Dear Parents and Students:

It has been another busy, yet exciting year at École St. Matthew School. Students, staff and parents have celebrated many accomplishments in our journeys. As we embark on our summer vacation, we give thanks for what has been and give praise for the future.

On a personal note, I am extremely fortunate to be part of the École St. Matthew School community as Principal. I would like to express my gratitude to you the parents and students of École St. Matthew School. I have really enjoyed working with you for the past seven years.

We at École St. Matthew School are very lucky to boast a caring and dedicated staff. Thank you everyone for your professional, compassionate and Christ centered disposition.

God Bless,
F. Rivard

SYMPATHY

Our St. Matthew community extends our deepest sympathy to Mme Felstrom for the loss of her dad Clarence Ekstrand. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Felstrom and Ekstrand families!

LIBRARY

The library is now closed for the year. Please make sure all library books are returned to the library as soon as possible. As well, any library fines should be paid by the end of the school year. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

YEAR-END PROGRESS REPORTS

This year the progress reports will be handed out on Tuesday, June 28th which is the last day of classes for all students. If your child(ren) will not be in attendance on June 28th, please provide your child(ren)’s homeroom teacher with a self-addressed and 85¢ stamped business size envelope (4 1/8 x 9 1/2) in order to receive the progress report. Thank you. School supply lists will be included with each progress report.

GEORGE WARD POOL OUTING

On Tuesday, June 27th at 12:45 p.m. students from Grades 3 to 8 will be basking in the sun (hopefully!) and enjoying a swimming outing at George Ward Pool. What a great way to finish off a wonderful year!

LOST & FOUND

Students and parents should look through the Lost & Found items set up on tables at the front of the school. All unclaimed items will be boxed and sent to a local charity at the end of the school year.
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

How would you like to be Principal of École St. Matthew School for a day? Have lunch at a local restaurant with M. Colleaux and a teacher of your choice? Or have a chance to win one of many other great prizes? All you have to do to have a chance to win is read some great books over your summer holidays. The Saskatoon Public Library's "Summer Reading Game" is set to launch another fun summer of prizes and activities. The program begins in June and ends at the end of August. To enter your name for a chance to win a prize, you need to complete at least one reading log (5 books). These are available at any Saskatoon Public Library. So, get ready, get set…READ!!!!

BUSSING FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

If you are aware of an address change or any change of information that will be happening over the summer, please contact the school prior to the end of June.

2016-2017 CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming the 5 newly elected parents (by acclamation) to the 2016-2017 St. Matthew Catholic School Community Council. Congratulations to Beverly Vandenhurk, Danielle Shock, Jenn Barber, Sandi Scissons-Nieth and Nasha Spence. These new members will join the 4 returning elected members: Cara Petrovicz, Martin Phillipson, Kim Taylor, Melisa Tremblay.

Thank you so much to Aimy Thiessen, Carla Unger and Krista Schreiter for their amazing leadership over the years. Aimy and Carla will see their last child Farewell from St. Matthew next week. Krista and her family are off to Hawaii for the next academic year. Best of luck to all three of you. Thank you so much for volunteering to lead our parent community.

Our next CSCC meeting has tentatively been set for September 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Staffroom.

INDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2016/2017

If your child will be 5 years of age by January 31st, 2017, he or she may begin Kindergarten in September, 2016. Please contact the school to register your child or drop in for a visit. Please share this information with neighbors who have Kindergarten age children. For more information, please call 659-7410 or check our website at blog.scs.sk.ca/mat/.

SUMMER REGISTRATION CENTRE FOR NEW CANADIANS

If someone you know is new to Canada, and would like to register their children in a Catholic school, please invite them to book an appointment at the Newcomer Registration Centre. Please call 306-659-7000.

Summer Registration Centre: August 15th to 18th and August 22nd – 26th, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, 420 – 22nd Street East.

MES AMIS PRESCHOOL

Mes Amis Preschool wishes to welcome Gabriela Camalari who will be joining us as the preschool teacher this fall. We are very excited to have her become part of the Mes Amis family!

MES AMIS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2016/2017

Mes Amis Preschool is currently accepting registrations for the 2016/2017 school year. If you have friends or neighbours with children that will be 3 or 4 this fall, please let them know! Registration forms are available at the École St. Matthew School office or online at http://saskatoonmesamis.ca/.

DATES TO NOTE:

😊😊 Tuesday, June 21st
* 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Gr. 8 Farewell @ Holy Spirit Church

😊😊 June 22nd – 24th
* Gr. 8 Camping trip @ Bosco

** Wednesday, June 22nd **
* Grade 1-3 Literacy Support Visit
* 9:10 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. 3C & 3/4S go to Forestry Farm
* 2:30 p.m. Poetry Café

** Thursday, June 23rd **
* Gr. 6 trip to Moose Jaw
* 10:30 a.m. Kindergarten Yearend Celebration for KB

** Friday, June 24th **
* 9:30 a.m. 6/7Z Zerr yearend farm trip
* 10:30 a.m. Kindergarten Yearend Celebration for KA & KC
* 12:45 p.m. 7D – Grip-it Climbing

** Monday, June 27th **
* 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1M go to Children’s Discovery Museum
* 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Gr. 3 – 8 go to George Ward Pool

** Tuesday, June 28th **
* 9:00 a.m. Yearend assembly
* LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR STUDENTS

** Thursday, June 30th **
* Last day for Staff
* Enjoy the summer holidays!!

Principal
François Rivard
Vice-Principal
Daniel Denis

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Holy Spirit Parish Liturgies/Events:** Phone 374-1425; Fax: 374-3190 www.holyspiritsaskatoon.ca;
www.facebook.com/holyspiritsaskatoon - **Sunday Mass Schedule:** Saturday -5:00 pm; Sunday -10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm

* Registration for Sacramental Preparation* is being accepted. Celebration of these sacraments is usually at the Grade 2 level. Older children are also welcome to attend the program. The children journey in a program that helps them discover the gifts of God’s Holy Spirit, how the Spirit is present in their lives, and how in the Eucharist they are nourished by Jesus, the Bread of Life. The program is age appropriate and is supported by family and parish life. Registration forms and more information is available from Celena – (306) 374-1425, via email at celena@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca, or on our website at www.holyspiritsaskatoon.ca. Please note that we require a copy of the child’s baptism certificate, $40.00 fee per child to cover the cost of books, materials and snacks. These requirements are due at registration.

**St. Philip Neri Parish – St. Philip Neri parish (www.stphilipneriparish.ca)** - Mass schedule: Weekdays Tuesday through Friday 8:15 a.m.; Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

* Baptisms* - Families who are preparing for a new addition to the family are invited to contact Shirley at the parish for information about the Sacrament of Baptism.

* Rite of Christian Initiation* - It is not too early for anyone who is considering inquiring about the Catholic faith to contact Shirley at the parish to find out more information. Information for those in Grades 5 to 8 who have not yet received the Sacraments are also invited to inquire.

**Reconciliation Saskatoon** - This week marks the beginning of a month of activities for Reconciliation, which will culminate in the “Rock Your Roots” Walk for Reconciliation on **June 22nd** in Victoria Park. The Walk is a unique opportunity for everyone to learn about and support Reconciliation in their community. Beginning at **10:30 am**, the Walk will follow a short route along the river
and end in Victoria Park with a community BBQ. Students and families can engage in learning activities in our teepee village and watch cultural performances organized by Gordon Tootoosis Nikânîwin Theatre. Visit our Facebook page or www.otc.ca for more program details as they become available.

😊😊  Fête du soleil summer day camp – 2 weeks in Saskatoon! Presented by Canadian Parents for French – Saskatchewan. July 4-8 (Register by June 29) and August 22-26 (Register by August 17) at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #63, 606 Spadina Crescent West. Have fun ‘en français’ – with crafts, sports, games, vocabulary, music, theme days and much more! For more information and registration forms, visit us at sk.cpf.ca.

😊😊  Saskatoon Youth Music Theatre Summer Camp is accepting registrations for Summer 2016! There are three levels: Overture (ages 7 & 8), Act I & II (ages 9 – 12) & Entracte (ages 13 – 18). SYMT is a two week day camp held July 4-15, 2016 with sessions for all participants from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at La Danse School of Dance Arts in Sutherland and involves students in singing, drama, and dancing. This year’s feature production is the musical revue History in Harmony – celebrating 20 years! All students will participate in the production, which will be presented on stage on the final evening of the camp. An exciting opportunity for students of all levels of experience! For registration information call Diane at 931-3493, email mail@symt.ca, visit our website www.symt.ca or visit us on Facebook!

Grant me your strength, so I will have courage in every situation;
Grant me your love, so I may love others as you love me;
Grant me your wisdom, so I will show others the path to success;
Grant me your mercy, so I will forgive those who have hurt me;
Grant me your peace, so I will find the best in everybody;
Grant me your hope so I will never give up;
Grant me your joy, so I will be thankful for all my blessings;
And Grant me your grace, so you will always be at my side. Amen