

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

May 1, 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,

While it was foggy and rainy outside yesterday, Spring was alive and well inside St. Matthew School as our students, under the direction of Miss Kestell, presented our Spring music concert "Sing, It's Spring!" Thank you to Miss Kestell and all our performers for putting on an excellent concert.

St. Matthew students were on the go this week. On Thursday morning, Mrs. Correll's 5th graders visited their friends at Franciscan Villa and treated them to a square dance performance! Today, our 4th graders are spending the day in Madison, as a part of the unit on the state of Wisconsin.

Finally, I want to wish our 2nd graders a very happy and blessed First Holy Communion this weekend. Our prayers and blessings are with our 2nd graders who will be nourished spiritually and brought closer to God as they receive the Eucharist for the first time.

Thank you for supporting Catholic education!

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES:

Saturday, 5/2 – First Communion Mass, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 5/3 – First Communion Masses, 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Monday, 5/4 – All School First Communion Liturgy by Grade 2, 9:15; 8th Grade Crossing, 2:30 p.m.;
Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 5/5 – Out of Uniform for PBJ Winners; Grade 8, Departs for Washington DC, @ 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 5/6 – Grade 8, Washington DC

Thursday, 5/7 – Grade 7, Retreat; Grade 8, Washington DC

Friday, 5/8 – Muffins with Mom, 8:30-9:00 a.m.; Book Fair Preview; Grade 6, Retreat; Grade 8, Washington DC

Saturday, 5/9 – Book Fair, 4:30-5:00 p.m., 6:00-6:30 p.m.; Family Sock Hop, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Grade 8, Returns from
Washington DC, @ 7:00 a.m.

Sunday, 5/10 – Mother's Day; Book Fair, 8:30-9:30 a.m., 10:30-11:00 a.m.

THE BOOK FAIR IS HERE! –The Book Fair opens Friday, May 8. Be sure to stop by while you are here for Muffins with Moms. The Book Fair will also be open after all Masses next weekend and during the week of May 10. This is a buy one get one free sale. It is a thank you for the support during the fall sale. Thank you to all the volunteers. The response has been fabulous! See you at the Book Fair!

SUMMER TUTORING – Families with students entering grades 4K, 5K and 1st who are interested in one on one or small group tutoring at St. Matthew's this summer should contact Ms. Hunholz for more information. She can be reached at K5_grade@stmattoc.org. Two sessions will be offered with the focus on literacy skills and math concepts. Sessions will be one hour each.

CELEBRATE WITH US - This school year marked Mr. Keane's 40th year of teaching at St. Matthew School. On May 31, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, there will be a reception in the Gathering Space honoring Mr. Keane's 40 years of dedication and service to our school. Please join us!

OPEN VOLLEYBALL – Exercise, Fun, Fellowship! Join your fellow parishioners in weekly volleyball fun! We will play volleyball on the soccer fields Friday nights this summer, weather permitting. May 29–August 28 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$1 per person per week. Proceeds for the SMPAA. **Adults** only on the courts. If you bring your children, you are responsible for their supervision. Contact Micki Klappa-Sullivan, SMPAA Volleyball Coordinator, 414-416-5389 or micki@wi.rr.com.

CONGRATULATIONS – The fifth grade Girl Scout Troop 1062 completed their Junior Bronze Award. This is the highest award a Junior Scout can earn. They presented bullying skits to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders. They demonstrated how being a bully hurts other

people and how a person can help stop bullies. People need to "Take a Stand, Lend a Hand". We are very proud of Kristin Fakler, Carly Sikora, Katalyna Bartek, Nicole Burchardt, Amanda Janquart, Amanda Horman, Abby Czerwinski and Kayleigh Pook.

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.

REGISTRATION – If you paid the partial registration fee, just a friendly reminder that the balance is due by Monday, May 4. (The registration fee is \$85 per child. \$20 per child down payment was required with your registration in March.)

McDONALD'S MONEY – We're getting down there--\$250 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, 2009. Any questions, call Michelle Luczak at 414-762-5426.

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:	May 2	5:00 p.m.: Lauren Tehan	Cross: Katie Sullivan
	May 3	7:30 a.m.: Michael Silva	Cross: Bryce Schultz
		9:30 a.m.: Dana Dretzka	Cross: Rachel Anderson
		11:30 a.m.: Nicole Burchardt	Cross: Cameron Smith

SAINT THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Freshman Welcome Day Coming Up Soon

All incoming STM incoming freshmen and their parents are invited to our Freshman 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 ice cream.

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

Try-outs for STM's Pom Pon team are Saturday, May 16th 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 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.

Summer Sports Camps On Tap

Summer is just around the corner, so make sure to sign up for STM sports camps. 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@directcs.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. 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.

"Remember the days blessings, forget the days troubles."

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