

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

January 29, 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,

Catholic Schools Week is here!!! This year's theme is "*Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life!*"

Please refer to the calendar of Catholic Schools Week events that came home in last week's family folder. Join us at our prayer service on Monday and our liturgy on Friday. Open House tours of our school for prospective parents will take place after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday and the 9:15 Mass on Friday.

St. Matthew School is a vibrant educational institution that is blessed by the support and dedication of our parish, faculty and our students and families. Without this tremendous support and dedication, St. Matthew School could not live its mission: "to build a Catholic community where we encourage others to proclaim the Gospel with compassion and hope."

Thank you for supporting Catholic education.

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Sunday, 1/31 – Catholic Schools Week Masses, 7:30, 9:30; Open House 10:30-1:00

Monday, 2/1 – Catholic Schools Week; Out of Uniform, Spirit Wear, Blue/Gold; Prayer Service, 9:00; Pep Assembly, 2:30; Board of Education, 6:30

Tuesday, 2/2 – Catholic Schools Week; Out of Uniform, Pajama Day; Read-A-Thon with Community Readers, 10:00; St. Blaise Day

Wednesday, 2/3 – Catholic Schools Week; Out of Uniform, Wacky Wear; Ice Cream Social, 2:30; Regional Spelling Bee

Thursday, 2/4 – Catholic Schools Week; Out of Uniform, Jeans/Casual Wear; All School Field Trip, Discovery World, Grades 1-8, 8:45-2:15; Grades 4K and 5K, 8:45-12:30; Art Class, 3:20-4:20

Friday, 2/5 – Catholic Schools Week; All Scholl Liturgy by Grades 6-8, 9:15; Open House, 10:00-11:30; Dollar Day Games, 1:00; Picture Presentation of CSW, 2:30; 8th Grade Fundraiser Dance, 6:30-9:30

Saturday, 2/6 – "Bread" Sunday

Sunday, 2/7 – "Bread" Sunday

SPELLING BEE – The District Spelling Bee which was held Tuesday night, January 26, at Oak Creek East Middle School results are in. There were 38 spellers in the bee, and St. Matthew's was represented very well by its 4 participants. Evan Siira (grade 6) finished 22nd, Nick Cheaney (grade 8) finished 7th, Amanda Lee (grade 7) finished 4th, and the 2010 Oak Creek-Franklin School District Spelling Bee champion is 6th grader, Emma Sims! Emma and Amanda will participate in the Regional Spelling Bee, which will be held on Wednesday, February 3, at Greendale High School. Way to go St. Matt's and good luck girls at the Regional Spelling Bee.

CHARITY BASKETBALL GAME - What a fun time! The Charity basketball game between Divine Mercy and St. Matt's Athletic Departments and Basketball Coaches last Friday night was wonderful. The Divine Mercy gym was packed with screaming fans, fun events and good basketball. The St. Matt's team of Jeremy Karmen, Dan Lownik, Tom Borts, Mike McNeive, Donna Dugan, Rick Cheaney, Jamie Daun, Chad Wolf, Joe Miller, John Craig, Dan Duchniak, Dave Hochschild and Andy Paar defeated the Divine Mercy team in an action packed game 67-57. Led by Coaches Marty Chilson and Dave Sims the team played with energy and made all St. Matt's parishioners proud. The fans made the night with banners, signs and a Bulldog mascot cheering on their adult Bulldog players. The students screamed and cheered as we were victorious over the nearby neighbors of Divine Mercy. The students swarmed the court after the win and even created a tunnel for the winning team to run through after the game. To top it all off, Father Pat won a free-throw shooting contest versus a former Marquette basketball player. WOW!!!! Thanks to Divine Mercy for inviting us and putting on a great

event. They really were wonderful hosts. This event was a fund raiser to assist two parish families who lost loved ones recently. Money was raised through generous donations, concession purchases, 50/50 raffle, ping pong ball toss, etc. Divine Mercy and St. Matt's will split the \$1,000. Each of the two St. Matt's families that are receiving donations will receive \$250. How WONDERFUL is that!!!

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.

McDONALD'S MONEY - St. Matt's Home and School is again selling McDonalds gift certificates. For every \$1 purchased, McDonalds donates \$.30 to Home and School. What an easy fundraiser. All you have to do is eat at McDonalds! Information and order forms are in your family folder this week. Any questions, feel free to contact Kelly Koronkowski at 414-762-8815.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – Begins this weekend! Be sure to refer to your “Calendar of Catholic Schools Week Events” that was in your family folder last week for information about this special week. As mentioned last week, we are honored to have Archbishop Jerome Listecky 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.

MEMORY BOOKS – LAST CHANCE! Orders are due Monday, February 1. 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. We do **not** order extra books, so if you want to order, please do so at this time. Extra order forms are available in the school office.

SERVERS' PARENTS - The February and March Servers schedule is in an envelope in the January 29 family folder. Please check it and mark your serving date on the calendar. There is also an update server list in case you need to find a sub.
Judy Wargin

BULLDOG NEWS – Last weekend the 7th grade girls team beat St. Leonard's 14-8. They are the first place team! Way to go Bulldogs!

SOUTH MILWAUKEE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST - For All Boys and Girls ages 10 to 14. Friday, February 5, 2010. Divine Mercy Gym, 1800 16th Avenue, South Milwaukee. Registration at 6:30 p.m. Contest begins at 7:00 p.m. District Level for 1st Place at 8:00 p.m.

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) – Continue reading to earn your free Six Flags ticket. Reading logs are due to your teacher by Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

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 30	5:00 p.m.:	Noah Stout	Cross: Evan Siira
	January 31	7:30 a.m.:	Katalyna Bartek	Cross: Lauren Tehan
		9:30 a.m.:	Amanda Lee	Cross: Ashley Heiges

***“God loves us even when we are unlovable.
Remember to love your family even when they are unlovable.”***

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