

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

May 7, 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,

St. Matthew School is, indeed, a vibrant community! This week was filled with activity. The faculty and staff were treated to a scrumptious lunch on Monday as part of Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week. We want to thank Mrs. Duchniak and her crew for spoiling us!

On Monday, the 8th graders had their crossing ceremony which really marks the beginning of the graduation process. Each student received a cross which was blessed by Father Pat. They will wear their crosses during their final days at St. Matthew School. They boarded the bus to Washington D.C. on Tuesday. The first event on their itinerary was a tour of the White House. They will return home on Saturday.

On Thursday, the 2nd graders planned our all school Mass. They dressed in their First Communion clothes and had their pictures after Mass was over.

7th graders had presentations from both Picasso across the Curriculum and the Engineer's Workshop on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Madden facilitated their class retreat on Friday and 6th grade's class retreat on Thursday. On Friday, our 4th graders journeyed to Madison to visit our state capitol.

Finally, happy Mother's Day to all Moms! I hope your day is filled with special family time.

Thank you for supporting Catholic Education!

Julianna Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, 5/8 – Grade 8, Returns from Washington D.C.; Book Fair, Before/After Mass

Sunday, 5/9 – Book Fair, Before/After Masses; Holy Name Hosts Family Day Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.

Monday, 5/10 – Muffins With Mom, 8:30 a.m.; Book Fair; Confirmation at St. Stephen's

Tuesday, 5/11 – Book Fair, SMPAA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 5/12 – Book Fair (a.m. only); Home and School Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 5/13 – Grades 3 and 4, JRA, 8:45-10:00 a.m.; Mad Science, 3:25-4:25 p.m.

Friday, 5/14 – All School Liturgy by Grade 5, 9:15 a.m.; All School Square Dance Presentation by Grade 5, 10:45 a.m.; Jump Rope for Heart, 1:30-3:00 p.m.; Fish Boil, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE THANKS – It was a hit . . . a homerun . . . it was out of the park! The Staff Appreciation Tailgate luncheon was a winner! Every detail was enjoyed and appreciated (i.e. personalized pennants, decorations, delicious food, etc.) Many thanks to Manager Jill Duchniak and her team for a terrific luncheon! You are all winners in our playbook!

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Our School Picnic is planned for Friday, June 4. A volunteer is needed 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 willing to help, please call the school office at 414-762-6820 Ext. 10. Your help is greatly appreciated!

STUDENT COUNCIL – Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's elections. The representatives are: At-large – Nicole Burchardt, Ryan McNeive, Emma Sims; Grade 5 – Jacklyn Payne, Hannah Poehler; Grade 6 – Thomas Dolan, Katelynn Lambert; Grade 7 - Bryce Schultz, Evan Siira; Grade 8 – Rachel Anderson, Amanda Lee; Primary (Grades 1-2) – Abby Czerwinski; Secondary (Grades 3-4) – Rachel Chilson. The Vice President will be Amanda Craig and the President is Shannon Dugan. Congratulations!

FINAL STATEMENTS – The final statements with fundraising, service hours and Home and School Meeting attendance will be coming home soon 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.

HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING – The last Home and School Meeting of the year will be held Wednesday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Two meetings are required or \$20/meeting.

PARENTS OF SERVERS - Servers in Grades 5, 6, and 7 have letters about the June and July Server Schedule in this week's folders. 8th grade servers will get their letter on Monday May 10. **Deadline to return the server form is TUESDAY, MAY 18TH.**

PAWPRINT MAGNETS – Due to a production problem the magnets have been delayed and will be delivered next week or the early part of the following week. Sorry for any inconvenience.

GIVE A KID A BEAR HUG – The fifth grade class collected teddy bears for the Oak Creek Police Department who distributes them to kids they meet in situations of domestic abuse, lost children, accident victims, etc. They help put a smile on the face of a child in distress. The class collected over 60 teddy bears and will present them to Police Chief Tom Bauer on May 13th. Way to go Grade 5.

ALUMNI NEWS – Congratulations to the following St. Matt's graduates: Erin Pintar (Class of 2008) was inducted into the National Honor Society at Racine Lutheran High School. Eric Pintar (Class of 2006) will be attending UW-Platteville this fall majoring in Environmental Science and Land Reclamation. He was also recruited to play football for the Pioneers. John Hammernik was selected to Oak Creek's Prom Court. Cecilia Margraff, Tyler Schultz, and Brian Zapp won Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare scholarships. Wheaton Franciscan is giving 12 scholarships to students in Saint Thomas More's brand new Biomedical Science program. The scholarships are awarded based on a combination of GPA, class ranking, extracurricular activities and teacher recommendation. Way to go alumni!!!

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.

"LOOKING FOR A ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION TO SUMMER DAY CARE OR CAMPS?" - My name is Deb Hammernik and I am a 2005 graduate of St. Matthew's. I am looking for a family in need of a babysitter for the summer. I have seven years of babysitting experience and am currently 19 years old. I have babysat for many other St. Matt's families and enjoy providing educational childcare at an extremely reasonable rate. I am able to start on May 28 and continue until August 31 and would need two weeks off for vacation time. If this sounds like a great match then please contact me at 414-232-6701 or at deborah.hammernik@yahoo.com. I look forward to meeting you and your children!

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.

USED UNIFORM SALE - Reminder: With this school year rapidly winding down, please consider donating your used St. Matthew school uniforms for the August used uniform sale. Uniforms must be clean and in good condition. Contact Julie Anderson for more information or for a drop off location. Thank you.

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 8</u>	<u>8:00-11:00</u> Paar, Joel Butzer Manke Smith	<u>9:00-12:00</u> Reindl Pogodzinski Weins	<u>11:00-2:00</u> Ciombor Fernandez Sook Hee Han	
<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	

SERVERS –	May 8	5:00 p.m.: Sara Hofmann	Cross: Marie Hofmann
	May 9	7:30 a.m.: Ryan McNeive	Cross: Nick Cheaney
		9:30 a.m.: John Pintar	Cross: Josh Duchniak

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.

“Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.”

Go Make a Difference