

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

February 11, 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,

Your Family Folder is coming to you a day earlier than usual due to Friday's 11:20 dismissal and parent/student/teacher conferences

On Wednesday, you were informed of a calendar change due to work being done in our school building on February 15th by We Energies. While the utility company employees are working, the building will be closed to all others. This impacts our Mardi Gras Celebration, as the 8th graders will not be able to set up for the carnival the day before, as is customary. As stated in the note, we have moved Mardi Gras back one week with Father Pat's approval.

The school office has a new addition. On Wednesday, Mr. Sauve presented a preserved great horned owl to St. Matthew School. Through his efforts, a taxidermist, and those of the DNR, our children will now be able to gain an appreciation of the beauty of one of God's creation.

Speaking of the DNR, Mrs. Stefanich, Mrs. Luther and Mrs. Correll, are three of twenty teachers chosen from the *whole state of Wisconsin* to pilot a new Air Education Activities program developed by the Department of Natural Resources that will help teach students about air quality. How neat is that!

Enjoy our Mid-winter break on February 15th.

Thank you for supporting Catholic Education.

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, 2/12 – 11:20 a.m. DISMISSAL; All School Liturgy by Grade 8, 9:15 a.m. followed by Honors Assembly; Conferences by Request, 1:00-3:20 p.m.; Holy Name Card Party Social, 6:00 p.m.-midnight

Saturday, 2/13 – Catholic Stewardship Appeal

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Monday, 2/15 – NO SCHOOL, Winter Break; Market Day Pick Up, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 2/16 – Grades 5K-6, Six Flags Reading Due; SMPAA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 2/17 – Ash Wednesday; Lent Begins; All School Liturgy, 9:15 a.m.

Thursday, 2/18 – Mad Science, 3:25-4:25 p.m.

Sunday, 2/21 – Grade 8 Ham and Bake Sale after 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses

MARDI GRAS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Refer to the flier that was sent home earlier in the week regarding this change.

HONORS ASSEMBLY – The second quarter Honors Assembly will be held tomorrow, February 12, following the All School Liturgy at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

MARKET DAY PICK UP – Market Day pick up is Monday, February 15, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. The electricity should be back on before Market Day pick up begins.

SCRIP – Scrip orders will be filled on Tuesday, February 16, next week. (Exception--back orders will be filled later in the week.) New orders will not be filled until Monday, February 22.

HAM AND BAKE SALE - The 8th Graders will be selling Ham and Baked Goods after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Mass on February 21. Save yourself a trip to the grocer or butcher by purchasing ham and baked goodies right at church! Donations welcome! Thank you for supporting the 8th Graders trip to Washington D.C.

SCHOLASTIC CHALLENGE – Divine Mercy and St. Thomas Aquinas handed our Scholastic Challenge team their first two defeats. They have one more chance against St. Mary's to make it into the play offs. Good Luck!

SOUTH MILWAUKEE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST – Abby Lownik took part and won both the area and district Knights of Columbus free throw contest last Friday. She will advance to the regional competition in March. Way to go Abby and Good Luck!

McDONALD'S MONEY – There's just over \$3,000 worth of certificates left! Please place an order or if you already have, place another. For every \$1 purchased, McDonalds donates \$.30 to Home and School which is applied to your Home and School fundraising obligation. What an easy fundraiser. All you have to do is eat at McDonalds! Additional order forms can be found in the school office. Any questions, feel free to contact Kelly Koronkowski at 414-762-8815.

"WHAT IS SHE THINKING?" - *Comprehending and Connecting with the Teenage Female Brain* - Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 6:30 p.m., Divine Savior Holy Angels High School - The DSHA Parent Association invites you to attend this informative session where you'll discover what makes girls tick in: academics and learning; behavior and emotion; and communication and relationships. Dr. Heather Moran Mansfield, DSHA Academic Dean will present. The one-hour program will be held at DSHA, 4257 North 100th Street, Milwaukee. Refreshments will be served. RSVP's are not necessary.

COOKIE DOUGH SALE - St. Matt's 8th grade class is holding a cookie dough sale to fundraise for their upcoming trip to Washington D.C. Order forms were in last week's family folder. Orders are due in the school office on Tuesday, February 16. Thank you for your support of this DELICIOUS fundraiser. Any questions please contact Toni Wermerskirchen at 414-761-3634.

SMPAA MEETING – The next meeting is Tuesday, February 16. Anyone whose child is in St. Matt's athletics is invited to attend.

BASKETBALL PHOTOS – Hold the date! Basketball photos will be taken on February 28, in the Saints room at 11:00 a.m.

LIVING OUR FAITH – The February 20 "Catholic Knights presents Living Our Faith" episode, hosted by Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI, spotlights the sacrament of marriage. Learn about the U.S. Bishop's Pastoral Letter on Marriage. Hear why Joe and Gina Loehr, a young married couple from Shepherd of the Hills Parish (Eden), dedicate so much of their time helping young couples prepare for the sacrament of marriage through the Engaged Enrichment program sponsored by the archdiocese. Lydia LoCoco, director of the Nazareth Project, explores the many programs offered to support marriage and families in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. And, this week's filmed feature spotlights couples who have been married for decades as they share the "secrets" to their successful marriages. Watch "Catholic Knights presents Living Our Faith" Saturday, February 20, at noon, on WISN TV 12. The program also airs on Time Warner Cable's Wisconsin On Demand, Channel 411 and is replayed on Relevant Radio. If you miss a show, every segment is available at www.livingourfaith.net.

BULLDOG NEWS – The 6th grade boys won their basketball game against St. Gregory's 35-23. They currently have 10 wins and no losses for the season. Way to go Bulldogs!

CARD PARTY – St. Matthew Parish, Co-sponsored by Catholic Family Life Insurance (9303 South Chicago Road, Oak Creek) will hold a Card Party on Friday, February 12, in the school cafeteria. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. There will be food, snacks, beer, raffles and door prizes. The cost is \$10 at the door. For further information, call Mike at 414-764-9196.

SIX HOUR READING CLUB (Grades 5K-6) – Hurry! The deadline is Tuesday, February 16. Be sure to give your completed reading log to your teacher.

SMPAA OPEN GYM WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Join us on Tuesday nights from 8:00-10:00 p.m. at the Parkway Apostolic gym (located at 10940 South Nicholson Road) for women's open gym volleyball sponsored by the St. Matthew Parish Athletic Association. This will run through March 30. No need to sign up, just come when you can. The cost is \$4 per night. Any questions, contact Stacy Sims at stacysims@wi.rr.com or 414-571-0565.

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| SERVERS – | February 13 | 5:00 p.m.: | Anna Daun | Cross: | Noah Daun |
| | February 14 | 7:30 a.m.: | Tanner Apple | Cross: | Beck Apple |
| | | 9:30 a.m.: | Briana Deschaine | Cross: | John Pintar |

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