friday, October 13, 2017</b>	<b>School Mass - Grade 7 9:00 am</b>	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>
<b>Friday, October 13, 2017</b>	<b>Last Day to use the Summer Uniform</b>	
<b>Saturday, October 14, 2017</b>	<b>Grade 2 Celebration Mass 5:30 pm</b>	<i>Students meet in Jubilee Hall at 5:15 pm</i>
<b>Tuesday, October 17, 2017</b>	<b>Head Checks</b>	
	<b>PEC Meeting 5:30 pm</b>	<i>School Library</i>
<b>Wednesday, October 18, 2017</b>	<b>Non-Uniform Day - Orange and Black</b>	<i>Bring a loonie or toonie for Female Cancer Research</i>
<b>Friday, October 20, 2017</b>	<b>No School - Provincial Professional Development Day</b>	
<b>Saturday, October 21, 2017</b>	<b>Grade 7 Investiture Mass 5:30 pm</b>	<i>Students meet in Jubilee Hall at 5:30 pm</i>
<b>Sunday, October 22, 2017</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast After the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses</b>	<i>School Gym</i>
<b>Friday, October 27, 2017</b>	<b>School Mass - Grade 4</b>	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>



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	9:00 am	
Tuesday, October 31, 2017	Saint Dress Up Day	

## **3 WAY CONFERENCES - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017**

The first opportunity for parents and guardians to learn of their child(ren)'s progress will be through our *3 Way Conferences* held on Friday, November 3, 2017.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Parents are asked to sign up for a conference time(s) through the OnVolunteer system; **IMPORTANT TO NOTE:** because parents/guardians are responsible for signing up for a time **on their own, times will be allotted on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.** Please **click this link:** <https://portal.onvolunteers.com/login.aspx?s=sms.sry> to connect to our OnVolunteer System. Once you have logged onto your portal, look in the: "People Needed" section (upper left area of your portal) and scroll down to find: *Mr./Mrs. X Grade X 3 Way Conference Sign Up* and then you will be able to register for a time.

Please note that this is not a regular day of school for children and thus, there is NO SCHOOL for students on this day. You and your child just need to come in for **your scheduled time.** More information about the format of this day is below:

**On Friday, November 3, 2017 parents and guardians will have an opportunity to learn of their child's(ren's) progress with a 3 Way Conference. This conference will involve: the child, at least one parent/guardian, and their child's teacher. This conference will allow children to articulate what they have been learning and what they feel they are successful at, so far in the school year.**

**Please note that this conference will be focused on the *social, emotional and behavioural* aspects of your child's(ren's) progress.**

**Academic progress will be addressed in the forthcoming Communicating Student Learning (CSL) Progress Report (Report Card) in early December.**

**If you have questions or concerns about your child's academic progress please contact your child's teacher through email or a phone call. Please note that if your child's teacher has any concerns about the academic progress of your child, you will be notified before CSL Progress Reports go home in December.**

**Please note that students are expected to come to school dressed in FULL uniform on this day.**



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## **FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT (FSA) - GRADE 4 AND GRADE 7**

This year our Grade 4 and Grade 7 students will be completing the annual FSAs in mid-October. This is different from previous years when FSAs were done in February. The Ministry of Education has asked all schools to complete the assessments earlier so that the results for each student can be analyzed and used for the student's improvement moving forward in the school year. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Miss Welsh. Thank you.

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017**

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our first delicious Pancake Breakfast of the year will occur on Sunday, October 22 after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses. More information about the Pancake Breakfast will be forthcoming soon.

## **SAINT DRESS UP DAY - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017**

Just like last year our October 31 Non-Uniform Day will be focused on the saints of the Catholic Church. Students 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.

Sincerely in Christ,

***Deborah Welsh***

Principal