

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

October 22, 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.

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Our autumn field trips have begun . . . our kindergarteners traveled to the pumpkin patch today. Field trips are both educational and fun. We are blessed by the amount of parents and grandparents who offer to chaperone on these excursions. I want to remind everyone, however, of the Archdiocesan rules surrounding volunteers and chaperones. "All adults who volunteer must receive 'Safeguarding All of God's Family' training. This includes: coaches, scout leaders and *anyone* who chaperones *any* field trip." This training is not optional; you need only to attend once. Training is offered at various times here at St. Matthew Parish; the bulletin will always announce when a training session will take place here. You may, however, attend a session at another parish. Check the archdiocesan website, <http://www.archmil.org>, for dates and times.

We are so grateful to our volunteers! Being sure that you've been trained will allow you to volunteer here at school as well as off campus on field trips. If you have any questions about the training, please feel free to call the school office.

Thank you all for supporting Catholic education!

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, 10/24 – GIFT, 10:30 a.m.; Athletic Photos

Monday, 10/25 – Out-of-Uniform, Pink Day; GIFT, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 10/27 – Grades 1 and 2, Falk Park, 9:15-11:15 a.m.

Thursday, 10/28 – Grade 5, Villa, 9:15-11:00 a.m.

Sunday, 10/31 – Ham and Roll Sale by 8th Grade Fundraising after 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses

FALL ATHLETIC PHOTOS – This Sunday, October 24th, in the saint's rooms. Photos are for soccer, volleyball and cross country teams. Your coach should notify you of the time of your team's photo.

CONFERENCES – The conference scheduling is complete. Look for your conference date and time in your family folder this week.

THE RETURN OF THE ST. MATTHEW HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE! - After Masses December 4th and 5th, the popular holiday cookie sale returns to St. Matthew Church. To make this event an even bigger success, we need helpers for dough mixing and cookie baking and sales. Watch for more information coming soon! This is a GREAT opportunity to get volunteer hours for Parish members, Religious Formation and St. Matthew school families. Please join in the fun and help us put the Cookies back into Christmas this year!

CHRISTMAS CD – It's not too late to order your Christmas CD. Orders received before December 15th will be available for pick-up prior to Christmas break. The CD is wonderful and a must have!

AUCTION TICKETS – It's not too late to attend this grand event. Get a jump start on your Christmas shopping at the School Auction. Return your reply card today. By simply purchasing a ticket, you have already helped our kids and our school and we sincerely thank you!

HAM/ROLL SALE - Help the 8th graders get to Washington DC!!! Sunday, October 31st, after both the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses, the 8th graders are having a Ham and Roll and Bake Sale fundraiser in the gathering space. Stop by after Mass for hot ham and rolls and baked treats for sale. We appreciate your support!

YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER – The Yankee candle fundraiser ends Monday, October 25th. All proceeds will go towards the 8th grade gift to the school and class trip to Washington DC. Contact Sue Harvey at 414-764-3996 with questions.

FUN HAUNTED HOUSE - The South Milwaukee Knights of Columbus invites you to the only FUN haunted house in the area. Come dressed in your favorite costume and play some fun Halloween games to win candy, and prizes for your costume and enjoy a bowl of ice cream and toppings. All this and more at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 732 Badger Avenue, South Milwaukee on Friday, October 29th, 6:30 p.m. to about 8:30 p.m.

REMINDER – The Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass time will change to 4:00 p.m. beginning November 13th.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS – The students will be performing a Christmas Program on Thursday, December 16 at 2:00 p.m. and again on Tuesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. Both programs will be held in church.

BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL – Congratulations to the 7th grade A team for taking second place in the St. Roman's Volleyball Tournament last weekend! There were 9 teams participating in the tournament. The girls played extremely well with their only loss coming in the championship round to Waukesha Catholic. Great job girls! We're very proud of you!

Last week's results:

8th grade 2-1 vs. St. John Evan.

2-1 vs. St. Charles

7th grade A 2-1 vs. St. Romans

7th grade B 0-3 vs. St. Mary's Hales Corners White

5th grade Gold 3-0 vs. St. Al's white

5th grade Blue 3-0 vs. St. Romans

Come support your Bulldog volleyball players this weekend!

8th Sat 1:00 and 2:00 at Parkway (HOME GAME!)

7th A Sat 11:00 and 12:00 at Parkway (HOME GAME!)

7th B Sun 12:00 AND 1:00 at St. Alphonsus

5th Gold Sat 1:00 at St. Veronica's

5th Blue Sat 10:00 and 11:00 at St. Veronica's

JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE ON OCTOBER 24TH - All prospective students and families are invited to join the St. Thomas More family for Mass at 9:30 a.m. followed by guided tours of our school directed by our students beginning at 10:30 a.m. Tours will be available until 12:30 p.m. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet our faculty, staff, coaches, and students while deciding if STM is the right place for you! You will get to see examples of our innovative laptop-driven curriculum, brand-new Biomedical Science classes, student organizations, athletic teams, and a lot more! Ask our student tour guides and teachers questions about classes, clubs, and student life in general. We're sure you'll like what you see and hear, so you'll also have an opportunity to apply for admission immediately after your tour. Please direct any questions about Open House to Maria Delgado, Recruitment & Retention Manager at 414-481-8370 x 140. See you there!

INCOMING FRESHMEN PLACEMENT TESTING - On November 5 and 6, Pius XI will be administering the STS Placement Test for incoming freshmen. This test is required for admission consideration to Pius XI High School. There is no fee to take this test. Testing will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Parents are invited to stay for a Discover Pius XI coffee each morning. To register your student, please contact the Admissions Office at 414.290.0212 or email bkurudza@piusxi.org. Please Note: We gladly accept the STS Placement Test scores from other area Catholic schools. Those testing at Pius XI will receive test results in the mail approximately 4 weeks following the test date. For more information, call Nathan Sheets, Admissions Manager, at 414.290.8175 or via email at nsheets@piusxi.org.

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK - November 11, 12, 13, 14, 2010, THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK - A moving drama by Francis Goodrich and Albert Hackett. "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Join us as we bring to life the story of the inspirational Jewish Girl and her family during the Holocaust. THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK tells the moving story of the Frank Family living as Jews in German-occupied Holland. This remarkable story of survival, hope, and inspiration revolves around the Secret Annex that they lived in and the fear that existed beyond those walls. Call with questions you may have at 414-332-1170 x. 485 or email Jeff Schaetzke at jschaetz@dominicanhighschool.com or our Fine Arts Boosters at fab@dhsllive.com. Come join us in this exciting theatre season and to share with our incredible students and how they share their gifts with the world!

YOPLAIT YOGURT - If you purchase Yoplait Yogurt regularly, please purchase the ones with the pink lids. Please save ONLY THE PINK LIDS, that says "save lids to save lives". DO NOT save the gold or red lids that say "race for the cure". Yoplait will accept only the pink lids. Send the intact pink lids to the school office. Ten cents per lid is donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for breast cancer research. Thank you!

SERVERS –

October 23

5:00 p.m.: Michael Silva

Cross: Josh Duchniak

October 24

7:30 a.m.: Amanda Horman

Cross: Corinne Luczak

9:30 a.m.: Jacob Wolf

Cross: Shannon Dugan

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

"If at first you do not succeed, you are about average."

Prayer Square

Please pray for those listed on the prayer board and the St. Matthew prayer network.