

September 19, 2017
Principal's Report
St. Matthew's Parish Education Committee

Enrolment

Our enrolment numbers for this school year are detailed below:

Figures as of Sept 19, 2017

K	30
1	30
2	30
3	30
4	29
5	30
6	29
7	29
Total	237

Staff for 2017-2018

Principal – Miss D. Welsh

Office Admin – Ms. P. Rossi

Grade 7 - Mrs. K. Tzetzos

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 (2 days a week)

Educational Assistants: Mrs. L. Potter, Ms. R. Potter, Ms. S. Chem, Mrs. R. Mehra, **Mrs. Dorothy Roy**; 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 August 31, 2017, held at Chandos Pattison Theater. Noted Catholic Speaker Chris Stefanick was the keynote and Archbishop Miller said Mass. Most of the CISVA schools had all their staff attend this session. Chris Stefanick's talk was excellent and centered on ways that we keep our young people focused on the faith, especially as they make the journey from high school to college/university.

After the first day of school (September 5) the staff engaged in a mini-retreat.

Father Tran led us in a talk about our theme, Caring for Everybody in our Common Home and we also explored ways to make this theme come alive for our students.

Evangelium

3 teachers and myself attended a 2 day session with Kyle Neilson from Evangelium Consulting Group in late August. All attendees agreed that they were excellent sessions. Kyle reviewed with us essential elements that can help lead to, “improved or excellent organizational health” and created (along with our input) ways for us to do this at St. Matthew’s.

Meet the Teacher Night

Our annual Meet the Teacher night was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 and was very well attended by our parent community. Father Tran and I both spoke to the parents and then parents had the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher. Each teacher gave talks to parents about expectations for their classrooms and what their child(ren) would be learning throughout the year.

School Growth Plan for 2017-2018

This year our staff will focus on 3 areas: Writing Skills and Reading comprehension as well as promoting our students to be dynamically engaged in the Mass.

New School Website

The new school website is up and running and looks very professional. Comments from the parents/staff have been positive (looks professional and it is easy to navigate).

OnVolunteer Management Software

The OnVolunteer management program is working well. We have had a few minor issues in the first few days of its usage but, as parents (and coordinators) use the site more consistently we have found it is working quite effectively at tracking volunteer tasks and gives parents nearly instant feedback that their task has been completed. We are working to make sure that hours/tracking of tasks remain consistent with the 40 hour goal.p

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). *This year I will be asking all user groups to fill out a, “St. Matthew’ Elementary - User Agreement” to ensure that groups know the expectations when using our school facilities*

Superintendent's Office for 2017-2018

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 – Dr. Jennifer Tong

Director of Evangelization and Catechesis – Michel Gloanec

Education Consultant: Pat Gillespie

Education Consultant: Claudia Gastaldo

Education Consultant: Natalie Lake