

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

January 22, 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,

What an exciting week! Mrs. Stefanich, Mrs. Luther, Mrs. McDonald and Ms. Kozlowski have been working diligently, planning the activities for Catholic Schools Week: the week will be awesome. As noted below, Archbishop Listecki has just notified us that he will be participating in our Community Read-a-thon on Tuesday, February 2nd! Check the activity sheet included in this week's Family Folder to see what's happening every day of Catholic Schools Week. You will also find a flyer requesting help serving cake at the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, January 31, as a part of hospitality for the beginning of the week long celebration.

Speaking of awesome—congratulations to Amanda Lee who recently won both the Spelling Bee and the National Geographic Bee! Amanda will be representing St. Matthew School as she moves on to the next level in both of these competitions.

I want to express a big "thank you" to members of Building and Grounds and the Technology Committee for installing the new SMARTboards in 6th grade and K5. Again, these SMARTboards were made possible due to a bequest made to the school. St. Matthew students are indeed blessed by the support of those who value Catholic education.

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, 1/23 – Winterfest, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, 1/25 – NO SCHOOL, Teacher in Service; Culver's Day; Auction Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 1/27 – Home and School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 1/28 Grade 8, OCHS Visit, 9:00 a.m.; Grade 5, Villa, 9:15-11:00 a.m.; Art Class, 3:20 p.m.

Friday, 1/29 – Report Cards Home

Saturday, 1/30 – Catholic Schools Week Begins; Catholic Schools Week Mass, 5:00 p.m.

ADULT CHARITY BASKETBALL GAME - St. Matthew's Parish Athletic Association Board and Basketball Coaches will be playing Divine Mercy in basketball on Friday, January 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the Divine Mercy gym on 16th Avenue in South Milwaukee. Divine Mercy has invited St. Matthew's to play in the spirit of goodwill and sharing. We would love to see all of you there to cheer on your team. There are planned events during breaks in the game for fans to participate. Call Joe Miller with any questions, 414-331-6732.

WINTERFEST – Come join the fun—Saturday, January 23, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, in the cafeteria. Bring a dessert to share. Hot dogs will be available for the kids. There will be music, karaoke, arcade, chili contest and much more. See you there!

AUCTION MEETING – Please join us on Monday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Matthew Room.

GEOGRAPHY BEE – Congratulations to Amanda Lee who won the St. Matt's Geography Bee last week. The next step for Amanda is to take a written test to see if she advances to the state level. Good luck Amanda!

SPELLING BEE – Congratulations to Amanda Lee who also won the St. Matt's Spelling Bee this week. Amanda and Evan Siira, Nick Cheaney, Emma Sims and Michael Armanious (alternate) will represent St. Matthew's at the District Spelling Bee on Tuesday, January 26, at 6:00 p.m. at Oak Creek East Middle School.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - We are honored to have Archbishop Jerome Listecki visit our school on Tuesday,

February 2, from 10:00-11:15 a.m. He is part of our "Community Readers" activity and will read to three classrooms. If time permits and his schedule allows, he will briefly make rounds throughout the entire school. Please look for the "Calendar of Catholic Schools Week Events" in your family folder today for more information on this special week.

HAT AND MITTEN DRIVE – The Hat and Mitten drive organized by Student Council collected 175 hats and mittens! The donations were split between Meta House, St. Anthony School and the Congregation of the Great Spirit. A huge thank you for all the donations.

SUNRISE CLOTHING – St. Matthew logo shirts for youth and adults are on sale for \$3.99 at Sunrise Clothes. What a great way to advertise our school during Catholic Schools Week and/or our Open Houses. Sunrise is located at 916 Milwaukee Avenue in South Milwaukee.

MARKET DAY – Thank you to all who helped with or purchased products for our January Market Day sale. Our profit was \$237.35.

WHOOOPS – The correct website for the Just Add Kids program is: justaddkidsonline.net Sorry for the inconvenience.
T. Rivers-Meyer

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.

SCRIP PROFITS – Thank you for supporting the St. Matthew Scrip program. Our profits for October were \$2, 196, November - \$2,996.05 and December - \$3,702.05.

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

SIX HOUR READING CLUB (Grades 5K-6) – Continue reading to earn your free Six Flags ticket. Reading logs are due to your teacher by Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

MEMORY BOOKS – Don't forget to order a Memory Book. The books are \$12 each and a great remembrance of the 2009-2010 school years. 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. Order forms are available in the school office. All orders are due Monday, February 1. We do **not** order extra books, so if you want to order, please do so at this time.

SMPAA OPEN GYM WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Please 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, please contact Stacy Sims at stacysims@wi.rr.com or 414-571-0565.

SERVERS –	January 23	5:00 p.m.:	Noah Daun	Cross:	Anna Daun
	January 24	7:30 a.m.:	Ryan McNeive	Cross:	Thomas Dolan
		9:30 a.m.:	Danny Sievert	Cross:	Colin McQuitty

PLEASE SHARE THESE IMPORTANT DATES –

**ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Sunday, January 31, 2010 - Following 9:30 a.m. Mass (10:30a.m. -1:00 p.m.)
Friday, February 5, 2010 - 9:15 a.m. All School Liturgy -
Open House immediately following from 10:15-11:30 a.m.

"We never know how good we are until we are called to rise."

-Emily Dickinson

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