



St. Matthew's Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER

September 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

September ushers in a “new start” for all of us here at St. Matthew’s. I hope you and your children enjoy a great year filled with memorable moments, learning and holiness. Let us praise God for the beginning of another school year as we ponder our Archdiocesan theme:

“What Do You Want of Me, Lord?”

Reminder: all parents are most welcome to join us for our first school Mass on Tuesday, September 4 at 11:15 am in the church.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Monday, September 3, 2018	LABOUR DAY - NO SCHOOL	
Tuesday, September 4, 2018	School Begins! 8:40 am - 12:15 pm	
Tuesday, September 4, 2018	School Mass 11:15 am	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>
Wednesday, September 5, 2018	Regular School Hours Commence 8:40 am - 2:50 pm	
Wednesday, September 5, 2018	Meet the Teacher Night 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	<i>School Gym</i>
Wednesday, September 12, 2018	Non-Uniform Day: Wear Yellow and/or Athletic Wear <i>Bring a loonie or toonie for Cops for Cancer</i>	
Sunday, September 16, 2018	International Brunch	<i>School Gym</i>
Tuesday, September 18, 2018	Individual School Photos	
Friday, September 21, 2018	Feast of St. Matthew	
Friday, September 21, 2018	School Mass 9:00 am	<i>St. Matthew's Church</i>



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Tuesday, September 25, 2018	PEC Meeting - 5:30 pm	<i>School Library</i>
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SCHOOL START

School will resume for students in Kindergarten through Grade 7 on **Tuesday, September 4 at 8:40 am**. Please note that school **ends at 12:15 pm on September 4, 2018**. Regular school hours will commence on Wednesday, September 5 (8:40 am - 2:50 pm).

Parents with students entering Kindergarten please refer to the *Gradual Entry* schedule that was given to you in late May during our *Welcome to Kindergarten Meeting*.

MEET THE TEACHER: SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM:

On Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm we will have our annual, Meet The Teacher Night. This is one of the most important nights of the school year for all our parents. In addition to meeting your child's teacher, our special guest speaker, Dr. Deborah MacNamara will speak on the topic: *Who's in Charge? Why Adults Need to Lead!* We will first meet in the school gym for prayer and opening words. Then we will have sessions in the classroom, immediately following the session in the gym. *Light refreshments will be served*. See you then!

ANAPHYLAXIS POLICY

Please note that effective for the 2018-2019 school year St. Matthew's Elementary has an updated ***Anaphylaxis Policy***. Some of the highlights of this updated policy include:

- Parents of children with anaphylactic allergies will be required to complete the Student Emergency Response Plan which requires the signature of the child's physician. *Forms will be handed out the first week of September. Please contact the school office if you have not received a form by Friday, September 7, 2018.*
- Children at risk of anaphylaxis will carry one auto-injector with them at all times. Children should carry their auto-injector with them while they are in their classroom, in gym/music classes, at the church, outside at recess, at a sporting/club event or offsite at a field trip.
- Parents of students who do not have their auto-injector with them at all times will be phoned for the auto-injector to be brought to school.

If you have any questions and/or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Miss Welsh.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM 2018-2019

Please note that our Wednesday Hot Lunch Program will commence during the first week of October 2018. More details about this program will be forthcoming soon.

CONDOLENCES - MR. DURANTE

Please pray for Mr. Durante and his family. His father, Mr. Robert (Bob) Durante passed away in mid-August after spending several weeks in the hospital. *Eternal rest grant him O Lord and let*



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perpetual light shine upon him; may his soul and the souls of all the dearly departed through the mercy of God the Father, rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS - MRS. DAVIES!

Our Education Assistant, Mrs. Davies and her husband welcomed a baby girl on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. Avin Elizabeth is doing well and is a precious addition to the Davies family.

Sincerely in Christ,
Deborah Welsh, Principal