

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

March 12, 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,

You may know the old saying that if "March comes in like a lion, it'll go out like a lamb." With all the cold weather, rain, and fog we've had at the beginning of the month, I hope the saying holds true—we're due for some sunshine and warmth!

The school calendar continues to reflect a variety of activity. This week, the Iowa Test of Basic Skills was completed in grades 3, 5, and 7. Our 8th graders had their graduation pictures taken. Next Wednesday is an out of uniform day in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Please check the flyer in this week's Family Folder that describes what can and cannot be worn on this day. Rollaero takes place on Thursday night. All these activities speak to the vitality of our school.

It was good to see those parents who attended Wednesday's Home and School meeting. I had the opportunity to share some details about the ASCD convention I attended that took place March 5-9th. Over 9,000 teachers and administrators participated in the event that took place in San Antonio, Texas. I attended sessions dealing with technology and 21st century skills, differentiated instruction and response to intervention. The workshops were excellent.

Finally, in today's folder you will find registration information for the 2010-2011 school year.

Thank you for supporting Catholic Education.

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, 3/14 – GIFT, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, 3/15 – Market Day Pick Up, 5:00-6:00 p.m.; GIFT, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 3/17 – St. Patrick's Day, Out-of-Uniform, Color Green

Thursday, 3/18 – Rollaero, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Friday, 3/19 – 1:20 P.M. DISMISSAL; All School Liturgy by 5K, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 3/20 – Lenten Four Parish Cluster, Communal Reconciliation, 10:00 a.m.; "Seasoned" Member Social, 6:30 p.m.

DO YOU NEED SERVICE HOURS? - The Buildings and Grounds team is preparing to start the ceiling tile and new lighting work in the lower level of the school building. The Faith in Our Future (FIOF) campaign has secured the funds for this project. Now we need volunteers. The work will be done in evenings and begin on Monday, April 5, during Easter Break. If you can help with the ceiling tile removal or if you have experience putting in new ceiling tile grids, please call or email Diane Shadd in the school office at 414-762-6820 Ext. 10 or school@stmattoc.org. We urgently need help with the ceiling tile grids and will train willing individuals. Even if you can't volunteer during spring break, please call now so that we can call on you during later phases of the project that will be done later in the school year and during the summer months.

AUCTION MEETING – Next Auction meeting is Thursday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fish Bowl. Feel free to join us!

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY – Wednesday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day – Students should wear their favorite green clothing. Students may wear jeans (with no rips or tears) if they are wearing a green shirt. Students choosing not to participate must come to school in their uniforms. Shorts, wigs, costumes, face paint and hair coloring are not allowed for this out-of-uniform day.

ROLLAERO – Thursday, March 18, 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Please join the fun. Only St. Matthew students and their families may attend. Rollaero Skate Center, 5200 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Cudahy. \$3.50 (Pay at the door.) School behavior

is expected. The class with the highest attendance percentage will receive a soda party from Student Council. Please check in with Ms. Gosz at Rollaero to make sure your attendance is recorded. See you there!

YOU ARE INVITED - Driea Bode of the 3rd grade will be making her stage debut in All Times Girls and Boys Show at the Racine Theatre Guild, Wednesday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, and your attendance is welcome. The Racine Theatre Guild is located at 2519 Northwestern Avenue, Racine. Break a leg, Driea!

PARENTS OF SERVERS - The scheduling information sheet for the APRIL and MAY servers' schedule is in today's family folder. **DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 19. PLEASE get your information in either by returning the form or emailing Kim who does the scheduling and me.**

Judy Wargin

McDONALD'S CERTIFICATES – Still \$1,300 of certificates left. You can place another order. Remember that every \$1 purchased, McDonalds donates \$.30 to Home and School which is applied to your Home and School fundraising obligation. Any questions, feel free to contact Kelly Koronkowski at 414-762-8815.

THE BIG BACKYARD – This new Home and School fundraiser from The Big Backyard, an indoor children's playground (www.thebigbackyardwi.com) is ending soon. 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.

MR. Z'S FUNDRAISER – The Mr. Z's Pizza fundraiser for Home and School is being held now until Friday, March 19. Please turn in all orders with one check made payable to St. Matthew Home and School. This fundraiser counts toward your Home and School fundraising obligations. In addition, your family can earn free items and your child can earn prizes. Delivery will take place on Wednesday, April 14, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser, please contact Bonnie Sikora at 414-573-9301 or bonnie.sikora@cnh.com.

LIVING OUR FAITH – The March 20 "Catholic Knights presents Living Our Faith" episode, hosted by Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome E. Listecky, spotlights Catholic social justice. Art Wigchers, board member of the Catholic Relief Services Foundation, and Ted Larkin, director of the Midwest regional office of Catholic Social Services, talk about Catholic Relief Services' efforts in countries such as Haiti. Stephanie Dietrich, former faculty coordinator of Operation Michael, and Erin Davis, a senior student leader of Operation Michael, share information about the program, a Catholic Memorial High School initiative, which raises awareness about the problems of the homeless in Milwaukee. The filmed feature takes a look at a parish twinning relationship between St. Boniface Parish, Germantown, and a parish in Bolgatanga, Ghana in Africa. Watch "Catholic Knights presents Living Our Faith with Archbishop Listecky" Sunday, March 20, at 11:00 a.m., 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.

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 –	March 13	5:00 p.m.:	Andi Sullivan	Cross:	Katie Sullivan
	March 7	7:30 a.m.:	Lauren Tehan	Cross:	Hannah Tezak
		9:30 a.m.:	Jacob Hochschild	Cross:	Danny Sievert

WE COLLECT – St. Matthew's School collects the following items to earn money and/or supplies: McDonald's receipts, used 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 helping to support our school.

“A wise man learns by the mistakes of others, a fool by his own.”

Go Make a Difference