



# St. Matthew's Elementary School

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## NEWSLETTER

February 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The month of February, though the shortest of the year, is still full of activities for students here at St. Matthew's. February 14, 2018 marks not only St. Valentine's Day but, it is the beginning of the Lenten season. As a school we will journey through this penitential season and focus on all the sacrifices Jesus made for us. Family and friends are welcome to attend our Ash Wednesday School Mass at 9:00 am.

Catholic Schools' Week begins on Sunday, February 4. During this week students will celebrate all the great things about our Catholic faith! Several of our students will be doing the readings at the 10:30 am Mass. Parents and students please take note that all St. Matthew's students attending this Mass are asked to wear their full school uniform to show pride in being a St. Matthew's Elementary School student!

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Mark 12:30*

### UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE

<b>Friday, February 2, 2018</b>	<b>School Assembly (Grade 1) 9:00 am</b>	<i>School Gym</i>
<b>Friday, February 2, 2018</b>	<b>Ski Trip to Whistler Meet at 5:30 am</b>	<i>School Gym</i>
<b>Sunday, February 4, 2018</b>	<b>Catholic Schools' Week Begins St. Matthew's Students Reading at 10:30 am Mass</b>	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>
<b>Wednesday, February 7, 2018</b>	<b>Grade 2 Parent Meeting 6:30 pm</b>	<i>Jubilee Hall</i>
<b>Thursday, February 8, 2018</b>	<b>Catholic Educators' Conference NO SCHOOL for students</b>	
<b>Friday, February 9, 2018</b>	<b>Catholic Educators' Conference NO SCHOOL for students</b>	
<b>Monday, February 12, 2018</b>	<b>Family Day Holiday NO SCHOOL for students</b>	
<b>Tuesday, February 13, 2018</b>	<b>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch for all students</b>	<i>School Gym</i>
<b>Wednesday, February 14, 2018</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Mass (Grade 5) 9:00 am</b>	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>



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<b>Friday, February 16, 2018</b>	<b>School Assembly (Grade 7)</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	<i>School Gym</i>
<b>Tuesday, February 20, 2018</b>	<b>Head Checks</b>	
<b>Wednesday, February 21, 2018</b>	<b>Non-Uniform Day:</b> <b>Red and Pink Theme</b> <i>Bring a loonie or toonie for the Heart and Stroke Foundation</i>	
<b>Thursday, February 22, 2018</b>	<b>St. Matthew's Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>	<i>School Gym</i>
<b>Friday, February 23, 2018</b>	<b>School Mass (Grade 4)</b> <b>9:00 am</b>	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>
<b>Saturday, February 24, 2018</b>	<b>Grade 2 Reconciliation</b> <b>9:45 am</b>	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>
<b>Tuesday, February 27, 2018</b>	<b>PEC Meeting</b> <b>5:30 pm</b>	<i>School Library</i>
<b>Wednesday, February 28, 2018</b>	<b>Grade 7 Parent, Child, and Sponsor Meeting</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>	<i>Jubilee Hall</i>

## **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE LUNCH**

On Tuesday, February 13, 2018 we will have our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch. All students will be treated to a hearty pancake lunch to mark the day before Lent begins! Thank you to all the parents who organize and cook for this delicious meal! If your child has any special dietary conditions or allergies, please contact your child's teacher to inform them. Thank you.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018**

St. Matthew's School's AGM will be held on **Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm**. This is a mandatory meeting where all school families are expected to have at least one parent represented at the meeting. Important information about the 2018-2019 school year will be presented as well as re-registration packages will be given out. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Please mark your calendars accordingly. Thank you.



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## **LOST AND FOUND**

There are quite a large number of: water bottles, school sweaters, pants and shirts, shoes, boots, gloves, toques, jackets etc. in the Lost and Found bin. These items need to be claimed and taken home. A reminder to parents, please label your children's containers and clothing in order to help us return the lost items to their rightful owner.

## **LOOKING AHEAD - GRADE 7 CONFIRMATION**

Our students from Grade 7 along with the students from St. Matthew's Parish PREP program will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop David Monroe on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 11:00 am. The rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, May 23, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Sincerely in Christ,

***Deborah Welsh***

Principal