

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

November 12, 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,

I want to say a big "thank you" to all who helped make this year's auction a success! On behalf of the faculty and staff, we are truly grateful for the support shown for St. Matthew School.

It's conference time. Some parents and students met with their teachers last night; the rest will be meeting next Tuesday. Conferences are a great venue to discuss the progress of your student(s) thus far this year. Usually during conference time, our hallways are filled with student work. This year, however, you'll notice that the hallways are bare, but that's because the walls on the lower level will be painted during Service Saturday. A big "thank you" goes out, in advance, to Mr. Dan and those who have volunteered to help on this project.

The Book Fair is here. Please take some time to stop in the Saints Rooms and peruse the great selection of books offered by Scholastic. Thank you to Mrs. Unti and Mrs. Pook for organizing this event.

Next Friday, we will be visited by the Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Dr. Kathleen Cepelka. Dr. Cepelka is visiting all the schools in the archdiocese during her first year as superintendent—a daunting task! She will be here from 1-3:00. Dr. Cepelka was one of my professors at Marquette when I was studying for my Master's Degree and principal's license. I am looking forward to her visit!

The month of November continues to brim with activities—all made possible because *you* support Catholic education!

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, 11/13 – Service Saturday; Book Fair, before/after Mass

Sunday, 11/14 – 8th Grade Donut Sale and Book Fair, before/after Masses; Senior Social, noon-3:00 p.m.

Monday, 11/15 – Book Fair

Tuesday, 11/16 – Book Fair; Grade 7, Tree Decorating, 8:40 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Conferences, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 11/17 – Book Fair, a.m. ONLY

Thursday, 11/18 – Grade 5, Villa, 9:15-11:00 a.m.

Friday, 11/19 – School Thanksgiving Liturgy by Grades 4K-2, 9:15 a.m.; Grade 2, Business Fair, 10:30-11:30 a.m.;

Grade 5, Bake Sale, 1:00-3:00 p.m.; Superintendent School Visit, 1:00 p.m.; Middle School Dance, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

MARCUS MOVIE THEATER FUNDRAISER – Back by popular demand is the Marcus Movie Theater Fundraiser. St. Matthew Home and School is running this fundraiser for Marcus movie tickets or Marcus gift certificates. The fundraiser will be held from Friday, November 12th through Monday, November 29th. Orders will be filled before Christmas. Our school will receive a certain percentage on each movie ticket or gift certificate sold. In addition, you will receive a profit percentage of your sales which will apply to your Home & School fundraising obligations. Please make ONE check payable to: ST. MATTHEW HOME AND SCHOOL and turn in with your order form by Monday, November 29th. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Gruszewski/Schultz at 414-916-5356.

THANK YOU!!! - The auction committee would like to thank each and every one of you for helping us make the "Winter Wonderland" auction a success! Your contribution, whether it was by donating an item, attending the event or volunteering your time at the event to work, was greatly appreciated! If you were able to attend, we hope you had a wonderful time!

Dear Auction Committee:

A HUGE thank you to the parents and staff that helped with the clean up and the reset of the cafeteria/gym after the "Winter Wonderland" Auction on Saturday. We really appreciate a job well done! Thank you!!!

Mr. Dan and Miss Jenn

HOMETOWN HEROES BOOK FAIR – Wam! Bam! Pow! Meet bestsellers, new people, places, food and things! Travel to the St. Matthew, Mark and Luke rooms to choose a few gifts for yourself or other heroes you love. Remember to support One for Books by placing your loose change or singles in one of the collections cans. Our hours of operation are: November 13/14, During "Service Saturday" and before and after Masses; November 11, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; November 12, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; November 15, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; November 16, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; November 17, 9:00 a.m.-noon. Need more information:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/stmattoc> or contact Renee Tezak-Unti at 414-571-1366.

REMINDER - SATURDAY MASS TIME CHANGES THIS SATURDAY TO 4:00 P.M.

ONE FOR BOOKS HELPS LOCAL AND NATIONAL PROGRAMS – St. Matthew's cadette troop 1062 is collecting singles and loose change for Scholastic's One for Book Program. Your change will help three worthy causes:

- ❑ The One for Books collection will be used to purchase books for the Racine Cops N Kids program.
- ❑ These books will be purchased from the St. Matthew book fair. This increases book fair sales and thereby increases our libraries offerings.
- ❑ Each year, hundreds of schools across the country participate in One for Books. Scholastic donates one book for each dollar collected; up to one million books; and sends them to three national non-profit organizations dedicated to helping kids and families in need: Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc., National Center for Family Literacy, and Marine Toys for Tots.

ALUMNI NEWS – Congratulations to Fiona Dolan who has made the Honor Roll for Quarter I at Dominican High School.

LOST VOLLEYBALL - A blue/white/gold Tachikara volleyball was left on the table outside the Saints Rooms after athletic pictures. It has "Sims" printed on it. If found, please return it to the school office.

BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL - The volleyball season has ended and a huge CONGRATULATIONS to the 8th grade girls for taking 1st place in their division with a 32-4 record and an invitation to the prestigious Seton Volleyball Tournament. Way to go! CONGRATULATIONS also to the 5th grade teams with the gold team winning 1st place in their division with a 33-3 record and the blue team closely following, taking 2nd in that division with a 30-6 record. What a huge accomplishment, taking first and second in the league their first year playing! Great job girls! The 7th grade had a hard-fought season with a lot of tough competition. The A team finished 6th with a 6-30 record and the B team finished 12th with an 11-25 record. The record may not show it, but they played well and kept improving throughout the season. Nice job girls! We're proud of all of you for your hard work and great sportsmanship.

CHRISTMAS CD – The children of St. Matthew Parish; day school and religious formation, joined together to present a timeless keepsake for the Christmas season. This professional recorded CD contains 15 songs—a wonderful blend of traditional carols and fun, lively songs to help you celebrate the birth of Jesus. The CD also features a special song performed and accompanied by Father Pat! There's still time to order. Orders received before December 15th will be available for pick up prior to Christmas break.

HOLD THE DATE/S – Holiday Cookie Sale: December 4th and 5th, after all Masses;
Christmas Program: Thursday, December 16, 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 p.m.

DSHA'S APPLICATION DEADLINE – Friday, November 12, 2010

ST. MATTHEW ALUM IN CAST OF DOMINICAN'S DRAMA, THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK, NOVEMBER 11-14 - You are invited to watch the Dominican theatre students bring to life this inspirational story of a Jewish girl and her family during the Holocaust. The Diary of Anne Frank will be presented Thursday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, November 12-13 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 14 at 2:00 p.m. St. Matthew alum Fiona Dolan '09 is featured in the cast. General admission tickets(\$8 for adults, \$6 for students/seniors) are on sale an hour before each performance at Dominican, 120 East Silver Spring Drive, Whitefish Bay, and by calling the box office at 414-332-1170, ext. 485. And be sure to mark your calendar now and plan to attend the Broadway hit musical Hairspray which runs February 25-27 and March 3-6, 2011. Special discount pricing for season tickets for The Diary of Anne Frank, Hairspray, and the spring musical revue, Inspirations, is now available – visit www.dominicanhighschool.com for details.

ST. THOMAS MORE FALL PLAY - The fall play is Pride and Prejudice and has two Alumni of St. Matthew School. Mr. Bennet is played by Jim Murphy and Mrs. Bennet is played by Andrea Schulner. The play will be held Friday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the STM Auditorium. Tickets cost: Adults \$7 in advance, \$9 at the door, Seniors (60+) \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door, College/Non-STM Students \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door, STM Students/Children (12 and Under) \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door.

SERVERS –	November 13	4:00 p.m.:	Marie Hofmann	Cross: Sarah Hofmann
	November 14	7:30 a.m.:	Keagan Wardius	Cross: Amanda Horman
		9:30 a.m.:	Hannah Tezak	Cross: Hollie Poehler

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!

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

"The most important thing parents can teach their children is how to get along without them."

Prayer Square

Dear God, Please give all of our soldiers the courage and strength needed to do the duty that is required of them.

May they always remember our appreciation for the sacrifices they are making for us.

We are thankful for the men and women who are willing to risk their lives to protect our freedom.

Please go with each one of them and protect them wherever they go. Amen.

(This week please remember our veterans and those serving in the military.)