

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

January 20, 2011

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.

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

The school year is officially half over! It's hard to believe. Report cards will be distributed on January 25th. You will find a request form for parent conferences in your report card envelope. Either you or your child's teacher may request a conference on February 11th. Our second quarter awards presentation will follow the all school liturgy on January 31st.

The end of January always marks the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year is: *Catholic Schools: A+ for America*. Historically, Catholic Schools have played an important role in educating the children of America. This tradition carries on today. We are blessed by the support of our parish as we follow the command to "teach as Jesus did." Please share the good news of Catholic education here at St. Matthew School. Our teachers have been busy planning Masses and prayer services as well as a list of activities that will take place the week of January 30-February 4th. Check the activity sheet included in this week's Family Folder to see what's happening every day of Catholic Schools Week. I also want to thank our Home and School Association for paying for the cost of our busses on February 3rd, when we go to the gym at Parkway Apostolic for an afternoon of volleyball and other athletic activities.

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, 1/25 – Report Cards Sent Home

Thursday, 1/27 – Grade 5, Villa, 9:15-11:00 a.m.

Friday, 1/28 – School Registration due!

Sunday, 1/30 – Catholic Schools Week Begins; Open House, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



To the St. Matthew families, parish, staff and my family,

It is with extreme gratitude that I thank each of you for the festivities, cash, gift cards, presents, greeting cards and kind words. A special thank you for those precious slips of papers from the students. You have overwhelmingly shown me your kindness and generosity.

Love,

Mrs. Reimer

A special thank you to Lisa Reinke, Denise Erickson, Kathy Esselman, Sharon Stelter, Darlene Brindowski, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton and Mr. and Mrs. Unti.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK PERMISSION SLIP – A permission slip went home for the CSW Volleyball/Spirit Day. The gym we are going to is Parkway Apostolic. We are sorry for the omission on the form.

FREE THROW CONTEST – The South Milwaukee Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held for all boys and girls ages 10 to 14 on Friday, February 4. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m., contest at 7:00 p.m. and District Level for 1st place at 8:00 p.m. It will be held at the Divine Mercy Gym, 1800 16th Avenue, South Milwaukee. All are invited to participate.

SPELLING BEE – Congratulations to Evan Siira who took 2nd place in the District spelling bee! Thomas Dolan was 5th and Emma Sims was 7th! Evan and Thomas will represent St. Matthews at the Regional spelling bee on February 9th in Kenosha.

BULLDOG NEWS – Congratulations to the 5th grade girls blue team. They were the consolation champs at the St. Lucy's tournament last week. Their trophy is on display in the school office. Members of the team are: Kassandra Bartek, Amanda Czerwinski, Hannah Poehler, Emily Shelton, Jenny Budzisz and Abby Lownik. Way to go Bulldogs!

REGISTRATION – It's time to register your child/ren for the 2011-2012 school year. **Registration forms are due Friday, January 28.** There is an \$85 **per child** non-refundable registration fee. If you cannot send the entire registration fee at this time, please send a down-payment of \$20 per child. This down-payment will ensure your child/ren's enrollment. The balance of the registration fee is due Friday, April 29, 2011.

MEMORY BOOKS – Order your Memory Book today. The books are \$12 each and a great remembrance of the 2010-2011 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. **Orders are due Monday, February 7.** We do **not** order extra books, so if you want to order, please do so at this time.

SAVE THE DATE! - The 2011 St. Matthew Home and School golf outing will be held on Saturday, June 11. This year's event will take place at Ives Grove Golf Links in Sturtevant (just west of I-94 at Highway 20). More information will be available in the coming months. Contact Dave Sims with questions at davesims@wi.rr.com or 414-571-0565.

FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - We are in need of a person or persons to lead the auction committee. Over the last few years the auction has provided the school with many needed items. This includes most of the smart boards, all of the text books, all of the computers and many other things too numerous to mention. The textbooks we have now will need to be replaced in the next year or two. It would be incredibly difficult to replace these without the funding provided by the auction. If you, or someone you know, has any interest in helping the school with this event, please contact John Lee at jpleeand2@sbcglobal.net.

ARCHBISHOP LISTECKI SCHEDULED TO BE ON WTMJ MORNING NEWS PROGRAM – Archbishop ListECKi Hosts Living Our Faith Television Program - The January 22 episode of "Catholic Financial Life presents Living Our Faith with Archbishop ListECKi," looks at the future of Catholic Education. Kathleen Cepelka, superintendent of Catholic Schools, will be on set to discuss the future of Catholic education. Watch "Catholic Financial Life presents Living Our Faith with Archbishop ListECKi" on Saturday, January 22, at noon, on WISN TV 12. The program also airs on Time Warner Cable's Wisconsin On Demand, Channel 411. If you miss a show, every segment is available at www.livingourfaith.net.

REFER-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

Refer a family to enroll their child/ren in St. Matthew's School and receive \$100 off next year's tuition.

Please share these important dates with friends and neighbors:

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

During Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, January 30, 2011

Open House following 9:30 a.m. Mass (10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

or

Monday, January 31, 2011

Please join us at the 9:15 a.m. School Liturgy

Open House immediately following, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

If you are unable to attend these Open House opportunities, call the school office to schedule a tour.

REGISTRATION

Begins January 30th

SERVERS –

January 22

4:00 p.m.: Marie Hofmann

Cross: Sarah Hofmann

January 23

7:30 a.m.: Colin McQuitty

Cross: Michael Silva

9:30 a.m.: Ashley Heiges

Cross: Briana Deschaine

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.

P r a y e r F i r s t

“Take care of the possible and trust God with the impossible.”

Prayer Square

A Parent's Prayer At Report Card Time

O God, who sent us children of such different talents.

Help us to appreciate them for what they are.

Help us not to overpraise the scholar and underpraise the dreamer.

Inspire us, as parents, to say the right words to let them all know,

They are loved equally, in spite of their grades.

And thank you, God for not grading parents.

Amen.