

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

April 3, 2009

MISSION STATEMENT

As a Christian community of believers at St. Matthew School in Oak Creek, we declare our mission to be one in which we promote academic excellence by providing a high quality, Catholic education. Through value-centered education and spiritual nourishment we strive to meet the needs of our families. Our mission is to build a Catholic community where we encourage others to proclaim the Gospel with compassion and hope.

A Note from the Principal

Dear Parents,

The Talent Show took place this week! Over 40 students participated by sharing their talent with our school community. Even Father Pat took part in dancing with the Student Council members to the tune of "YMCA". A big "thank you" goes out to the members of Student Council, Ms. Voelz, Ms. Gosz, Mrs. Otto, Mrs. Craig and Mrs. King for helping make this show such an entertaining event.

The last page of the Talent Show program contained this reflection from Nelson Mandela. I'd like to share it with you.

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be?

You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

Our talented performers truly let their lights shine at the Talent Show. Through the prayers and support of the families at St. Matthew Parish, our students let their lights shine in their classrooms as well.

Thank you for supporting Catholic education!

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sunday, 4/5 – Palm Sunday

Wednesday, 4/8 – Open Registration, 9:00 a.m.; 4K, McDonald's, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, 8:45-10:45 a.m.; Kimberly Koleske "Principal for the Day"

Thursday, 4/9 – 11:20 A.M. DISMISSAL; Report Cards Sent Home; Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, 4/10 – NO SCHOOL, Good Friday, Service, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, 4/11 – Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4/12 – Easter Sunday, Masses, 7:30 and 9:30 a.m.

Monday, 4/13-4/19 – NO SCHOOL – Easter Break

Friday, 4/17 – Scrapbooking, 6:00 p.m. - midnight

Sunday, 4/19 – Confirmation, 2:00 p.m.

Monday, 4/20 – School Resumes; Market Day Pick Up, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

EGG HUNT – Join us for a St. Matthew's Easter Egg Hunt. Saturday, April 11, 10:00 a.m., rain or shine. Children in grades 4 and younger are welcome! Please bring a basket to collect your eggs. Weather permitting, meet at pavilion; otherwise indoors.

SPRING CONCERT – The all school spring concert will be held on Thursday, April 30, at 1:30 p.m. Save the date!

BASKETBALL PLAYERS - Please return your clean, dry basketball uniforms to the school office as soon as possible. We are beginning inventory on them and will soon determine any uniforms not turned in as late.

SOCCER CAMP - St. Matthew School is hosting a soccer camp over Spring Break this spring. Anyone interested in attending that needs further information please contact John Otto at 262.639.3027 or otto4@wi.rr.com ASAP!!

TUITION ASSISTANCE - As in recent years, there will be monies available from St. Matthew School for tuition assistance. Decision-making in regard to tuition assistance will be based upon family need. Any information that is disclosed on the application is strictly confidential. Please contact Mrs. Barber if you have any questions or would like an application. Completed applications should be returned to the school office by Monday, May 4, 2009.

BOOK FAIR IS COMING SOON! – It has already started arriving. May 7-15, 2009—this is Mother’s Day weekend. Books make great gifts. Volunteer forms are in the family folders today. Volunteers are needed during school hours, after school, after masses and evenings. Please call Lisa Cheaney at 414-768-1063 or Renee Tezak-Unti at 414-531-1366 for more information/details.

LIVING OUR FAITH WITH ARCHBISHOP DOLAN - Catholic Knights presents the following shows on Saturdays at noon, on WISN TV 12 and on Time Warner Cable's "Wisconsin On Demand," Channel 1111.

- Saturday, 3/14** : Faith in the Workplace and in the Classroom
- Saturday 3/21**: Faith: It's Positive Impact on Marriage and Family
- Saturday, 3/28**: Race Relations and a New President
- Saturday, 4/4**: Living your Faith with Health Care Challenges
- Saturday, 4/11**: Am I Saved?

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN TO DO DURING EASTER BREAK? - Check out *Camp DSHA-Easter!* Free and open to girls in grades 4 thru 7. *Camp DSHA Easter* offers DSHA Around the World on Wednesday, April 15, and Movie Day on Thursday, April 16. Explore world cultures and languages, and go on a scavenger hunt in the morning on DSHA Around the World day and earn the Girl Scouts World Neighbors badge. Discuss the book, "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Journey to Change the World . . . One Child at a Time," (*book provided in advance*) in the afternoon. Travel by bus to the Majestic Theatre to see *Hannah Montana - The Movie* on Movie Day. Then return to DSHA for lunch, karaoke, and trivia games. Come one or both days. For details and registration, visit www.dsha.info and select the *Activities and Athletics* tab or call 616-2805. The direct link is <http://www.dsha.info/dnav/123/page.htm> . See you at Camp!

ST. MATT'S MOVIE, "HERE'S LOOKING AT YOUR KIDS" – There are movies left of that which was featured at our School Auction. What a wonderful keepsake of your child/ren. Each movie costs \$35 which includes a free poster. The cost is \$5 to purchase only a poster. (A framed copy is on display in the school office.) Checks should be made payable to St. Matthew School Auction. Orders will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

McDONALD'S MONEY – We still have \$900 available of McDonald's money/certificates. Orders will be filled after Easter break, April 20. For every \$1 of McDonald's Money you purchase, 30 cents goes to Home and School and is applied towards your fundraising. Orders are filled on a first come, first served basis. This is an easy Home and School fundraiser. Certificates are good now until June 30. Any questions, call Michelle Luczak at 414-762-5426.

SERVERS:	April 4	5:00 p.m.: Amanda Craig	Cross: Katie Sullivan
	April 5	7:30 a.m.: Nathaniel Yost	Cross: Nick Cheaney
		9:30 a.m.: Cameron Smith	Cross: Noah Daun

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Open Registration begins Wednesday, April 8, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

Tell a neighbor, tell a friend. Please share the good news about St. Matthew School.

"Where there is great love, there are always miracles."

GIFT: GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

SAINT THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Registration for the Junior Cavs Youth Football Team

Boys and girls entering 5th through 8th grade, come join your friends and play for the STM Junior Cavs Youth Football Team.

Practice at STM begins in mid-August. The season will run through mid-October. The Junior Cavs have been very competitive in their leagues for the past 9 years.

Pre-registration by e-mail or phone is required. For more information, or to register, contact STM Head Football Coach Chris Clarey at (414) - 481-8370 ext 134 or cclarey@tmore.org. If registering, please leave the player's name, school, grade in fall, your name, and address.

Summer Sports Camps On Tap

Make sure to sign up for STM sports camps this summer.

- STM will hold a girls' soccer camp June 22-24 (contact Dave Holton at dholtont@tmore.org for more information).
 - Girls' basketball will run from July 6-9 (contact Brian Krysiak at BKrysiak@directs.com).
 - Boys' basketball will be held July 13-16, in two separate sessions (contact Pat Ross at pross@tmore.org).
 - Football camp will be July 21-23 (contact Chris Clarey at cclarey@tmore.org).
 - Softball and volleyball camps are also in the works.

Spring Sports Around the Corner

The spring sports season will begin shortly. STM teams will soon compete in track, softball, soccer, tennis, and golf. Go to our website www.tmore.org and click the "Athletics" link at the top of the page to find each team's schedule.

DIVINE SAVIOR HOLY ANGELS HIGH SCHOOL (DSHA)

Free Integrated Arts Workshop for grades 2 to 8 presented by DSHA faculty in your own classroom!

Your students will be up on their feet during this 45-minute integrated arts workshop that demonstrates the concepts of acceptance and tolerance through acting, motion, and literature. Through the story of the *Ugly Duckling* and its positive lessons, these guidance concepts will come to life as the students participate in a variety of improvisational and movement exercises. Mr. Michael Stoddard, Director of Theatre at DSHA, will lead this workshop, which can be adapted to grades 2-3, 4-5, or 6-8. Don't miss this chance for your students to take a break from their routine and view life through the eyes of an Ugly Duckling. Mr. Stoddard is available most school-day mornings. Call him at 414-616-2813 to schedule a date and time.

This Summer! Fine Arts Children's Theatre (F.A.C.T.),

New at Divine Savior Holy Angels High School (DSHA) this summer for girls and boys in grades 5 -12 is Fine Arts Children's Theatre (F.A.C.T.), a four-week Summer Theatre Camp. Held from June 22 to July 17, the program includes morning classes in acting, set construction, singing, dance and technical theatre, with rehearsals for the DSHA Community Production of *Honk, The Musical Tale of the Ugly Duckling* in the afternoons. Students may come for one class or stay the whole day, always in the company of DSHA faculty. *Honk!* performances will take place Friday, July 17 at 7 p.m., Saturday, July 19 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, July 19 at 2 p.m. in DSHA's Hansen Theatre. Auditions for the production will be held Saturday, June 20, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Contact Michael Stoddard, Director of Theatre for more information (414) 616-2813 or stoddardm@dsha.k12.wi.us. Download a Camp DSHA Summer 2009 brochure at www.dsha.info (go to Activities & Athletics).