

# ST. MATT'S MATTERS

April 30, 2010

## 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.

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents,

St. Matthew students had a busy week. On Tuesday we were visited by the St. Thomas More Band, Orchestra and Choir. I want to thank Ms. Staszak for arranging this in house field trip. On Thursday morning, Mrs. Correll's 5th graders visited their friends at Franciscan Villa and treated them to a square dance performance! Today grades 1 through 3 traveled to First Stage Children's Theater and enjoyed a performance of *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*.

As we turn the calendar to May, here are just a few reminders about the dress code and personal electronics. *Uniform* shorts are now part of our dress code. Our handbook states that, "No shorts (should be worn) below the knee. (The) hem (must be) at fingertip length when arms are held straight down at the sides." I know that many of our students bring personal electronics on the bus. Please keep in mind that our handbook explains "Students **are not permitted** to use personal electronics in the school building. Personal electronics include but are not limited to the following items: hand held games, head sets, I-pods, pagers or cellular phones. If a student chooses to bring these items to school, they must be stored in their backpack **before entering** the school building. The school will not be responsible for damaged, stolen, or lost items." If your child chooses to bring personal electronics to school, I would strongly urge him/her to lock his/her locker as well.

Finally, I want to wish our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders a very happy and blessed First Holy Communion this weekend. Our prayers and blessings are with our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

*Julianna Barber*

## IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, 5/1 – First Communion Mass, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 5/2 – First Communion Masses, 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Monday, 5/3 – Staff/Teacher Luncheon; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Crossing, 2:30 p.m.; Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 5/4 – Grade 8, Off to Washington D.C., 1:30 p.m.; Grade 7, Picasso Across the Curriculum, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 5/5 – Grade 8, Washington D.C.; Grade 7, Engineer Workshop, 1:15-2:30 p.m.

Thursday, 5/6 – Grade 8, Washington D.C.; All School First Communion Liturgy, 9:15 a.m.; Grade 2, First Communion Photos, 10:15 a.m.; Mad Science, 3:25-4:25; Book Fair Set Up

Friday, 5/7 – Grade 8, Washington D.C.; Grade 4, Madison, 7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Grade 7, Retreat, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Book Fair Preview; Progress Reports Sent Home; Flower Sale Pick Up, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, 5/8 – Grade 8, Returns from Washington D.C.; Book Fair, Before/After Mass

Sunday, 5/9 – Book Fair, Before/After Masses; Holy Name Hosts Family Day Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE** – Just a reminder that if you are in need of financial assistance, please contact the school office for the application. No family should leave St. Mathew School for financial reasons. Completed applications are due in the school office by May 21.

**MAD SCIENCE CLASSES** – Mad Science is offering after school classes for children in grades 4K-5. Classes are on Thursday, May 7, 13, 20 and 27 from 3:25-4:25 p.m. The cost is \$49.50 for the 4-week program. You may register on line at [www.madscience.org/milwaukee](http://www.madscience.org/milwaukee).

**REGISTRATION FEE** – If you paid the partial registration fee, just a friendly reminder that the balance is due on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The registration fee is \$85 per child. \$20 per child down payment was required with your registration in March.

**LAST CHANCE!** – If you forgot to return your Spring Garden fundraiser order form, orders will be accepted on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Any questions, please contact Lisa Reinke at 414-762-8895.

**POSTER CONTEST** – We just received the results and congratulations are in order for the following seventh graders who placed in the Catholic War Veterans Christmas Poster Contest: 2<sup>nd</sup> - Hannah Tezak and 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sarah Ciombor. Way to go!

**HELP WANTED: USED SCHOOL UNIFORMS COORDINATOR** - Are you looking for an easy way to accumulate some volunteer hours for school that can be done outside of the regular school schedule? Please consider being a coordinator for the St. Matthew School Used Uniforms sale. The main sale runs in late August through the first week of classes, with intermittent duties during the school year. The current coordinator, Julie Anderson, will be done with this task at the end of school year 2010-2011. The time is now for some other school parents to learn the ropes for this important school function. If you are interested, please contact Julie via email at [Andersonfam@wi.rr.com](mailto:Andersonfam@wi.rr.com) or call 414-764-8785.

**HOME AND SCHOOL GOLF OUTING** – Join us on Saturday, June 5, 1:00 p.m. shotgun start, scramble format, \$90/player. Includes greens fees, power cart, lunch buffet, door prizes, on-course prizes, trophies, \$10,000 hole in one challenge and much, much more. For more information visit [www.stmattsclassic.com](http://www.stmattsclassic.com) or contact Dave Sims at 414-571-0565.

**USED UNIFORM SALE** - Reminder: With this school year rapidly winding down, please consider donating your used St. Matthew school uniforms for the August used uniform sale. Uniforms must be clean and in good condition. Contact Julie Anderson for more information or for a drop off location. Thank you.

**JOIN TWO-TIME STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SOCCER COACH, KEVIN ROETHE THIS SUMMER AT CAMP DSHA -** Divine Savior Holy Angels High School is hosting a Soccer Camp for girls entering grades 7, 8 and 9. Training in individual skill work, offensive and defensive skill will be covered. Learn how to improve your technique and achieve success, while having loads of fun along the way. This camp will be held July 12-16 from 8:30-11:00 a.m. at Mount Mary College. Registration information is available on our web site [www.dsha.info](http://www.dsha.info) (under Activities and Athletics) or by calling 414-466-3707. Volleyball, basketball, rugby, softball, and field hockey camps are also offered. Sports registration deadline is May 1.

**CONCESSIONS** - Please review the Concession Stand Schedule for the upcoming weeks and note if you are scheduled to work. You are responsible to fill the time you are scheduled. If you are unable to work, please arrange for someone to cover your shift or switch with another family. If you have any questions please contact Jamie Daun. Thank you, SMPAA

<b>Saturday, May 1</b>	<u>8:00-11:00</u> Czerwinski Horman Mackey Litchford	<u>9:00-12:00</u> Spankus Unti Peter Aalderks	<u>11:00-2:00</u> Goedland Harvey Turchin Stout	<u>1:00-4:00</u> Singh Deschaine Anastas Walek
<b>Sunday, May 2</b>	<u>11:00-2:00</u>	<u>12:00-3:00</u> Shelly Madden's Group	<u>11:00-2:00</u>	<u>1:00-4:00</u>
<b>Saturday, May 8</b>	<u>8:00-11:00</u> Paar, Joel Butzer Manke Smith	<u>9:00-12:00</u> Reindl Pogodzinski Weins	<u>11:00-2:00</u> Ciombor Fernandez Sook Hee Han	

<b>SERVERS –</b>	May 1	5:00 p.m.: Sarah Studer	Cross: Carly Sikora
	May 2	7:30 a.m.: Colin McQuitty 9:30 a.m.: Chris Rivera 11:30 a.m.: Rachel Pogodzinski	Cross: Thomas Dolan Cross: Danny Sievert Cross: Ashley Heiges

**WE COLLECT** – St. Matthew's School collects the following items to earn money and/or supplies: McDonald's receipts, empty HP ink/toner cartridges, General Mills box tops, Campbell's UPC codes, Kemps milk caps and labels, Golden Guernsey/ Morning Glory milk caps and cancelled postage stamps. It is helpful if you separate the items. They can be placed in the marked drawers in the plastic bin in the hallway outside of church or sent to the school office. In addition to these collection programs, the school also participates in the Pick 'n Save We Care Program as well as the Target Red Card program. Thank you for supporting our school.

St. Matthew School is accepting registration for grades 5K-8.  
(We are currently at capacity in 4K but are accepting wait list status.)  
Tell a neighbor, tell a friend, remember the Refer-a-Family Program.

***“God answers knee mail.”***

**Go Make a Difference**