



St. Matthew's Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

January 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year and welcome back to all of our St. Matthew's families. Despite the busyness of the Christmas season, it is wonderful to spend time with our loved ones and focus on the reason for the season: Christ's birth! This Christmas break I spent time with my sister, aunts, uncles, cousins, my cousins' children and my mom and dad - we all got together for a big feast at my aunt's home. We ate until we could eat no more and then sang Christmas carols together and opened gifts - it was wonderful.

As we start the beginning of another "New Year" let us find time to thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed on us in 2017 and look forward to many more in 2018!

If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come! The old is gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE

Friday, January 5, 2018	Sign Up for STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES 6:00 pm	Click here to link to the OnVolunteer Sign Up system
Tuesday, January 9, 2018	School Re-Opens at 8:40 am FIRST DAY of SCHOOL AFTER CHRISTMAS BREAK	
Wednesday, January 10, 2018	Grade 2 Parent and Child Meeting 6:30 pm	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>
Wednesday, January 10, 2018	2017-2018 Application Forms (for new families) available for pick up	<i>School Office</i>
Friday, January 12, 2018	School Mass - Grade 7 9:00 am	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>
Saturday, January 13, 2018	Grade 6 Retreat 10:00 am - 6:30 pm	<i>School Gym</i>
Saturday, January 13, 2018	Grade 2 Celebration Mass <i>Meet Ms. Sarangelo in Jubilee Hall for 5:15 pm</i>	<i>Jubilee Hall</i>
Friday, January 19, 2018	School Assembly - Grade 6 9:00 am	<i>School Gym</i>
Sunday, January 21, 2018	Pancake Breakfast After the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses	<i>School Gym</i>



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Tuesday, January 23, 2018	PEC Meeting 5:00 pm	<i>School Library</i>
Friday, January 26, 2018	Student-Led Conferences 9:00 am - 5:00 pm NO REGULAR SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	<i>Parents/Guardians will sign up for a conference time using the On Volunteer system. The system will be available January 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm</i>
Saturday, January 27, 2018	Grade 7 Theme Mass <i>Meet Mrs. Tzetzos in Jubilee Hall by 5:15 pm</i>	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>
Tuesday, January 30, 2018	Helping My Child Cope with Anxiety with Dr. Mandy Chen 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	<i>Please RSVP the school office if you plan on attending</i> office@stmatthewselementary.ca

NEW APPLICANT INFORMATION - 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

All families who are interested in applying to St. Matthew's Elementary School for the 2018-2019 school year are asked to pick up an Application Package from the school office. Application packages will be made available starting Wednesday, January 10, 2018. **Application forms must be filled in completely and returned to the school office no later than, Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 3:00 pm.** All applications will be reviewed and interviews will be scheduled for mid-January 2018. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 604-589-7545 or office@stmatthewselementary.ca

KINDERGARTEN 2018/2019

We ask that any school family who has 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 email her at: office@stmatthewselementary.ca and provide her with your child's name and date of birth.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES - JANUARY 26, 2018

Student-Led Conferences will take place on **Friday, January 26, 2018** between 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Parents and guardians can sign up for a conference time using the *OnVolunteer* system beginning on **Friday, January 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm.** We are continuing to work on empowering all your children to take responsibility for their learning and thus, Student-Led Conferences will be led by your child. On this day your child is expected to be in **complete uniform.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 604-589-7545 or office@stmatthewselementary.ca



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FREE WORKSHOP - *HELPING MY CHILD COPE WITH ANXIETY* - JANUARY 30, 2018

Most people experience anxiety at some point in their lives however, dealing with the symptoms of anxiety can sometimes be overwhelming, especially as a child. Whether your child gets anxious over tests, performing in front of an audience or making friends, all students can benefit from learning tools and strategies to help them cope with anxiety. Dr. Mandy Chen, a registered psychologist with Southpoint Development Clinic will be offering a workshop **for parents**, details are below:

When: Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Where: St. Matthew's Elementary School

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Cost: FREE

Highlights of the Talk:

- How do we understand anxiety
- How does anxiety present itself in children
- What are some concrete strategies to deal with anxiety in our kids

Please consider attending this important **free** workshop. All parents/guardians interested in attending please RSVP the school office at: office@stmatthewselementary.ca no later than Friday, January 19, 2018.

SAVE THE DATE! 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 forms will be given out. Please mark your calendars accordingly. Thank you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Deborah Welsh

Principal