

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

January 7, 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,

Happy New Year! 2011 is upon us, and it brings good news.

We recently took delivery of a leveled reader library and a set of the most current State of Wisconsin textbooks. The addition to the creative playground has been ordered. We will soon be placing an order for SmartBoards. The funds for these purchases were made possible through the auction that took place in November. St. Matthew School continues to grow and meet the needs of students in the 21st century through the generosity of those committed to the support of Catholic education!

January is full of other excitement as well. The first semester will be coming to an end this month. Both the Spelling Bee and Geography Bee take place during January. Catholic Schools Week will begin on January 30. You will be receiving a complete calendar of events for Catholic Schools Week shortly.

Finally, during this next week, Mrs. Reimer will be much on our minds. As you know, her retirement is scheduled to begin at the end of the school day on January 14th. This Sunday is the parish retirement reception, immediately following the 9:30 Mass. We have designated January 14th as "Rose" day, for Mrs. Reimer's full name is Rose Sharon Reimer. Students, teachers, faculty and staff will wear red/pink in her honor; a reception and small program will take place at 10:30 in the cafeteria. Cake and juice will be served; parents are invited to attend. St. Matthew Parish is truly grateful for her years of dedicated service to the children of our school. I have known Mrs. Reimer since she arrived at St. Matt's in 1987. She taught all three of my children; I am blessed to know her as a colleague and a dear friend. I know that I speak for the entire faculty and staff when I say, "We'll miss you, Shari!"

You may have heard that Mrs. Reimer suffered a fall earlier this week and broke her wrist. She will be having surgery to repair her wrist next Tuesday. Due to this turn of events, Mrs. Fleishmann has taken on the teaching duties in K4 a week earlier than expected. We welcome her to the St. Matthew School Family!

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, 1/9 – Mrs. Reimer Farewell, 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Gathering Space

Monday, 1/10 – 4K, Altius, 9:00-11:00 a.m.; Market Day Pick Up, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 1/11 – Spelling Bee, 2:00 p.m.; Mad Science, 3:25-4:25 p.m.; Student Council Meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 1/12 – Home and School Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, 1/14 – 1:20 P.M. DISMISSAL; "Rose" Day, Out-of-Uniform, Prayer Service by Grade 7, 9:15 a.m.;

Mrs. Reimer Farewell, 10:30 a.m., Cafeteria; Middle School Fundraiser Dance, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

YOU'RE INVITED . . .

We will be honoring Mrs. Reimer on Sunday, January 9th. Mrs. Reimer will be greeting visitors in the gathering space from 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. A social and food will begin at 11:30 a.m. Please help spread the word and plan to join us. Everyone is invited.

The school will be bidding farewell to Mrs. Rose Sharon Reimer on Friday, January 14th at 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. In honor of "Rose" we are asking everyone to wear red or pink. All are welcome to attend as we honor this special teacher.

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY – On Friday, January 14th, come to school dressed in red or pink in honor of Mrs. "Rose" Sharon Reimer. Students may wear jeans (with no rips or tears) if their top is red or pink. Students choosing not to participate must come to school in their uniform.

SCRIP NEWS – Our profits for Scrip for the following months are: June-\$1,498.52, July-\$1,477.32, August-\$1,528.83, September-\$2,274.49, October-\$2,738.93, November-\$2,678.39, December-\$4,198.49. Please continue to support the St. Matthew's Scrip Program.

SPELLING BEE- On Tuesday, January 11th at 2:00 p.m. we will hold our Spelling Bee. Participants are from grades 5-8. All are welcome to attend.

REGISTRATION – It is time to register your child/ren for the 2011-2012 school year. Registration forms are in your family folder today and due by January 28th. 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 forms for Memory Books are in your family folder 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. If you want to order, please fill out the information on the envelope and return it to the school office by Monday, February 7th. We do **not** order extra books, so if you want to order, please do so at this time.

PARENTS OF SERVERS - In today's family folder you will find a letter asking you for your child's availability to serve Mass in the months of February and March. **Deadline to get the information to me/and Kim is MONDAY, JANUARY 17.** Kim is going out of town that week and will be doing the schedule in the evening on January 17th. If your information does not get to us, your child will not be on the February/March schedule. Thanks for being on time!
Mrs. Wargin

BULLDOG NEWS –The Divine Mercy/St. Matthew's 6th grade girls basketball team had a victory over Blessed Sacrament with a score of 41-8. They also came in 3rd place in the St. Romans tournament. They earned the third place title by defeating St. Romans with a score of 46-8. Way to go Bulldogs!

SCOUTING NEWS - Congratulations to 6th grader, Jacob Kotowski. He earned all 4 Boy Scout commemorative badges--signaling, path finding, carpentry, and tracking. Way to go Jacob!

CONGRATULATIONS - St. Thomas More High School has offered scholarships to the following 8th graders based on scoring in the upper 20th percentile on the entrance test and/or on the quality of their entrance essay. Congratulations Frankie Margraff, Jacob Schroeder and Noah Daun. We are so proud of you.

ARCHBISHOP LISTECKI SCHEDULED TO BE ON WTMJ MORNING NEWS PROGRAM - The New Roman Missal will be discussed on the January 14th episode of "Living Our Faith with Archbishop Listericki," on Relevant Radio. Dean Daniels, director, Office for Worship, Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and Fr. Steve Malkiewicz, director of Worship and lecturer in Liturgical Studies, Saint Francis de Sales Seminary, will discuss what the new translation means for Catholics in southeastern Wisconsin. Listen to "Living Our Faith with Archbishop Listericki," Friday, January 14, at 9:30 a.m. on Relevant Radio FM 100.1 and on www.relevantradio.com. Episodes will also be available on 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 8

4:00 p.m.: Aaron Craig

Cross: Amanda Craig

January 9

7:30 a.m.: Jenna Dankert

Cross: Rachel Anderson

9:30 a.m.: John Valla

Cross: Keagan Wardius

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

"Have more money by having fewer wants."

Prayer Square

God our Father, increase our faith. Let it grow a little more every day.

Help us to accept and trust you when you say you love us;

to believe you when you tell us not to be afraid;

to give easily when you ask us to be generous,

and to listen when you invite us to learn.

We ask this through your son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.