

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

November 6, 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,

As you know, our theme this year is "Go Make a Difference!" I want to share some ways that families and students are making a difference.

Materials for the Scholastic Book Fair arrived today. I want to express a big "thank you" to Mrs. Cheaney and Mrs. Tezak-Unti for once again "making a difference" in organizing this opportunity for our students to buy books at "Destination Book Fair."

Speaking of books, both the class of 2009 and a member of the parish have "made a difference" in the library. Last year's 8th graders donated \$1,000 to the library as their class gift. The books have been purchased and will be on the library shelves soon. Mr. Leo Goebel included St. Matthew School Library in his will; Mrs. Gilewski, our librarian, will be able to spend another \$1,000 on books due to a bequest from his estate! We are truly grateful to both the Class of 2009 and Mr. Goebel. Their generosity has "made a difference" in the quality of our library collection.

Ms. Jen, who is Mr. Dan's assistant in Maintenance, has helped to make a difference in her efforts to fight the spread of the H1N1 flu. She spends a part of each day disinfecting the door knobs, banisters, counter tops and other common surfaces in our building. The student desks are being cleaned regularly with disinfecting wipes that have been generously donated by our parents. Working together, we are all trying to make a difference in combating the spread of the flu.

Finally, "thank you" to all our parents who have entrusted their children's education to the faculty and staff of St. Matthew School. You are making a difference in the lives of your children as you share the Good News of Jesus by giving your children a Catholic education.

Thank you all for supporting Catholic education!

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, 11/7 – Book Fair

Sunday, 11/8 - Book Fair, Senior Social, noon-3:00 p.m.

Monday, 11/9 – Book Fair Preview; Market Day Pick Up, 5:00-6:00

Tuesday, 11/10 – Book Fair

Wednesday, 11/11 – Book Fair; Report Cards Sent Home; Home and School Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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-noon; Wilderness Fundraiser Weekend

Sunday, 11/15 – Monthly Tuition Payment Due

AUCTION MEETING – All are invited. Lots of volunteers and ideas are needed. Please join us. Our first meeting is on Thursday, November 19, 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.

HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING – Wednesday, November 11, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria – Plan now to attend! We are having a guest speaker: Storyteller, Jean-Andrew Dickman. This meeting is a family event. Bring your children and a blanket to sit. You are welcome to invite friends. The Book Fair will be open before and after the meeting as well. We look forward to seeing you!

NEW ENERGY-EFFICIENT BOILER - The Parish Council has approved the Building & Grounds proposal to replace one of our 47 year old primary boilers. It will cost about \$75,683. In the next 6 months, we will receive an incentive from WE Energies of \$7,669 and will save \$7,832 in gas expense this winter and subsequent winters along with any gas price increase. We will use the future savings to restore the parish reserves being used to pay for this investment in quality stewardship. Our efforts to insulate the main building make these savings possible.

BULLETIN DEADLINES – With the holidays approaching, the following is the schedule for getting articles into the parish bulletin:

Bulletin for November 21/22, articles due Friday, November 13.
Bulletin for November 28/29, articles due Wednesday, November 18.
Bulletin for December 19/20, articles due Wednesday, December 9. (This is the Christmas Bulletin, because Christmas is Friday.)
Bulletin for December 26/27, articles due Wednesday December 16.
Bulletin for January 2/3, articles due Monday December 21.

VOLLEYBALL - The 5th grade volleyball team ended the regular season by sweeping St. Alphonsus all three games. The Bulldogs took second place in their league. The girls also participated in a tournament at St Mary's in Hales Corners over the weekend and took 4th place. Congratulations on a great season.

THE “M” CLUB - Seventh graders were visited by Barbara Vey last Thursday. She is a book reviewer for Publisher's Weekly. She told us about the authors she had met and the work that she does. She gave out some books for us to review. We will be starting a book club in the 7th grade. Check out her blog at www.beyondherbook.com and look for the St. Matthew, Oak Creek logo or look under YA Readers at St. Matthew School.

MARCUS THEATRE FUNDRAISER – Thank you to all who participated in this Home and School fundraiser. Our profit is \$975.00. Your order can be found in your family folder today.

PARENTS OF SERVERS - The information sheet for the December and January schedule is in your child's family folder today. Note that the four Christmas Masses (Eve/Day) and two holy days are listed in addition to the weekend Masses during those months. **The deadline to turn your sheet in is Tuesday, November 17.** If your child's slip is not returned by then, your child will not be scheduled this time. Thanks for meeting that deadline!

BOSTON STORE COMMUNITY DAY COUPON BOOKS – The 8th Grade is selling coupon books for this big event at Boston Store on Saturday, November 14. For \$5 you get a \$10 off any item coupon. There are special events going on throughout the store that day, early bird specials and other special items for purchase. Can't make it that day? Now you can pre-purchase items with your coupons. Stop in and select your purchases. Give the coupon to the sales person and they will complete the sale. You can then pick up your items after the event, but purchases must be picked up by the close of business on Monday, November 16. This is the perfect opportunity for early Christmas shopping! For a flyer/order form, stop by the school office. Any questions, call Micki at 414-416-5389 or Micki@wi.rr.com.

DSHA ENTRANCE EXAM - The Entrance Exam for DSHA will be offered on Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the high school (4257 North 100th Street. Please arrive by 8:15 a.m. Exam fee is \$10 (cash or check to DSHA). Please bring two #2 pencils. Parents: Stay for a cup of coffee and Q&A with our President when you drop your daughters off for the exam! No RSVP's necessary. Applications for the Class of 2014 due Friday, November 13. Download a copy at www.dsha.info under Admissions or call 466-3707. Applications due November 13.

SERVERS:	November 7	5:00 p.m.: Thomas Dolan	Cross: Joshua Duchniak
	November 8	7:30 a.m.: Tanner Apple	Cross: Rachel Anderson
		9:30 a.m.: Jacob Fakler	Cross: Kristin Fakler

“If only one knows it, it is secret; if two know it, it is public.”

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