

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

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,

What a wonderful Catholic Schools Week—we've enjoyed celebrating the fact that St. Matthew School is a strong Catholic school. During this week, we have prayed, learned and played together. Each class has also participated in a service project, as we have given life to this year's Catholic Schools Week theme: Catholic Schools—Faith—Academics—Service.

We are blessed with the support of our entire parish family. The School Advisory Committee, parent volunteers, Mrs. Shadd and I have been involved with many marketing activities during the past month in order to get the good news of St. Matthew School out to the community. Bulletin reminders, newspaper ads, and postcards are just some of the ways we have sought to promote our school. Our most powerful ambassadors, of course, are you—St. Matthew School parents. Word-of-mouth is the strongest marketing tool. With everyone's continued support, St. Matthew's will continue to pass on our Catholic faith and values in a school staffed by skilled, caring teachers, and guided by dedicated school advisory members and volunteers.

I will be away from my office February 8-10 while I attend the National Catholic Education Association Special Needs Conference. The information I gather at this conference will strengthen our learning support team.

A Blessed Catholic Schools Week, indeed! Thank you all for supporting Catholic education!

Mrs. Barber

February 3, 2012

What's Happening 2/4-2/10

Saturday, 2/4 – Bread Sunday; Winterfest

Sunday, 2/5 – Bread Sunday

Monday, 2/6 – Mad Science, 3:25-4:25 p.m.; Market Day Pick Up, 4:30-6:00 p.m.; School Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, 2/10 – 11:20 A.M. DISMISSAL; Prayer Service Hosted by Grade 4, 9:15 a.m.; Conferences by Request, 1:00-3:00 p.m.; Middle School Fundraiser Dance, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

HIGH INTEREST DAY – High Interest Day was a huge success. We were blessed with nineteen interesting presentations and many volunteers who helped the morning run smoothly. **THANK YOU!!!** A special thanks to our staff for their help on this important day. Also thank you Mike and Micki Sullivan for their donation of water for the presenters. A **HUGE** thank you to Brenda Barfoth and Shirley Kitelinger who coordinated all of the presenters. This was a huge task and I deeply appreciate their help. Please refer to the list of presenters in your family folder today. The day turned out great because of all of you! St. Matthew School is very blessed.

Diane Shadd, High Interest Day Coordinator

MEMORY BOOKS – Order forms for Memory Books are in your family folder today. The books are \$12 each and a great remembrance of the 2011-2012 school year. The books are delivered to school at the end of the school year and are distributed at that time to only the students who ordered them. **Orders are due Monday, February 27th.** We do **not** order extra books, so if you want to order, please do so by the deadline.

FEBRUARY MENU - The menu for the week of February 20th has changed. Please note these changes on your calendar:

Monday, 2/20 = Chicken Patty

Tuesday, 2/21 – Mini Corn Dogs

Wednesday, 2/22 – Noodles with Assorted Sauces, Soft Breadstick

Thursday, 2/23 – Soup and Sandwich

Friday, 2/24 – English Muffin Cheese Pizza

CONGRATULATIONS to seventh graders Jason Klatt, Trenton Marsolek and Rachel Pogodzinski for receiving Certificates of Recognition from the Wisconsin K-12 Energy Education Program's (KEEP) Energy Bookmark Contest. The judges were impressed by the creativity and depth of their entries. Good job Jason, Trent and Rachel!

WAY TO GO Ashlyn McQuitty! Her solo, a contemporary dance, took 2nd place at the Co. Dance competition in Chicago last weekend. In addition, Ashlyn was one of eight scholarship recipients. Awesome job Ashlyn!

ALUMNI NEWS – The Taste of Oak Creek posters around the community about this Oak Creek Community Center event was designed by alum, Kelly Kotowski, Class of 2011. Kelly was also chosen as Oak Creek Business Student of the Month. Way to go Kelly!

Congratulations to the following alumni students who obtained academic honors during their second quarter at Saint Thomas More High School: Highest Honors (cumulative GPA above 3.845) – Nicholas Cheaney, Amanda Lee, Alyssa Loferski, Drew Butzer, Scott Butzer, Glenn Margraff and Mathew Peter. First Honors (cumulative GPA of 3.145-3.844) – Noah Daun, David Merkel, Jacob Schroeder, Andrea Schulner and Hannah Tezak-Bart.

BULLDOG NEWS – Our 6th grade boys' basketball team (that is combined with Divine Mercy) took 3rd place at St. Thomas Aquinas tournament last weekend. Members of the team from St. Matt's are Devin Barfoth and Alex Reinke. Great job!

McDONALD'S MONEY - McDonald's money is here. This easy Home and School fundraiser started on February 1, 2012 and runs through June 30, 2012. Order forms are available in the school office. Orders will be filled on a first come first serve basis until all certificates are gone. Any questions, please feel free to contact Kelly Koronkowski at 414-762-8815. Thank you for supporting this great fundraiser.

South Milwaukee Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest for Boys and Girls ages 10-14; Divine Mercy Gym, 1800 16th Avenue, South Milwaukee; Friday, February 3rd, Registration at 6:30 p.m., Contest Begins at 7:00 p.m.

“LIVING OUR FAITH WITH ARCHBISHOP LISTECKI” RETURNS FEBRUARY 4TH - Taped on location at Old St. Mary Parish, Milwaukee, where the most Catholic marriage ceremonies took place during 2010-2011, the February 4th episode will look at the topic of marriage – how the Catholic Church defines it, and national and local Catholic initiatives that support marriage. Just in time for Lent, our feature segment will feature the Stations of the Cross at the Basilica of Holy Hill, Hubertus, guided by Milwaukee Auxiliary Bishop Donald J. Hying. Archbishop Listecki will also share his opinion on Catholic online dating and how singles today use social networking in their quest to find the perfect spouse. Watch “Living Our Faith with Archbishop Listecki,” presented by Catholic Financial Life, on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at noon. Can't watch? DVR it, or view it the following week at www.livingourfaith.net.

HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING DATES – The dates of the next two Home and School meetings have changed. The March meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21st (instead of the 7th) and the May meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16th (instead of the 2nd). Please make a note of these changes. Remember that two Home and School meetings are required or \$20/meeting as stated on the 5K-Grade 8 Tuition Contract.

REFER-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

Refer a family to enroll their child/ren in St. Matthew School and receive \$100 off next year's tuition.

REGISTRATION

We are accepting registrations for the 2012-2013 school year in grades 4K-8.

For information, call the school office at 414-762-6820 Ext. 10.

SERVERS –	February 4	4:00 p.m.:	Megan Janquart	Cross:	Amanda Janquart
	February 5	7:30 a.m.:	Keagan Wardius	Cross:	Ryan McNeive
		9:30 a.m.:	Kristen Fakler	Cross:	Briana Deschaine

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. We have also joined the My Coke Rewards for School program. Go to www.mycokerewards.com/school. St. Matthew's has partnered with *Think Recycle* to properly dispose of electronic waste. We recycle cell phones, laptops, tablets and MP3 players. Place items in the marked Rubbermaid bins in the hallway outside of church. Thank you for supporting St. Matthew School.

Family Faith Sharing

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals and as a family. Jesus was faced with a choice in Sunday's Gospel. By choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast. The man knew that Jesus had a choice and that Jesus could reject his request. He may have expected that Jesus would not help him. The social taboos regarding leprosy certainly gave him little on which to base his hope. In the person of the man with leprosy, we see an image of all those in need. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us, to see if we as Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.

Gather with your family and talk about some of the choices you have made as a family. (where to go on vacation, what activities to do together, how to spend our evenings, and so on) How does your family go about making these decisions? What do your choices communicate to others about your family's values? In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus was faced with a choice. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:40-45. In choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus chose to show God's compassion and mercy. All our choices reflect our faith, and others are watching. Conclude in prayer together, asking God to help your family show compassion to others in your family decisions.

(<http://www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection.htm?sld=83889>)

“Young people have to be able to make their own mistakes.”



“C U @ Mass”

HONOR ROLL * = 4.0 or above

QUARTER 2

GRADE 8

FIRST HONORS (4.1 - 3.7)

Dhanya Attipetty

Katalyna Bartek

Nicole Burchardt

Rachel Chilson

Abigail Czerwinski

Amanda Janquart

Ji Yun Lee

Evan Siira

Carly Sikora

Emma Sims

Harpreet Singh

Joseph Wasilik

SECOND HONORS (3.69 - 3.2)

Hollie Poehler

Kayleigh Pook

Kylie Rivers

Bryce Schultz

GRADE 7

FIRST HONORS (4.1 - 3.7)

Anna Daun

Thomas Dolan

Lauren King

Jacob Kotowski

Katelynn Lambert

Trenton Marsolek

Sarah Studer

Andrea Sullivan

SECOND HONORS (3.69 - 3.2)

Tanner Apple

Jenna Borts

Dolores Ehrhardt

Jacob Klatt

Jacob Kucharski

Ryan McNeive

Colin McQuitty

Keagan Wardius

Nathan Wester

GRADE 6

FIRST HONORS (4.1 - 3.7)

Aaron Craig

Amanda Czerwinski

Rebecca Koronkowski

Abby Lownik

Jacklyn Payne

Hannah Poehler

Savannah Pook

Alexander Reinke

SECOND HONORS (3.69 - 3.2)

Mathew Attipetty

Kimberly Koleske

Emily Shelton

John Valla



TO OUR 2012 HIGH INTEREST DAY PRESENTERS

Cake Decorating	Lynn and John Winter
Oak Creek Police / Canine Unit	Mike Musa
Tae kwon do	Master Joe Peterson
Raymond Heights Golf Course	Tim Stare
Altius Gymnastics	Mike Robb
Hammett Clinic of Chiropractic	Dr. Randall Hammett
Oak Creek Fire Department	Dan Rezner
Science Around the House	Jill McDonough
Milwaukee County Sheriffs Department	Deputy Juan Avila
Dentistry	Dr. Thomas Navratil
Transportation Security Administration TSA-Security	Carol Dohm Maximo Pelaez
Milwaukee Admirals Broadcaster	Aaron Sims
Habush & Habush	Linda Meagher, Ms. Lavin, Mark Young
Hitters Baseball	Ross McCoy, RJ Ferges
Havenwoods State Forest	Jessie Swener
Toppers Pizza	David Gilewski
My Hair Lady	Paula Miller
Kohl's Department Store	Jenni Groot
Color Wheels	Angela Jackson,
Milwaukee Art Museum	D. Omernik-Nimen
Studio 21 / Theatre Games	Kas Amby



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for coordinating our presenters.
High Interest Day would not have been possible without their help.*