

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

April 24, 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,

One of my projects this year has been promoting the use of technology as a tool to increasing academic success. Through the use of auction funds, we were able to purchase an interactive SmartBoard for the 7th grade classroom. Our children have weekly computer classes; their classroom teachers integrate technology in their weekly lesson plans as well. Increasing the use of technology mandates that, as a school, we increase the awareness of using technology safely and wisely. To that end, all of the middle school students have attended assemblies on internet safety. The facilitator at these assemblies has been Eric Szatkowski. Eric has been a Special Agent with the Wisconsin Department of Justice/Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) since 1991. He's currently assigned to the state's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in Milwaukee. Since 1999, Eric has become one of the nation's leading officers in apprehending predators of children who use the Internet to seduce or exploit children. He graduated with honors in 1983 from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a bachelor's degree in mass communication.

This Thursday, our spring music concert takes place at 1:30. The name of this year's concert is "Sing; It's Spring!" The students and Miss Kestell have been working hard to provide us with an enjoyable musical experience.

I will end my "corner" with faculty news. This school year marked Mr. Keane's 40th year of teaching at St. Matthew School. On May 31st after the 9:30 Mass, there will be a reception in the Gathering Space honoring Mr. Keane's 40 years of dedication and service to our school. And "yes," he will be here next year for year 41! A teacher who will not be returning next year is Ms. Voelz. She has decided to start graduate school next year as a full time student. We have been blessed by her enthusiasm, professionalism and dedication to St. Matthew School for the past two years. We will deeply miss her and wish her well in her new academic endeavors.

Thank you for supporting Catholic education!

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES:

Saturday, 4/25 – Parish Appreciation Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 4/28 – Safeguarding All of God's Family Session, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 4/29 – Home and School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 4/30 – Grade 5, Villa, 9:15-11:00 a.m.; Spring Concert, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, 5/1 – Grade 4, Madison, 7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Third Quarter Honors/Good Citizen/Lucky Bulldog Assembly, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, 5/2 – First Communion

Sunday, 5/3 – First Communion

ATTENTION CHAPERONES AND VOLUNTEERS (COACHES, SCOUT LEADERS, ETC.) - In order to chaperone or volunteer with children at St. Matthew School, it is **mandatory** (by the Archdiocese) that you attend a Safeguarding All of God's Family session. All chaperones **MUST** have this training before attending field trips! St. Matt's will be holding a session on Tuesday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m. You may register on line at www.archmil.org. You only need to attend the session once. It is not necessary to attend every year. If you have attended in the past, you are properly trained.

SPRING CONCERT – Please join us for our Spring Concert, "Sing! It's Spring!" The students have been working very hard and look forward to sharing what they have learned. The Concert begins in church at 1:30 p.m. Students may dress up or wear their uniforms. They should wear comfortable shoes since they have recess and some classes are doing folk dances. See you on April 30!

Miss Kestell

Music Classes 4K-8

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING AND TOY RESALE FUNDRAISER - If you are still interested in participating in or want to donate

items to the SPRING Children's Clothing Toy and Resale Fundraiser on Saturday, May 30th, please contact Kristin Otto at 262-639-3027.

BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Thank you . . . we've had a great response to our request for volunteers, but a few more are still needed. A flier is in your family folder today. Please fill out the volunteer form and return it on Monday, April 27. We may only need you for one time slot or a short time slot, but any time you can help is great! Contact Lisa Cheaney at 414-768-1063 or Renee Tezak-Unti at 414-531-1366 for more information/details.

HOME AND SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS - Collecting for Home and School obligations will begin in mid-May. Report cards will be held until all obligations are met. Remember to turn in your service hours so you won't be charged for hours you've fulfilled. There is one more Home and School Meeting this year on May 13. (Two meetings required or \$20/each.) The Spring Flower Sale, McDonald's money, Market Day and Scrip are fundraisers available to complete your fundraising obligations for the year. (\$100/child or \$265 cap)

ALUMNI NEWS – Two St. Matthew graduates were recently inducted into the National Honor Society at St. Thomas More High School. The inductees are Cecilia Margraff and Chris Rolling. Congratulations to 2006 St. Matt's graduates who are on Oak Creek High School's Prom Court. They are Sara Esselman, Frankie Purpora and Nick Stout who was named Prom King. Also Congratulations to Debbie Hammernik who won the title of Miss St. Francis at the Miss St. Francis Scholarship Pageant on Saturday, April 18. Way to go graduates!

MILWAUKEE BUCKS BASKETBALL CAMPS – Fliers are available in the school office about these summer basketball camps. They are for boys and girls in grades 2 through 8. For more information or to register, please contact: Bucks camps hotline at 414-227-2777 or buckscamps@bucks.com .

ST. MATT'S MOVIE, "HERE'S LOOKING AT YOUR KIDS" – There are still movies left. 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's School Auction. Orders will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

McDONALD'S MONEY – We're getting down there--\$395 is still available of McDonald's money/certificates. For every \$1 of McDonald's Money you purchase, 30 cents goes to Home and School and is applied towards your fundraising obligations. Orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Certificates are good now until June 30. Any questions, call Michelle Luczak at 414-762-5426.

HELP FIGHT HUNGER IN AMERICA - Yoplait is currently running a campaign by which you can help fight hunger right from your own kitchen. With every yogurt lid (gold colored Pound for Pound Lid) saved they will donate 10 cents to Feeding America. Please wash lids and place in the bucket in the Reaching Out box. We will collect them and send them to the appropriate address. The offer is good until December 31, 2009. For more information visit www.PFPCChallenge.com

WE COLLECT - McDonald's receipts, Campbell UPC codes, General Mills box tops, Kemps/Golden Guernsey/Morning Glory milk caps, cancelled postage stamps and used ink cartridges. You can drop any of these separated items in the plastic drawer bin in the hallway outside of church. This is a simple way our school earns free items or cash from these companies.

SERVERS:	April 25	5:00 p.m.:	Amanda Janquart	Cross:	John Hammernik
	April 26	7:30 a.m.:	Amanda Horman	Cross:	Corinne Luczak
		9:30 a.m.:	Briana Deschaine	Cross:	Emma Sims

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SAINT THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Incoming Freshmen Eligible to Try-Out for STM Pom Pon Team

Try-outs for STM's Pom Pon team are Saturday, May 16th 8:30am - 12:00pm in the STM Gymnasium. The event is open to students who will be freshmen at STM next year.

Pom Pons is a fun-filled sport that encompasses all types of dance, gymnastics, and of course spirit. The team is STM's half-time entertainment for both football and basketball. They also attend many competitions throughout the year.

Contact Coach Nikki Crivello at nicole.crivello@wimilw.ang.af.mil for more information or to register for the event.

Freshmen Welcome Day Coming Up Soon

All incoming STM incoming freshmen and their parents are invited to our Freshmen Welcome Day on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m.

The event will give incoming freshmen an opportunity to meet some of their "Big Buddies" and soon-to-be classmates before the start of the school year. Families will also be able to get more familiar with the school.

All incoming freshmen will be officially invited soon.
We'll also have games and food.

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 dholt@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.