



# St. Matthew's Elementary School

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## NEWSLETTER

August 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and that families are able to take advantage of the beautiful surroundings we have here in British Columbia - this summer I have taken the opportunity to explore some of, "Supernatural British Columbia": I have visited Grouse Mountain, explored Fort Langley and taken in the, "Theater Under the Stars" production of, *Beauty and the Beast* held at the Malkin Bowl in Stanley Park. I have thoroughly enjoyed each of these outings!

I would like to say a big, "Thank You!" to all the parents and guardians who have helped with two major school projects over the summer:

- A hearty, "Thank You" to all the parents who helped with the levelling of our playing field - it looks wonderful and I know a lot of thought and hard work went into making this happen!
- Big thanks go to all the parents who helped move desks, chairs and other classroom items so that our floors could get cleaned and waxed in preparation for the beginning of the school year.

We still have a few more weeks of summer vacation however, there are a few things to keep in mind as the summer days wind down:

### **SUPERVISORS' MEETING – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016 @ 6:00 PM:**

Please note that on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 there will be a MANDATORY meeting for all parents and guardians who have signed up FOR THE FIRST TIME to be parking lot and lunch recess supervisors as part of their PPP hours for the 2016-2017 school year. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm in the school and will last approximately 45 minutes. Important supervising guidelines will be reviewed and a supervisor's manual will be given out to all attendees. While this is a mandatory meeting for all NEW supervisors, all supervisors (both new and experienced) are welcome to attend.

### **MEET THE TEACHER: SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM:**

Mark your calendars: On Wednesday, September 7 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 and guardians. You will have an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and hear about all the important activities your child will be engaging in this school year. We will first meet in the school gym for opening words and prayer. Then we will have sessions in the classroom, immediately following the session in the gym. See you then!

### **SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:**

The school office will be open the week of Monday, August 22, to Friday, August 26, 2016 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. The school office will be open August 29, 31, September 2, 2016 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. **On August 30 and September 1 and 5, the school office will be closed.**



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## **REMINDER:**

In the new school year our newsletter will be published on a monthly basis. The theme for all Catholic schools for next year is, "Care for our Common Home" which was inspired by Pope Francis' recent encyclical entitled: "Laudato Si: "On Care for Our Common Home". This document urges us to be mindful of the resources that God has given us and to be good stewards of what we have. So, we are aiming to do our part with reducing the amount of paper we produce. Rest assured that our new, "monthly" newsletters will be a comprehensive overview of upcoming events and that "email blasts" will still be sent out reminding the parent community of important upcoming events.

## **UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

- subject to minor changes

<b>AUGUST 2016</b>	
<b>Wednesday, August 24, 2016 6:00 pm</b>	<b><i>New Supervisors' Orientation Meeting</i></b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2016</b>	
<b>Tuesday, September 6, 2016 8:40 am - 12:15 pm</b>	<b><i>School Re-Opens for <u>all</u>* students</i></b> <i>*Parents of Kindergarten students have already received separate <u>gradual</u> entry schedule*</i>
<b>Wednesday, September 7, 2016 8:40 am - 2:50 pm</b>	<b><i>Regular School Schedule Begins</i></b>
<b>Wednesday, September 7, 2016 6:00 pm</b>	<b><i>Meet the Teacher Night</i></b>
<b>Monday, September 12 - Wednesday, September 14, 2016</b>	<b><i>Grade 7 class at Camp Timberline</i></b>
<b>Tuesday, September 20, 2016</b>	<b><i>Individual Student Photos</i></b>
<b>Wednesday, September 21, 2016</b>	<b><i>Terry Fox Run Day</i></b>
<b>Monday, September 26, 2016</b>	<b><i>NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day</i></b>
<b>OCTOBER 2016</b>	
<b>Monday, October 10, 2016</b>	<b><i>NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday</i></b>
<b>Friday, October 21, 2016</b>	<b><i>NO SCHOOL - Provincial Professional Development Day</i></b>
<b>Friday, October 28, 2016</b>	<b><i>Parent - Teacher Interviews (No Regular School for Students)</i></b>
<b>NOVEMBER 2016</b>	
<b>Friday, November 11, 2016</b>	<b><i>NO SCHOOL - Remembrance Day</i></b>
<b>Sunday, November 27, 2016</b>	<b><i>First Sunday of Advent</i></b>



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<b>DECEMBER 2016</b>	
<b>Tuesday, December 6, 2016</b>	<i>First Term Report Cards Go Home</i>
<b>Wednesday, December 14, 2016</b> 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm shows	<i>School Christmas Musical</i>
<b>Friday, December 16, 2016</b> 8:40 am - 12:15 pm	<i>School ends at 12:15 pm</i>
<b>Monday, December 19 - Monday, January 2, 2016</b>	<i>NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break</i>
<b>JANUARY 2017</b>	
<b>Tuesday, January 3, 2017</b> 8:40 am - 2:50 pm	<i>School Re-Opens</i>
<b>FEBRUARY 2017</b>	
<b>Sunday, February 5 - February 11, 2017</b>	<i>Catholic Schools' Week</i>
<b>Thursday, February 9 - Friday, February 10, 2017</b>	<i>NO SCHOOL - Catholic Educators' Conference</i>
<b>Monday, February 13, 2017</b>	<i>NO SCHOOL - Family Day Holiday</i>
<b>Thursday, February 23, 2017</b> 6:00 pm	<i>Annual General Meeting</i>
<b>MARCH 2017</b>	
<b>Wednesday, March 1, 2017</b>	<i>Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)</i>
<b>Monday, March 13 - 24, 2017</b>	<i>NO SCHOOL - Spring Break</i>
<b>Monday, March 27, 2017</b> 8:40 am - 2:50 pm	<i>School Re-Opens</i>
<b>APRIL 2017</b>	
<b>Tuesday, April 4, 2017</b>	<i>Second Term Report Cards Go Home</i>
<b>Friday, April 7, 2017</b>	<i>Student Led Conferences (No regular school for students)</i>
<b>Friday, April 14, 2017</b>	<i>NO SCHOOL - Good Friday Holiday</i>
<b>Monday, April 17, 2017</b>	<i>NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday Holiday</i>
<b>MAY 2017</b>	
<b>Friday, May 5, 2017</b>	<i>Walkathon</i>
<b>Sunday, May 7, 2017</b>	<i>First Holy Communion</i>
<b>Friday, May 19, 2017</b>	<i>NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day</i>
<b>Monday, May 22, 2017</b>	<i>NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day Holiday</i>
<b>Wednesday, May 24, 2017</b> 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm Shows	<i>School Spring Presentation</i>



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<b>JUNE 2017</b>	
<b>Friday, June 9, 2017</b>	<b><i>NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day</i></b>
<b>Friday, June 16, 2017</b> <b>8:40 am - 12:15 pm</b>	<b><i>Fun Day - School ends at 12:15 pm</i></b>
<b>Friday, June 23, 2017</b> <b>1:30 pm Show</b>	<b><i>Talent Show</i></b>
<b>Tuesday, June 27, 2017</b>	<b><i>Grade 7 Farewell Mass and Ceremony</i></b>
<b>Thursday, June 29, 2017</b> <b>8:40 am - 12:15 pm</b>	<b><i>Last Day of School - School ends at 12:15 pm</i></b>