

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

June 3, 2010 (Last newsletter this school year.)

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,

It's hard to believe! The year has flown by, and it will soon be time to close the school books and concentrate on enjoying sunny days and family times. The events that signal the end of another year are about to occur. Our school picnic is tomorrow; eighth grade graduation is Sunday, the 5K social is on Wednesday and Donuts with Dad, followed by Mass and the last honors assembly will take place on Thursday. And with that, another school year draws to a close.

I am proud of our eighth grade graduates. Because they have worked hard during their time at St. Matthew School, I know they are prepared to take on the next step of their educational journey: high school. Know that our prayers go with you. You will be missed.

It is also time to bid farewell to Ms. Staszak, our music teacher! Ms. Staszak has accepted a contract for the next school year with the Racine Unified School District as an orchestra teacher. Although she has been with St. Matthew School for only one year, she has made a lasting impression on our music program. Some of us are still humming the *Penguin Polka!*

Sister Felicia will be celebrating her Jubilee, marking her 60th year as a Sister of St. Francis of Assisi this July. We have been blessed by Sister's presence as our Guidance Counselor in the past and currently as our in-house tutor. Congratulations, Sister Felicia!

More congratulations are in order as Ms. Hunholz will become Mrs. Noller on June 19th. Our best wishes for a beautiful wedding day!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again in the fall!

Have a blessed summer.

As always, thank you for supporting Catholic education.

Julianna Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, 6/4 - School Picnic, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Saturday, 6/5 - Home and School Golf Outing, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, 6/6 - Grade 8, Graduation Mass, followed by Reception, 2:00 p.m.

Monday, 6/7 - NO Gym Class; Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 6/8 - GYM Class; 2010-2011 School Packets Sent Home

Wednesday, 6/9 - GYM Class; 5K Social, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, 6/10 - Last Day of School; Donuts With Dad; All School Liturgy followed by Honors Assembly, 9:15 a.m.;

10:30 A.M. DISMISSAL; End Quarter 4, NO After School Extended Care

Monday, 6/14 - Market Day Pick Up, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 6/16 - Auction Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 6/17 - Report Cards Mailed

Friday, 6/18 - Fish Boil, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

JOIN US FOR THE SCHOOL PICNIC TOMORROW - Friday, June 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Caledonia-Mt. Pleasant Memorial Park (same as last year) 9614 Country Road K in Franksville. (Nicholson road south until you can't go any further. Turn right. The park is on the left.) Bring your bats, gloves, softballs (no hardballs please), footballs, soccer balls, other outdoor type sports equipment. (Students are responsible for what they bring.) There is a big play area for the younger children. Students may wear jeans, other long pants, or shorts. SHORTS will be allowed if they are at least mid-thigh length. Other types of clothing NOT ALLOWED are crop tops, cut off t-shirts, spaghetti straps, or shirts with any tobacco, alcohol, or other types of questionable messages. Anyone wearing inappropriate clothing will NOT be allowed to go to the picnic. We will travel by bus which was covered by the Home and School Association. Since this is an all school activity, students are expected to take the bus to the picnic. We will be grilling at the picnic. Each person will receive a morning snack and lunch (hot dogs, chips, cookies and a drink). Individual snacks and drinks are allowed. There will not be refrigeration available for bag lunches or snacks. **RAINDATE: There is none!** In case of rain, the children will participate in fun activities at school. Lunch will still be provided.

GYM CLASS - Please note as stated on the June calendar that a few of the June gym classes have been changed. There WILL NOT be phy ed classes on Monday, June 7, but there WILL BE on Tuesday, June 8.

EXTENDED CARE REMINDER - No after school (10:30 a.m. dismissal) Extended Care on Thursday, June 10th. (It will be open before school only.)

HONORS ASSEMBLY – Thursday, June 10, after the 9:15 a.m. Mass, the 6th and 7th grade academic medals and 4th quarter honor roll assembly will be held. Please join us!

8TH GRADE GRADUATION – Celebrate with us as our 8th graders graduate on Sunday, June 6. Mass begins at 2:00 p.m. followed by a social. Best wishes to our graduates!

5K SOCIAL – On Wednesday, June 9, our 5K students will celebrate the conclusion of the school year with a kindergarten social. Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in church.

2010-2011 SCHOOL PACKETS – Look for all the information you need for next school year in the packet that will be sent home on Tuesday, June 8th.

SOCCER CLASSIC – We would like to thank all the volunteers who put in countless hours all weekend to make the Soccer Classic successful. We could not do this without you. A special thank you to Cari Wolf and her kitchen crew for everything they do. And also to Donna Dugan who lined up and scheduled all the wonderful volunteers. Thank you for everything!!! Sincerely, The SMPAA

SMPAA – Volunteer checks (your refunded deposit) will be in your family folder today. Be sure to look for it.

MARKET DAY – Just a reminder that there will be Market Day pick up on Monday, June 14. The pick up time will begin earlier from now on. Pick up will begin at 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

SUMMER TUTORING AVAILABLE – Mary Brzozowski, certified teacher grades 1-8 and a substitute teacher at St. Matthew, is available for summer tutoring. If interested, please call 414 383-8976.

HELP WANTED - June 14th-The Buildings and Grounds team is preparing to continue installing the ceiling tile and new lighting work in three of the lower level classrooms in the main building. Start time is 5:00 p.m. This work is being funded by the Faith in Our Future (FIOF) campaign. If you can help with the ceiling tile removal or if you have experience putting in new ceiling tile grids, please call or email Alan Bronikowski at 414-762-5770 or abronikowski@wi.rr.com or contact Tom Schneider at the parish office.

LUNCH IOU'S – We are no longer accepting IOU's. Anyone that does not have a lunch ticket or money for lunch will not be able to obtain an IOU. The students will receive a peanut butter sandwich instead. In addition, you may not have extra milk if you do not have money. Please pay existing IOU's ASAP.

PARISH-PARENT CONTRACT – Contracts are due! Complete, sign and return to the school office. A copy will be returned to you.

REPORT CARDS – Report cards will be mailed Thursday, June 17. Remember that your report card will be held if all contractual obligations are not met. This includes Home and School obligations, tuition and/or extended care.

LOST AND FOUND – The lost and found is on display outside the school office. Please take a few minutes to claim lost items.

SERVERS –	June 5	5:00 p.m.:	Marie Hofmann	Cross:	Sarah Hofmann
	June 6	7:30 a.m.:	Beck Apple	Cross:	Tanner Apple
		9:30 a.m.:	Kayleigh Pook	Cross:	Ashley Heiges

WE COLLECT – PLEASE CONTINUE TO COLLECT THESE ITEMS THROUGHOUT SUMMER. 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. In addition to these collection programs, the school also participates in the Pick 'n Save We Care Program as well as the Target Red Card program. Thank you for supporting our school.

St. Matthew School is accepting registration for grades 5K-8.
(We are currently at capacity in 4K but are accepting wait list status.)
Tell a neighbor, tell a friend, remember the Refer-a-Family Program.

“Beginnings are better than endings.”

To the class of 2010 – Best Wishes and God Bless You!

“Have a safe, restful, enjoyable summer!”

SAVE THE DATE—BACK TO SCHOOL DAY
THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2010, ANYTIME BETWEEN NOON AND 6:00 P.M.
(Remember this day counts as the first day of school.)
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST.
4K AND 5K ONLY WILL HAVE AN 11:20 A.M. DISMISSAL THIS DAY.

Go Make a Difference