

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

May 14, 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,

The school year may be winding down, but the amount of activity at St. Matthew School is still going strong! A glimpse at this week shows the broad spectrum of engagement. For, in addition to their regular studies, St. Matthew students were involved in the following. The week began with Muffins for Mom and the Book Fair; both were great events! On Thursday, Mrs. Koleske visited both the 3rd and 4th graders to talk about Junior Achievement. Police Chief Bauer met with our 5th grade class because they donated teddy bears to the Oak Creek Police Department. Our police officers, in turn, will be giving the bears to children who are in crisis situations. On Friday, the week ended as it began, filled with special events: Liturgy, the 5th grade Square Dance presentation and the all school Jump rope for Heart, a fundraiser for the American Heart Association. In addition, on Friday, 6 of our middle school students represented St. Matthew School at the Faith-a-thon that took place at the Tyme Out Center in Nashotah.

St. Matthew School Philosophy states: "Our school enables its students to emerge as successful leaders through the development of their personal, social, intellectual, physical, and creative capabilities. St. Matthew gives each student the opportunity to live the word of Christ through service to others..." This past week certainly bore witness to that philosophy.

Thank you for sharing your precious children with the faculty and staff of St. Matthew School.

Julianna Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, 5/17 – Market Day Pick Up, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 5/18 – Grades 5-8, Cadet Speaker, 2:15 p.m.

Wednesday, 5/19 – Grades 3 and 4, JRA, 8:45-10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 5/13 – Grades 4K and 4, Animal Garden, 8:45-2:30; Mad Science, 3:25-4:25 p.m.; Rollaero, 6-8:00 p.m.

Friday, 5/14 – 1:20 P.M. DISMISSAL; All School Liturgy by Grade 6, 9:15 a.m.

YOU ARE INVITED – Grade 2 will present their play, "Pinocchio" on Thursday, May 27th, at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend!

SCHOOL PICNIC – Information regarding the annual school picnic is in your family folders today. Mrs. Valla has volunteered to coordinate the food for the picnic. Many other hands are needed to help with the transporting of the coolers and grilling. If you are able to help, please call the school office at 414-762-6820 Ext. 10. You are greatly appreciated!

LOST – A light pink crystal bracelet has been lost. There are two medallions also on the bracelet (one of Mary and the other a cross with Jesus). If you find it, please turn it into the school office. Thank you!

MUFFINS WITH MOM WAS MAGNIFICENT!!! - A special thank you to all of the teachers and parents who organized and orchestrated this week's Muffins with Mom. A very special thank you to Lisa Reinke for the wonderful powerpoint of our children.
From, the Moms of St. Matthew.

FAITH A THON COMPETITION - Today six of our middle school students will represent St. Matthew School at the annual Faith A Thon held by the TYME Out Center in Nashotah, Wisconsin. We wish Harley Perkins, Christine Zacharius, Noah Daun, Hannah Tezak, Kayleigh Pook and Emma Sims good luck as they compete against other middle school students in knowledge of the Catholic faith.

AUCTION MEETING – The next meeting will be Monday, May 24, 7:00 p.m. in the Matthew Room. All are invited to attend.

PARISH-PARENT CONTRACT – Contracts went home in your family folder last week. Please complete (grade 4K, 3.a. and grades 5K-8, 7.a.), sign and return to the school office by Monday, May 17.

USED BOOK SALE – St. Matthew's 2nd Annual Used Book Sale will be held on Tuesday, May 25. All books are 25 cents. The sale will be held in the school library and during the library class times.

LOST AND FOUND – The lost and found will be on display beginning next week outside the school office. Please take a few minutes to claim your lost items.

CONGRATULATIONS – At the Girl Scout Recognition event held Monday, May, 10th, Carol Daun and Dawn Walek received the Outstanding Leader Award. These leaders have demonstrated outstanding troop coaching and mentoring qualities in the delivery of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. In order to receive this Award, the nominee's work with their Troop has exceeded expectations for the position.

ROLLAERO – The last Rollaero of the school year will be held on Thursday, May, 20th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Only St. Matthew's students and their families may attend. It will be held at Rollaero Skate Center, 5200 South Pennsylvania Avenue in Cudahy. It is \$3.50 and you pay at the door. It is sponsored by Student Council. School behavior is expected. The class with the highest attendance percentage will receive a soda party from Student Council. Be sure to check in with Ms. Gosz at Rollaero to make sure your attendance is recorded.

ALUMNI NEWS - St. Thomas More's award-winning Robotics team just completed its competition season for the year. The group took fifteenth 15th place in its 86-team division at the World Competition in Atlanta. More Robotics won the Minnesota Regional Competition. The group won awards at the International competition and in both Regional events. More Robotics features St. Matthew's graduate William Schulner.

FINAL STATEMENTS – The final statements with fundraising, service hours and Home and School Meeting attendance will be sent home next week along with an amount due if obligations are not met. Please turn in your service hours at this time. Just a reminder that after June 1 fundraising profits will be applied toward next year's fundraising. Also, report cards will be held if Home and School contractual obligations, tuition and/or extended care fees are outstanding.

SUMMER TUTORING - Would you like your student to maintain and build on his/her literacy skills this summer? Does your child need to practice counting, writing numbers, addition/subtraction or other math skills? Help your student gain confidence during Ms. Hunholz's summer tutoring program for students entering grades 4K, 5K and 1st grade. All sessions will be held at St. Matthew School for an hour each. One session will be literacy focused, while the other will be math based. Please contact Ms. Hunholz at school or send an email to k5.grade@stmatoc.org for more information.

TUITION ASSISTANCE – If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact the school office for the application. No family should leave St. Mathew School for financial reasons. Completed applications are due in the school office by May 21.

HOME AND SCHOOL GOLF OUTING – Join us on Saturday, June 5, 1:00 p.m. shotgun start, scramble format, \$90/player. Includes greens fees, power cart, lunch buffet, door prizes, on-course prizes, trophies, \$10,000 hole in one challenge and much, much more. For more information visit www.stmattsclassic.com or contact Dave Sims at 414-571-0565.

CONCESSIONS - Please review the Concession Stand Schedule for the upcoming weeks and note if you are scheduled to work. You are responsible to fill the time you are scheduled. If you are unable to work, please arrange for someone to cover your shift or switch with another family. If you have any questions please contact Jamie Daun. Thank you, SMPAA

<u>Saturday, May 15</u>	<u>8:00-11:00</u> Granado Kucharski Peter Anderson	<u>9:00-12:00</u> Gruszewski Czajka Slogaski Wermerskirchen	<u>11:00-2:00</u> Januszewski Sikora Rodriguez Wenig	<u>1:00-4:00</u> McQuitty Bode Aalderks
<u>Sunday, May 16</u>	<u>11:00-2:00</u> Lozano Dolan Gulland Skrobis	<u>12:00-3:00</u> King Martin Packee Calabrese	<u>2:00-5:00</u> DiLorenzo Crisci Czubinski	
<u>Saturday, May 22</u>	<u>8:00-11:00</u> Rodriguez Slogaski Janquart	<u>9:00-12:00</u> Hatfield Yang Schaefer	<u>11:00-2:00</u> Wojnowski Margraff Keidl	<u>1:00-4:00</u> Gonzales Malison Galaczewski
<u>Sunday, May 23</u>	<u>11:00-2:00</u> Hodel Schleicher Januszewski Schroeder	<u>12:00-3:00</u> Keidl Boone Weins	<u>2:00-5:00</u> Eder Deschaine Koch Bisswurm	

SERVERS –	May 15	5:00 p.m.: Noah Daun	Cross: Anna Daun
	May 16	7:30 a.m.: Corinne Luczak	Cross: Amanda Horman
		9:30 a.m.: Rachel Chilson	Cross: Rachel Anderson

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. 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.

“A bible that's falling apart belongs to a person who isn't.”

Go Make a Difference