

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

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,

This year, a Learning Support Team has been formed at St. Matthew School. This model, a recent initiative of the Office of Schools for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, is described in the Archdiocesan school's policy manual in this manner:

"Guidance services can be provided to the individual school through the adoption of a Learning Support Team model. This model provides professional development for a team of selected personnel from each school who have interest and/or some background in exceptional education and students with special needs. The training sequence offered annually is designed to build the capacity of each school to meet the needs of all learners."

Sr. Felicia, Miss Kozlowski, and Mrs. Luther have joined me as members of the St. Matthew team. We attended a session on *Meeting the Needs of All Learners* in August and *Accommodating Students with Severe Food Allergies* in September. This Thursday, we heard Michael Boyle from Loyola University speak to us about *Response to Intervention (RtI)* an educational framework that can be used to look at the needs of all students.

I am excited that this team has been formed and that we are receiving excellent professional development as we strive "to build the capacity...to meet the needs of all learners" at St. Matthew School.

Thank you all for supporting Catholic education!

Mrs. Barber

October 14, 2011

What's Happening the Week of 10/15 - 10/21

Saturday, 10/15 - Children's Resale Fundraiser, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10/16 - GIFT, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, 10/17 - Grade 4, Whelan School, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Mad Science, 3:25-4:25 p.m.; GIFT, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 10/20 - Grade 3, Villa, 9:15-11:00 a.m.; Rollaero, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Friday, 10/21 - 1:20 P.M. DISMISSAL; School Liturgy Hosted by Grade 3, 9:15 a.m.;

Grades 4K and 5K, Pumpkin Farm, 8:45-11:20 a.m.

CU@MASS SHIRTS - The 8th grade would like to thank you for your support in purchasing the CU@Mass t-shirts. There was an unexpected delay in printing but we should have them to you at the beginning of next week. Thank you for your patience!

SCRIP NEWS - Our Scrip profits for the following months are: June - \$1,656.52, July - \$1,364.23, August - \$1,792.98 and September - \$3,014.50. Thank you for supporting St. Matthew's Scrip program.

ROLLAERO - Be sure to join us for our first Rollaero next Thursday, October 20th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. It will be held at Rollaero Skate Center, 5200 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Cudahy. Only St. Matthew's students and their families may attend. It is sponsored by Student Council. School behavior is expected.

VOLLEYBALL NEWS - The St. Matthew 6th grade girls Gold team won the St. Thomas Aquinas 6th Grade Girls tournament last weekend. They won in 3 straight matches without losing a single game. A big shout out to all the girls on the team, they did a spectacular job and to Kassandra Bartek who served 13 points in a row to help win the final game. The girls received a champion t-shirt and a team plaque. The St. Matt's 6th grade girls Blue team was also in the tournament and came in 4th place. Way to go Bulldogs!

CONGRATULATIONS to Samantha Lee for placing 10th at the gymnastics meet last weekend in Brown Deer.

ALUMNI NEWS - Congratulations to St. Thomas More students and St. Matt alumni (class of 2008); Scott Butzer was named Homecoming King and Alyssa Loferski was a princess at their festivities last weekend. Congratulations!

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL TREATRE PRESENTS THE RED VELVET CAKE WAR - A southern fried comedy by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten will be performed at St. Thomas More High School (2601 East Morgan Avenue, Milwaukee) on Friday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, November 5th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are: adults \$9; and students and children \$7. For more information go to www.theatral.webes.com.

SERVERS -

October 15

5:00 p.m.: Thomas Dolan

Cross: Aaron Craig

October 16

7:30 a.m.: Carly Sikora

Cross: Emily Shelton

9:30 a.m.: Trenton Marsolek

Cross: Taylor Schaefer

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. We have also joined the My Coke Rewards for School program. Go to www.mycokerewards.com/school . Thank you for supporting St. Matthew School.

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!

Family Faith Sharing

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the necessity of giving things their proper importance. Read Matthew 22:15-21. The Herodians and Pharisees were giving too much importance to the issue of the payment of taxes. Jesus reminds them that loving and honoring God is of greater importance. In family life we do many important things, but we remember that God is of the greatest importance in our lives. Pray together that your family will learn to keep things in proper perspective, remembering to keep God first in your lives. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 96.

“Want to feel rich? Count your blessings.”



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