

# ST. MATT'S MATTERS

October 13, 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,

The John Keane Sports Court was dedicated yesterday at 2:45. What a wonderful addition to our school campus! Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this dream a reality.

As you know, St. Matthew students will not have classes on Thursday and Friday because their teachers are attending the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Teachers Convention, held at the Frontier Airlines Convention Center. Forty eight sectionals are being offered on topics ranging from *The Many Faces of the Changing Church* to *Maximizing Your Smart Board Skills in the Classroom*. Dr. Kathleen Cepelka, our new Superintendent of Catholic Schools will also speak at the luncheon. These two days afford opportunities for our educators to strengthen their teaching skills so that they can continue to provide a quality education for St. Matthew School students.

Thank you all for supporting Catholic education!

*Mrs. Barber*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday, 10/14 – NO SCHOOL**, Teacher In Service

**Friday, 10/15 – NO SCHOOL**, Teacher Convention; Fish Boil, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, 10/16 – St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday, Before/After Mass

Sunday, 10/17 – St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday, Before/After Masses

Monday, 10/18 – Grades 6-8, Marquette/DSHA Visit, 12:30 p.m.; Grade 2, Parent Sacramental Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, 10/22 – 1:20 P.M. DISMISSAL**; All School Liturgy by Grade 3, 9:15 a.m.; Grades 4K and 5K, Borzynski's Pumpkin Farm, 8:45-11:30 a.m.

Sunday, 10/24 – G.I.F.T., 10:30 a.m.; Athletic Photos

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** - The Entertainment book fundraiser has ended. Thank you to the following families who sold over \$200 in books: Ciombor, Janquart, Schultz/Gruszewski, Kurcharski, Lambert, Studer and Fadness. Thank you also to the 4K families who participated in the fundraiser. If you sold an Entertainment book, your coupon for the Buck's ticket is in your family folder this week.

**FALL SPORTS PICTURES** – Sunday, October 24, in the saints rooms. Photos are for soccer, volleyball and cross country teams. More information will be coming and your coach can notify you of the time of your team's photo.

**CHRISTMAS CD** - Christmas CD order forms are due by Monday, October 18, if you would like to pick up your CD at the auction or the Monday following the auction. Orders received after the 18th, but before December 15, will be available for pick-up prior to Christmas break. The CD is just wonderful! It is a must have!

**AUCTION TICKETS** - Don't forget to make your auction ticket reservations by Monday, October 18, in order to receive the \$30/person ticket price. After the 18th, the price increases to \$35/person. Don't miss out on the lower ticket price so you have even more funds available to bid on the many fabulous items we have to offer and jump start your Christmas shopping! 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 7:30 and 9:30 mass, 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!

**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.

**YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER** – Keep selling the Yankee candles. The sale runs October 8<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go towards the 8<sup>th</sup> grade gift to the school and class trip to Washington DC. Feel free to contact Sue Harvey at 414-764-3996 with questions.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** – The dates have been set for the Christmas programs. The students will be performing 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.

**VOLLYBALL NEWS** – The 5th grade gold girls' volleyball team won the St. Roman's volleyball tournament Sunday night. There were 10 teams in the tournament. All the girls did a great job. The first two matches were on Thursday night and they won 5 out of 6 games which gave them the #2 seed and a first round by which put them into the semi finals on Saturday. They played Saturday night at 5:45 p.m. and won the first two games, which put them into the final championship match for Sunday at 7:30 p.m. They won the first game, and lost the second game so they had to play a third game to 15. They won that game. Mackenzie Kruske had the winning serve in the final game. The games were close and very exciting. All the girls played really hard. The winning team is: Hannah Poehler, Abby Lownik, Amanda Czerwinski, Kassandra Bartek, Mackenzie Kruske, Savannah Pook, Ashley Ristic (Religious Ed) and Lea Finn (Religious Ed). The 5<sup>th</sup> grade blue team also played well and advanced to the quarter finals.

**DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL** - The DHS Open House will be held Wednesday, October 20, at 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Take a tour of the school; meet and talk with faculty and staff; get information about athletics; learn about our theater department; and find out about shadowing at Dominican. Dominican is located at 120 East Silver Spring Drive, Whitefish Bay. For more information contact the DHS Admissions Office at 414-332-1170, ext.130 or visit [www.DominicanHighSchool.com](http://www.DominicanHighSchool.com).

**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@dhslive.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!

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

**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!

<b>SERVERS</b> –	October 16	5:00 p.m.:	Noah Stout	Cross:	Bryce Schultz
	October 17	7:30 a.m.:	Amanda Janquart	Cross:	Hannah Tezak
		9:30 a.m.:	Danny Sievert	Cross:	Evan Siira

**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

*"Discipline for children needs to be fair and spoken softly."*

### Prayer Square

**PRAYER OF MOTHER TERESA** –Dear Jesus, Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others. The light, O Jesus, will be all from You; none of it will be mine: it will be You shining on others through me. Let me praise You in the way You love best: by shining on those around me. Let me preach You without preaching, not by words, but by my example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to You. Amen.