



St. Matthew's Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

March 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The first week of March marks our annual Literacy week; teachers have planned a variety of activities that will inspire your child(ren) to read, read and read some more! When we return from Spring Break we will be in the heart of Holy Week. We will take time as a school to mark each day in Holy Week, particularly Holy Thursday where students will engage in a whole day retreat focused on preparing for the death and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Lenten Prayer: God our Father, guide us on the path that leads to you. Fill our hearts with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as we strive to become holy, admitting our shortcomings and sins.

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE

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| Monday, March 5, 2018 | Literacy Week Begins | |
| Tuesday, March 6 - 8, 2018 | Scholastic Book Fair Open | |
| Thursday, March 8, 2018 | Non-Uniform Day <i>Wear your class colour or dress like a Dr. Seuss character!</i> <i>Bring a loonie or toonie for charity</i> | |
| Thursday, March 8, 2018 | Poetry Cafe 1:30 pm | <i>School Gym</i> |
| Friday, March 9, 2018 | School Mass - Grade 3 9:00 am | <i>St. Matthew's Church</i> |
| Monday, March 12 - Friday, March 23, 2018 | Spring Break Begins NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS | |
| Monday, March 26, 2018 | School Reopens 8:40 am | |
| Tuesday, March 27, 2018 | Head Checks | |
| Thursday, March 29, 2018 | Holy Thursday Retreat Day AND Poverty Lunch | <i>Poverty Lunch in School Gym</i> <i>Students bring in a non-perishable item for the St. Vincent de Paul Society</i> |



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| Friday, March 30, 2018 | Good Friday NO SCHOOL | |
| Sunday, April 1, 2018 | Easter Sunday! <i>He is Risen! Alleluia!</i> | |
| Monday, April 2, 2018 | Easter Monday! NO SCHOOL | |
| Tuesday, April 3, 2018 | School Reopens 8:40 am - 2:50 pm | |

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Looking for a good book? Find it at our Scholastic Book Fair - yes, it's back!!! During our school's Literacy Week we will have the Scholastic Book Fair set up in the library. For details about the book fair's hours of operation, please see below:

March 6, 7, 8, 2018: 11:00 am - 12:45 pm

March 6, 7, 2018: 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm

March 8, 2018: 11:00 am - 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm

Closed on Friday, March 9, 2018

POVERTY LUNCH - THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018

Students will participate in our annual Poverty Lunch on Thursday, March 29, 2018. Students will be provided with bread and a beverage (water) at lunch time. We are asking that on this day students bring a **non-perishable food item**. All donations will be given to our local St. Vincent de Paul Society; this group helps those members of our community who are in need.

CISVA SEXUALITY AND YOUR CHILD WORKSHOP - MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018 - 7:00 pm

Save the date! On Monday, April 16, 2018 **parents** in Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 6 and Grade 7 have a wonderful opportunity to gain skills on how to talk to your children about sensitive topics such as, growth and maturity, media influences and parent-child relationships. Professional speakers from Signal Hill have been booked to give an individualized workshop for each grade. The workshop will begin at 7:00 pm and end at approximately 8:15 pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

BOTTLE DRIVE - SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Save your bottles! The Grade 6 class will be fundraising once again for their Outdoor Education in September. We would appreciate you saving any recyclable juice box containers, water bottles, beer and pop cans, and spirit and liquor bottles. Bring your recyclables to the front entrance of **St. Matthew's Elementary School** between 11:30 am and 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely in Christ,



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