

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

November 11, 2009

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,

First quarter has ended; report cards have been distributed. It's time for conferences. Parent/Student/Teacher conferences will be held tomorrow (4:00-8:00 p.m.) and Friday. Please remember that your child should attend these conferences, as his/her input is important and offers valuable insight.

The Scholastic Book Fair will also be open during conferences.

Thank you all for supporting Catholic education!

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, 11/12 – 11:20 A.M. DISMISSAL; Conferences, 4:00-8:00 p.m.; Book Fair

Friday, 11/13 – NO SCHOOL, Conferences, 8:00-3:00; Book Fair Ends at Noon; Wilderness Fundraiser Weekend

Saturday, 11/14 – Service Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-noon; Wilderness Fundraiser Weekend

Sunday, 11/15 – Monthly Tuition Payment Due

Tuesday, 11/17 – Grade 7, Downtown Tree Decorating, 8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Thursday, 11/19 – Grade 5, Villa, 9:15-11:00 a.m.; Mad Science, 3:20-4:25 p.m.; Auction Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, 11/20 – All School Liturgy by Grade 3, 9:15 a.m.; Bake Sale by Grade 5, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Poinsettia Sale Fundraiser Due

Sunday, 11/22 – Grade 2, Sacramental Meeting, 10:30 a.m. **OR** 11/23

Monday, 11/23 – Grade 2, Sacramental Meeting, 6:30 p.m. **OR** 11/22

HONORS ASSEMBLY – The first quarter Honors Assembly will be held after Mass on Friday, November 20. All are invited to attend.

COOKIE WALK – We are looking for a coordinator or two to run the Home and School Cookie Walk. This fundraiser has been a tradition at St. Matt's for many years. We are getting several phone calls inquiring when the Cookie Walk will be held. Please consider volunteering for this very profitable fundraiser. Why not ask a friend and chair this event together. If interested, call Teri Karpinski at 262-637-6814.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Hold the date! All School Christmas Concert, Thursday, December 17, 1:30 p.m.

THIS THANKSGIVING MAKE A DIFFERENCE – For our All School Mass of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 24, we are asking for donations of canned/boxed non-perishable food. Your contribution will be distributed to those in need through the All Saints Lutheran Food Pantry in Oak Creek and the Oak Creek Salvation Army Food Pantry. Donations may be brought to school and dropped off in the 5th Grade classroom from Tuesday, November 17 through Tuesday, November 24. Thank you for sharing with others! May God bless you for your generosity.

MARKET DAY – Thank you to all who helped with and/or purchased products at our last Market Day sale. Our profit for November was \$238.75.

ABSENCES/ILLNESS – Just friendly reminders, if your child is ill, please call the school office by 8:30 a.m. **each day** your child is out. Also the CDC has sent guidelines for staying home when sick: Those with flu-like illness should stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines. Flu-like symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people also may have vomiting and diarrhea.

HELP NEEDED – Two volunteers are needed for Thursday, November 19 from 11:30-12:30 while the staff enjoys a turkey dinner. A volunteer is needed to cover the school office and another to cover lunchroom supervision. If you would like to help, please call the school office at 414-762-6820 ext. 10. Your help is greatly appreciated!

ART CLASSES – Two more art class sessions for students in grades 1-8 are being offered. A 3D Plaster Sculpture (for all skills and levels) workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 25 from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. There is an 11:20 a.m. dismissal on this day. The second workshop is Painting (for all skills and levels) and will be held on Tuesdays or Thursdays for 4-weeks. See the fliers in your family folder today. Any questions, call Mrs. Yang at 262-902-1702.

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR - The grade school Children's Choir will be singing for the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. If your child has not been in choir and would like to sing Christmas Eve, please contact Mrs. Wargin by phone at 414-762-4200 ext. 16, or by email: jwargin@stmattoc.org . First rehearsal is on Sunday, November 22 from 10:30-11:15 a.m. in church.

SERVER SLIPS - Don't forget the **DEADLINE** to get in your server slips for the December/January schedule is **TUESDAY, November 17.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS - If you would be available and interested in singing in a Youth Choir for the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, please call Mrs. Wargin at 414-762-4200 ext. 16 or email: jwargin@stmattoc.org no later than Tuesday, November 24.

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER – The Home and School Poinsettia Fundraiser is going on now. Order forms were in your family folder last week. Additional forms can be found in the school office. Orders are due in the school office, with full payment, on Friday, November 20. Pick up will be on Wednesday, December 2 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the gathering space. Profits go toward your fundraising obligation. If you have any questions, call Jill Duchniak at 414-421-3001.

THAT'S MY PAN FUNDRAISER – This 8th grade fundraiser is just in time for Christmas shopping. Order forms were in your family folder last week and additional order forms can be found in the school office. All profits will be used toward the class trip to Washington DC. Orders are due in the school office by Monday, November 23. Pick up will be on Sunday, December 13 after 9:30 a.m. Mass. One check should be made payable to St. Matthew School. Any questions, please call Bridget Valla at 414-570-9514.

AUCTION MEETING – All are invited. Lots of volunteers and ideas are needed. Please join us. Our first meeting is on Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Matt's Room. Any questions, please contact Debbie Sievert at debbiesievert@hotmail.com or Maggie McNeive at maggiemc1118@aol.com .

1ST ANNUAL SAINT THOMAS MORE CHRISTMAS GIFT EXPO - Join Saint Thomas More for our very first Christmas Gift Expo, Saturday November 28th from 9-4pm in the library. A one stop Christmas Shop has been created exclusively for your Christmas shopping convenience. Save gas, time and money by attending this event allowing you to purchase fabulous gifts priced for special holiday savings. Over 20 vendors from all over southeastern Wisconsin will be gathered here at STM just waiting to help you find that special gift. Choose from a wide variety of gifts including cosmetics, food, gift baskets, jewelry, pet toys, portraits, health foods, purses, wine and more! Admission is only \$3 which includes wine tasting compliments of Kafevino and an entry into our exceptional holiday raffle. Also enjoy all the action from our annual Alumni Basketball Tournament, a delicious bake sale run by our students, and a concession stand of delicious sandwiches and beverages. We even asked Santa to stop by and visit too! Support STM while getting in the spirit of the Christmas shopping season. If you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets, please contact Eric Gallagher, Director of Development, at egallagher@tmore.org or 414-481-8370 ext. 109.

DSHA'S GIRLS NIGHT IN FEATURES TACOS & TRIVIA FRIDAY ON NOVEMBER 13 - Girls in 7th and 8th grades are invited to DSHA's Girls Night In on Friday, November 13 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Girls Night In is an opportunity to meet other young women, have fun and talk with current DSHA students. The November event is Tacos & Trivia! Enjoy a taco bar dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. and then participate in a trivia game with questions on movies, music, celebrities, geography and more! Test your knowledge and win prizes. Sign up by yourself or get a team together. DSHA is located at 4257 North 100th Street. Register by calling 414-466-3707 or sending an email to penny@dsha.k12.wi.us. Hope to see you at Girls Night In!

SERVERS:	November 14	5:00 p.m.:	Louise Ehrhardt	Cross:	Rachel Chilson
	November 15	7:30 a.m.:	Katalyna Bartek	Cross:	Hannah Tezak
		9:30 a.m.:	Nicole Burchardt	Cross:	Amanda Lee

“Beam with pride when your children accomplish something.”

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