



## Another Year Has Ended

*We bless this ending time, God.  
Thank you for all the ways we have grown and the things we have learned.  
Thank you for all those people who have supported us.*

*Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!  
Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with string and pipe!  
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
Psalm 150: 4, 6*

### From the Principal's Desk

I would like to thank everyone . . . the parents, the staff, the students and the parish for making this year a blessed, productive and successful one.



Good-Bye.... Good Luck.... We' ll Miss You!



*No one can really say good bye to a teacher, for they forever stay in little homes called... hearts  
of their students.*

Good bye and good luck Mr. Kiely, Mrs. Prawak, Mr. DiBenedetto, Mrs. DiGiovanni, Mrs. DiBartolomeo, Mrs. Babic, Ms Haddad, Mrs. Costa and Mlle Bozzo. Thank you for all you have done for all of us here at St. Matthew...staff, students and parents. We wish you well at your new school.



**Mr. Laus.... you may be leaving the school but the knowledge, love of sports, and the many extra-curricular activities you have imparted has been engraved in the minds and hearts of our students forever. Goodbye, we are all going to miss YOU!!!!**

## Ms. Vuksan....

We hope the new school knows how lucky they are in getting our Vice-Principal a bright shining star!! We'll certainly miss you! Your move is their gain and these school corridors just won't seem the same. So good luck and thank you for the inspiration you've shown and all the lives you've touched as they've blossomed and grown.

**We will miss YOU!!!!**



## We Welcome!

We extend a sincere "BIENVENUE" to Mr. Motschman (Grade 7), Mr. Ivankovic (Grade 8), Mrs. Brajkovic (Grade 8), Mrs. Torrance (SERT), Ms. Droin (EA), Mr. Czepita (EA), Mr. Calcagni (Grade 6), Mr. Devito (Grade 5), Ms. Senia (FDK), Mr. Porco (Grade 5 pm)

## We Welcome!

Mr. Mauro and Mr. Fletcher as our 2 new Vice Principals!

We are a caring, vibrant community and we want you to feel a part of our team!!

## Our St. Matthew family continues to multiply!



We would like to extend our best wishes and all of God's blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Castiglione as they await the arrival of their bundle of joy.



## Kindergarten Graduation

We congratulate our Kindergarten children on their very beautiful and emotional graduation and wish them much luck as they enter Grade 1! Thank you to all of the FDK teachers and the ECE workers for your hard work and effort into making this event so special. Thank you to all the parents who attended and provided treats.



## Grade 8 Graduation

Our grade 8's had a special celebration and we are very proud of the wonderful young men and women they have become. God's blessings to all of you as you enter high school!

## Last Day of School!

**Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>** is the last day of school and it will be a **HALF-DAY ONLY**. The students who normally walk home will be dismissed at 12:30. Students who ride home on the bus...the busses will arrive at approximately 3 hours prior to their regular time (approximately 12:30pm.)

## Transportation

If you are eligible for transportation you will be receiving communication in late August which will give you details regarding your stop, pick up and drop off times. If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to:

FIRST RIDER

[www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca](http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca)



## SCHOOL ORGANIZATION - SEPTEMBER 2017

Planning for organizing the school for September has begun. First of all, the task is complex, time-consuming and because it is consensus seeking it must be the subject of many revisions. Our priority at St. Matthew is to develop balanced classes. A balanced class reflects the diversity of our community and allows the variety of interests and talents of our learners to emerge and be appreciated.

It is our hope that each New Year brings opportunities for students to meet new friends and expand their circle of acquaintances. Ultimately, we try to place the child where he or she will be able to work best. In building classes, we use the following criteria:

1. Heterogeneous groupings, i.e.: a balance of abilities in each class.
2. A balance according to gender.
3. Matching the students' learning style with the teachers' teaching style.
4. Social blending. We will attempt to place students in groupings where they will effectively learn. This should not be viewed as a grouping of friends. At particular stages, some close friends learn best in separate classes.

The staff of St. Matthew Catholic Elementary School is a group of dedicated professionals. Years of meeting the learning needs of children give them the unique qualifications to make these decisions. It takes many hours of discussion, reflection, revision, and consideration of alternatives to arrive at the best organization for our school.

*We give thanks for all those little things that we seldom think about. So many little things; so many great gifts.*



*Have a wonderful, safe and happy summer!*



Mrs. F. Nordoff (Principal)

