

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

March 4, 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 season of Lent begins this Wednesday, March 9th. Please join us for liturgy at 9:15. As you know, Prayer First is our school theme this year; I'd like to share this Lenten prayer with each of you.

Lenten Prayer for Ash Wednesday

May Lent be for us

A time of learning to see

Where Christ is crucified today,

A time of learning to recognize

The complex roots of injustice,

To recognize the Gethsemanes

In our global community.

May we witness the suffering of God's children

As Mary witnessed

Her beloved son's suffering.

May Lent be for us

A time of learning to become

An Easter people,

A time of learning to recognize

The deep roots of compassion,

To recognize that we, too, are called

To witness the empty tomb

And to announce

To a world in despair

The hope of the Resurrection.

by Jane Dean, Education for Justice, www.educationforjustice.org

Have a blessed Lent!

Thank you for supporting Catholic Education!

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, February 28th - Friday, March 18th - Grades 3, 5, 7 – ITBS Testing Window

Sunday, 3/6 – Grade 2, Parent/Child, Sacramental Class, 10:30 a.m. OR 3/7

Monday, 3/7 – Market Day Pick Up, 4:30-6:00 p.m.; Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Grade 2, Parent/Child, Sacramental Class, 6:30 p.m. OR 3/6

Tuesday, 3/8 – Mardi Gras

Wednesday, 3/9 – Ash Wednesday; School Mass, 9:15 a.m.

Thursday, 3/10 – Mr. Z's Orders DUE!

Friday, 3/11 – Mardi Gras Raffle, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, 3/12 – Fundraiser Basketball Game at Divine Mercy, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 3/13 – Daylight Saving Time Begins, Spring Ahead 1 hour

MARDI GRAS VOLUNTEERS – We are in need of volunteers to help with face painting at Mardi Gras. If you are able to help, please call the school office. Thank you!

PARENTS OF SERVERS - In today's folder you'll find a Server Availability slip for April and May for your son or daughter who serves Mass. Please note that the DEADLINE date for returning the form is **Friday, March 18th** (in two weeks). *Judy Wargin*

McDONALD'S MONEY – \$1,400 of certificates are still available! They are good from February 1 through June 30, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Koronkowski at 414-762-8815.

MR. Z'S FUNDRAISER - The sale will end on Thursday, March 10th. Delivery will take place on April 6, 2011. Please include **one** check payable to St Matthew Home and School when you turn in your order. A portion of the proceeds that you sell will be applied towards your fundraiser obligation. In addition, there are incentives for the family as well as the children. If you have any questions regarding the fundraiser, please contact Bonnie Sikora at 414-573-9301 or by email at bonnie.sikora@cnh.com.

SCHOLASTIC CHALLENGE – Congratulations to our Scholastic Challenge team. Last Thursday they defeated St. Catherine of Racine 26-23 in the semi-finals. They then beat St. Mary's of Kenosha 23-20 to win the 2011 Scholastic Challenge championship. This is the sixth time that a team from St. Matthew's has won the championship. The championship trophy will be presented to the school after Friday's prayer service. Members of this year's championship team were eighth graders Amanda Lee, Frank Margraff and Jacob Schroeder; seventh graders Evan Siira and Emma Sims; and six grader Thomas Dolan. Great job St. Matt's!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KNOWLEDGE CONTEST – The South Milwaukee Knights of Columbus Council #1709 provided the Knowledge Contest (Math and Spelling) to Divine Mercy and St. Matthew Schools and the test was administered by the teachers of grades 5, 6, 7 and 8. The winners from St. Matt's are as follows: 5th grade Spelling: 1st Rebecca Koronkowski, 2nd Abby Lownik; 6th grade Spelling: 2nd Thomas Dolan; 7th Grade Spelling: 1st Emma Sims, 2nd Evan Siira; 8th Grade Spelling: 2nd Amanda Lee; 7th Grade Math: 2nd Dhanya Attipetty and 3rd Evan Siira. The first place winners attend the next level of competition on Saturday, March 5. Way to go St. Matt's and good luck Rebecca and Emma!

BULLDOG NEWS – The 6th grade girls' basketball team ended the season with a 42 to 11 victory over St. Romans. With this victory, the girls accomplished back to back undefeated seasons. The girls were honored after the game and got to cut down the net to celebrate another great season.

CATHOLIC FINANCIAL LIFE PRESENTS LIVING OUR FAITH WITH ARCHBISHOP LISTECKI - The March 13th episode focuses on marriage. In a filmed feature, Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse will discuss current societal issues relating to marriage and family. Watch "Catholic Financial Life presents Living Our Faith with Archbishop ListECKI," Sunday, March 13, at 11:30 a.m., on WISN TV 12. The program also airs on Time Warner Cable's Wisconsin On Demand, Channel 411. (Find it under Your Community tab.) 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.

REGISTRATION

We are accepting registrations for the 2011-2012 school year in grades 4K-8.
Please call the school office at 414-762-6820 ext. 10.

SERVERS –	March 5	4:00 p.m.:	Amanda Janquart	Cross:	Hollie Marifke
	March 6	7:30 a.m.:	Amanda Czerwinski	Cross:	Abby Czerwinski
		9:30 a.m.:	Rebecca Koronkowski	Cross:	Kayleigh Pook

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.

Prayer First

"More die of overfeeding than underfeeding".

Prayer Square

May the strength of God pilot us.

May the wisdom of God instruct us.

May the hand of God protect us.

*May the salvation, O Lord, be always ours,
this day and forever more. Amen.*

Mrs. Brindowski's Aunt passed away.
The funeral is on Monday.
Since she will be attending the funeral,
we will not be able to have hot lunch on Monday,
3/7.

Please bring a bag lunch to
school on Monday!

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There will not be snack cart
on Tuesday due to Mardi Gras.
We also do not have snack cart
during lent.

This means that snack cart will resume after spring
break on Tuesday, May 3.

March 4, 2011

Dear Parents,

On March 1st a new law called, Wisconsin Act 160 went into effect. This law mandates how medication is administered during school hours.

All medication used during school hours should come to the school office and be administered by trained staff. It requires all medication to be supplied by the parent in the original container. This includes over the counter medication such as: Tylenol, ibuprofen, cough drops, antibiotic ointment, Benadryl, etc. We cannot have these medications (any containing an active ingredient) on hand and administer them to your child with your verbal "OK". The attached (pink) Medication Consent Form must accompany the medication you provide to the school office.

We cannot accept:

- handwritten notes from parents
- medication in baggies
- phone calls to give medication

I would suggest that if your child has an occasional headache at school, you complete the attached paperwork and send it to school along with the medication to avoid a phone call in which you would need to come to school to administer medication to your child.

If you are sending medication from the doctor, it also must be in the original container and the attached (blue) Medical Provider Authorization form completed, including the doctor's signature. If necessary, ask your pharmacy to provide a separate container to be kept at school.

The attached forms will be added to our website. The forms completed at the beginning of the school year are acceptable for the remainder of this year. If you are sending in medication for the remainder of the year, please use the attached forms.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

Mrs. Barber
Principal

Attachments