

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

October 16, 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,

Fall is definitely in the air! With the change in the seasons, I have just a few reminders to share with you. As of October 15, shorts are no longer a part of our dress code. Shorts may once again be worn on May 1st.

Once the snow flies (hopefully not in the near future) and school closing due to bad weather is a concern, remember that I will contact TV channels 4, 6, and 12 and radio station WTMJ (AM 620) to announce that school is closed. As a rule, when Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District closes, so does St. Matthew School; however, St. Matthew School MAY CLOSE for other reasons at the discretion of the principal. Do not call the school or rectory to ask if school will be open.

I want to thank both Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Wardius for speaking at Wednesday's Home and School Association meeting and sharing important information about the H1N1 virus.

I will close with two reminders. On Monday, October 26, St. Matthew Parish will host a *Safeguarding All God's Family* workshop. According to Archdiocesan rules, anyone wishing to volunteer at school, coach or chaperone field trips must attend a *Safeguarding* session, held either here or at another parish. A listing of all the *Safeguarding All God's Family* workshops can be found on the Archdiocesan website: <http://www.archmil.org>

Lastly, the first quarter ends on Wednesday, November 4th. Parent/student/teacher conferences will take place on November 12th and 13th.

Thank you all for supporting Catholic education!

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, 10/17 – SVDP Bundle Sunday, before/after Mass

Sunday, 10/18 – SVDP Bundle Sunday, before/after Masses; Grade 2, Sacramental Meeting **OR** 10/19

Monday, 10/19 – Grade 2 Sacramental Meeting **OR** 10/18

Tuesday, 10/20 – After School Art Class

Wednesday, 10/21 – Marcus Theatre Orders Due!

Thursday, 10/22 – Grade 7 Retreat, 12:30-3:00 p.m.; After School Art Class

Friday, 10/23 – 1:20 P.M. DISMISSAL; All School Liturgy by Grade 2, 9:15 a.m.; Grades 4K, 5K, 1, Pumpkin Farm, 9:00-11:30 a.m.; Yankee Sale Orders Due!

Saturday, 10/24 – Parish Town Hall Meeting, 8:00-11:30 a.m., Gathering Space

CONFERENCES – Parent-Student-Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 12 and Friday, November 13. A conference sign up sheet was in your family folder last week. If you have a conference time request, please return your form. If we do not hear from you, a conference time will be assigned.

SAFEGUARDING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN – A session will be held here at St. Matthew's in the cafeteria on Monday, October 26, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Remember this is necessary for all adults who volunteer with children at St. Matthew's. This includes: coaches, scout leaders and anyone who chaperones any field trip. You only need to attend once. You may register on line at <http://www.archmil.org> Near the bottom of the page, "Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal" section, click on Safeguarding All Of God's Family (formerly known as Virtus), go to events and click on the appropriate session you wish to attend to register. Any questions, please call Shelly at 414-762-4200, ext. 15. **IF YOU ATTENDED A SAFEGUARDING SESSION SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN AT ST. MATTHEW PARISH, PLEASE GIVE THE SCHOOL OFFICE A COPY OF YOUR CERTIFICATE.** Thanks!

SERVICE SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 14 - Join us as we work together to make a difference! In your Friday folder you will find a bright yellow Service Saturday form. We invite your family to join in a morning of "making a difference" in our parish and local communities.

KRISPY KREME SALE - "Do-nut" miss out on your chance to purchase the famous Krispy Kreme original donuts this Sunday, October 18, following both masses. The 8th grade students will be selling the delicious treats to fund their class trip to Washington DC. Last month's sale sold out, so to make sure you get your Kripsy Kremes, you may purchase them on the way in to church, and we will gladly hold them for you until after mass. Thanks for your support.

MAD SCIENCE – Attention 4K through 5th graders . . . register now to attend these fun, informative after school classes. Fliers are available in the school office.

SPIRITWEAR AVAILABLE - Due to reorders, we have some spiritwear items available to purchase. Please contact Micki at 414-416-5389 or micki@wi.rr.com to purchase any of the items below. This is first come, first served. Please make checks payable to SMPAA.

- Soccer Spiritwear: 1 - Adult Medium Long Sleeved Grey Tee Shirt \$12
 1 - Adult Large Long Sleeved Grey Tee Shirt \$12
 1 - Youth Medium Long Sleeved Royal Tee Shirt \$12
 1 - Youth Large Long Sleeved Royal Tee Shirt \$12
 Spiritwear: 2 - Youth Small Short Sleeved Royal Tee Shirts \$10 each
 1 - Youth Large Short Sleeved Royal Tee Shirt \$10
 1 - Adult Medium Long Sleeved Royal Tee Shirt \$12
 2 - Adult Medium Short Sleeved Royal Tee Shirts \$10 each

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – The Entertainment Book Sale was a success. The Home and School earned \$2,800. Thanks to the following families who sold over \$200 in books: Peter, Ciombor, Janquart, Gruszewski/Schultz, Studer, Pogodzinski, Schaefer, Reindl, and Fadness. Thank you also to the 4K families who participated in this Home and School fundraiser.

VOLLEYBALL NEWS – The 5th grade girls keep their winning streak going by taking 2 of 3 games from St. Alphonsus White. Our team is currently tied for first place. The 6th grade girls volleyball blue team brought home a 4th place trophy from the St. Thomas Aquinas tournament last week. The 7th grade girls were victorious over Divine Mercy and St. Matthias by winning all 3 games to Divine Mercy and 2 of 3 games to St. Matthias. Keep it up Bulldogs!

ART CLASS – A two-hour workshop will be held on Friday, October 23, when we have early dismissal. This art class will be held from 1:20-3:20 p.m. and is for students in grades 3-8. Registration forms were in your family folder last week. Additional registration forms are in the school office.

MARCUS THEATRE – The Home and School Marcus Movie Theater fundraiser is underway. It will run until Wednesday, October 21. Our school receives a certain percentage of each movie ticket or gift certificate sold. Please make one check payable to St. Matthew Home and School and turn it in with your order form by Wednesday October 21. Once the order is placed, no late orders can be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Cheaney at 414-768-1063. (This is the only Marcus ticket sale this year. There will not be a spring sale.)

YANKEE CANDLES – St. Matt’s 8th grade is holding a Yankee candle sale to fundraise for their upcoming trip to Washington DC. Order forms were in your family folder last week. Orders are due in the school office by October 23 to ensure delivery before the holidays. Any questions, please contact Donna Calabrese at 414-766-9335 or Michelle Luczak at 414-762-5426. Thank you.

BOOK FAIR – The book fair will be here from November 6-13th. Volunteers are needed.

CASINO NIGHT - The St. Thomas More Cavalier Quarterback Club Presents: Our Annual CASINO NIGHT Fund Raiser. Saturday, October 17. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and gaming is from 7:00–10:00 p.m. \$75.00/pair or \$40.00/individual. Admission includes gaming, free beer, wine, soda, heavy hors D’oeuvres and a raffle ticket. Major Raffle Prizes Include: A Diamond Necklace, Beer FOR A YEAR, Sports Memorabilia and MORE! For more Information, please contact Maria Bentzler at 414-617-5288.

VOLLEYBALL - Come out this weekend and support the Bulldogs.

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| 10/17 | 6th Blue | noon/1:00 p.m. | St. Gregory |
| | 7 th | 9:00 a.m. | Holy Apostles |
| 10/18 | 5 th | noon/1:00 p.m. | St. Veronica’s |
| | 6th Gold | 2:00 p.m. | Blessed Sacrament |
| | 8 th | 3:00 p.m./4:00 p.m. | St. Alphonsus |

CONCESSION VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE – The following families are scheduled in the concession stand:

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| Saturday, October 17 – 8 th grade class will be running concession stand for 8 th grade trip fundraising. | | | |
| <u>9:00-11:00</u> | <u>9:30-11:30</u> | <u>11:30-1:30 and CLEAN UP</u> | |
| Mrs. Miller | Mrs. Cheaney and Nick | Mrs. Sullivan and Katie | |
| Mr. Armanious and Michael | Mrs. Luczak and Corinne | Mrs. Zacharias and Christine | |
| Mrs. Butzer | Mrs. Rivera and Christopher | Mrs. Stone | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Burchardt | Mrs. Valla | Jacob Fakler | |
| GRILLER: Mr. Joe Miller | GRILLER: Mr. Rick Manka | Mr. Dietsche | |
| Sunday, October 18 | <u>11:00-2:00</u> | <u>noon-3:00</u> | <u>2:00-5:00</u> |
| | Lozano, Doris | King | DiLorenzo |
| | Dolan, Joseph | Martin | Meisterheim |
| | Gulland | Packee | Czubinski |
| Saturday, October 24 | <u>9:00-noon</u> | <u>10:00-1:00</u> | <u>11:00-2:00</u> |
| | Rodriguez | Hatfield | Hochschild |
| | Slogaski | Yang | Fakler |
| | Armanious | | <u>noon-3:00</u> |
| | | | Chandre, David |
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| SERVERS: | October 17 | 5:00 p.m.: | Hollie Poehler | Cross: | Amanda Janquart |
| | October 18 | 7:30 a.m.: | Rachel Pogodzinski | Cross: | Lauren Tehan |
| | | 9:30 a.m.: | Noah Stout | Cross: | Frank Margraff |

“The way to become boring is to say everything.”

Go Make a Difference

DSHA VISIT DAYS AND OPEN HOUSE COMING SOON - DSHA invites 8th grade girls to spend a day at DSHA on Thursday, November 12. Visitors shadow a DSHA student to learn first-hand about class options, hear from award-winning faculty, and talk with girls about the high school. Call 466-3707 to reserve a space. Families of young women in 5th through 8th grade are welcomed to DSHA's 2009 Open House on Sunday, October 25th. Start your day with mass at 9 a.m. or come between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for guided tours, mini classes and informational sessions on financial assistance, college advising and more. You can experience student-led tours of the school and mini-classes offered by our faculty members. Additionally, current parents, administrators and moderators will be available to answer your questions. We look forward to meeting you.

DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – On Wednesday, October 21 from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Dominican High School will be holding its Open House for prospective students and their families. The Open House is a great chance to come visit the school, meet teachers, coaches and students and see what Dominican has to offer. The unique format allows families to personalize their visit based on the preferences and interests of the students. Open House is targeted towards students in 5th-8th grades. Please contact the Dominican Admissions Office at 414-332-1170 ext. 131 with any questions.