

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

February 19, 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,

The season of Lent has begun. During Mass on Ash Wednesday, Father Pat reminded us that "Lent can be a time for us to review our lives as a whole and to consider the ways we respond to God's call." Our school theme "Go Make a Difference" certainly fits within the focus of Lent.

This week is a unique week: Mardi Gras was rescheduled to Tuesday, February 23rd, due to the work done by Wisconsin Electric on February 15th. On Friday, there are no classes so that our faculty may participate in an in-service day. We will be attending a retreat in the morning that includes Mass with Bishop Callahan at St. Joseph Convent. In the afternoon, we will receive "lock down" training from the Oak Creek Police Department.

Finally, in this week's Family Folder, you are receiving information about the "Refer a Family" program that offers a \$100 tuition reduction from next year's tuition for a referral that results in a family enrolling at St. Matthew School for the 2010-2011 school year.

Thank you for supporting Catholic Education.

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Tuesday, 2/23 – Mardi Gras

Wednesday, 2/24 – Home and School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 2/25 – Grade 5, Villa, 9:15-11:00 a.m.; Mardi Gras Raffle, 2:00 p.m.; Mad Science, 3:25-4:25 p.m.;
Cookie Dough Fundraiser Pick Up, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Friday, 2/26 – **NO SCHOOL**, Teacher in Service

Sunday, 2/28 – Basketball Photos, 11:00 a.m.

MARDI GRAS – Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Costume Contest 10:30 a.m. followed by Crowning of Mardi Gras Court

Carnival - 1:00-3:00 p.m.

MARDI GRAS RAFFLE – Thursday, February 25, 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend any of these activities!

SOCCER CLASSIC – St. Matt's Soccer Classic Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mark/Luke room. We will be discussing and planning the upcoming Soccer Classic. Everyone is invited to attend. Come with your new ideas. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tom Borts at borts@sbcglobal.net or 414-766-9536.

AUCTION MEETING – The meeting scheduled for Monday, February 22, has been cancelled.

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.

HELPING HANDS FOR HAITI – Student Council would like to thank everyone for purchases of lollipops, baked goods and donations. We will be donating \$550.00 to Helping Hands for Haiti with the profits from the sales.

BASKETBALL PHOTOS – Next Sunday, February 28, basketball photos will be taken in the Saints room. Coaches have the schedule with the time of your team's photo.

THE BIG BACKYARD – Be sure to check your family folder for information regarding a new fundraiser from The Big Backyard, an indoor children’s playground (www.thebigbackyardwi.com). This is a great place for kids to burn off some energy, stay active and have a blast during the cold winter months and rainy spring days! It’s also a great location to host meetings, book clubs, etc.—let the kids play while you catch up with friends! The 10-visit punch cards are discounted \$20 and \$5 from each sale goes directly to the school—submit your order no later than March 15 to Sharen King with checks payable to St. Matthew Home and School. Your kids will be so glad you did!

SCHOLASTIC CHALLENGE – Congratulations to the Scholastic Challenge team. They defeated St. Mary’s of Burlington 24-13. The win put the team into the semi-finals. They won the match against St. Roman’s, but then lost by one point to Divine Mercy in the championship game. The team of Michael Armanious, Drew Butzer, Nick Cheaney, Frank Margraff, Amanda Lee and Jacob Schroder did a great job and the second place trophy is on display in the office!

COOKIE DOUGH PICK UP - The pick up date for the 8th grade Cookie Dough Fundraiser is Thursday, February 25, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at St. Matthew’s. Please call Toni at 414-761-3634 if you have any questions. Thank You!

MARKET DAY – Thank you to all who helped with or purchased food at our February Market Day sale. Our profit was \$248.21.

THANKS – Thank you for the generous donations. Our school collected \$150.00 on “Dollar Day” for classroom books at St. Anthony’s Catholic School.

MCDONALD’S MONEY – There’s 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. Additional order forms can be found in the school office. Any questions, feel free to contact Kelly Koronkowski at 414-762-8815.

LIVING OUR FAITH – The February 27, "Catholic Knights presents Living Our Faith" episode, hosted by Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome E. Listeki, examines social media as a new means of evangelization. Hear from Otilio Fernández, volunteer host of Mensajero Católico, about the Saturday morning Spanish language radio program on La Gran D in Milwaukee. The program helps keep the Hispanic community informed about news and events in the archdiocese. Learn how social media is contributing to the growth of several Catholic young adult groups in the archdiocese. Virginia Zignego, communication director for Pro Life Wisconsin and Lolec, talks about the important role social media plays in the ways she communicates with her audiences. In addition, this week’s filmed feature spotlights Mike Hayes, author, “Googling God,” and the developer of www.BustedHalo.com. Watch "Catholic Knights presents Living Our Faith" Saturday, February 27, 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 5th grade girls’ basketball team remains undefeated after 2 victories over the weekend. The scores were 26-2 over St Johns/St Martins and 35-7 over St Johns/MSQ. The 6th grade boys’ basketball team took another win over St. Thomas Aquinas 31-23. Their record is 11-0 with 2 games left to go. The 7th grade boys won the championship of the St. Rita tournament. They beat several quality teams leading up to the championship. They beat a St. Joseph Racine team in the championship game, which had won 64 straight games, by a score of 35-32. (Rumor? Coaches will be shaving their heads?) Way to go Bulldogs!

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.

SERVERS –	February 20	5:00 p.m.:	Rachel Anderson	Cross:	Amanda Craig
	February 21	7:30 a.m.:	Katalyna Bartek	Cross:	Corinne Luczak
		9:30 a.m.:	Evan Siira	Cross:	Noah Stout

“Time heals everything. Give time, time.”

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