

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

October 23, 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,

Our school theme this year is "Go Make a Difference." Our students have been thinking of ways that we all can make a positive difference in our school, community and world. Through the "Coats for Kids" drive at school, St. Matthew students collected 85 coats for those in need.

Another opportunity to make a difference is being offered through our parish. On Saturday, November 14th, the entire parish can participate in "Making a Difference" in a variety of ways called "Service Saturday." In last week's Family Folder, every family received a gold colored flyer that explained all the service opportunities. They fall into the following categories: serve seniors, help those in need, serve your parish, care for the earth, and feed the hungry/care for God's children. This is literally something for everybody to do. No experience is necessary—just the desire to make a difference.

The activities will take place from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Please consider taking part in this parish event. Advance registration is required, so you'll need to fill out the gold colored sheet. If you need another registration form, please notify the office. Together, we can all make a difference!

Finally, Christian Formation will have Hospitality hosting responsibilities on the weekend of November 7/8. Our school has been assigned to the 9:30 a.m. Mass. I will need 4-5 volunteers to help with hospitality. You will not need to bake; rather, you'll be serving the treats, pouring coffee, etc. If you could help on that day, please call the office at 414-762-6820 ext. 10.

Thank you all for supporting Catholic education!

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Monday, 10/26 – Safeguarding All God's Children Session, 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria

Tuesday, 10/27 – After School Art Class

Wednesday, 10/28 – Home and School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 10/29 – Grade 5, Villa, 9:15-11:00 a.m.; After School Art Class

Friday, 10/30 – All School Liturgy by Grade 1, 9:15 a.m.; Student Council Dance, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 11/1 – Daylight Savings Time Ends, (Fall back one hour.)

SAFEGUARDING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN – A session will be held 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!

ABSENCES/ILLNESS – Just friendly reminders, if your child is ill, please call the school office by 8:30 a.m. **each day** your child is out. Also the CDC has sent guidelines for staying home when sick: Those with flu-like illness should stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines. They should stay home even if they are using antiviral drugs. Flu-like symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people also may have vomiting and diarrhea.

LAST CHANCE FOR WINTER SPORTS SIGN UP - For anyone not already signed up for Basketball or Cheerleading this is your last chance. Everyone must be signed up by Friday, October 30, so that we can submit proper rosters to our league. We need someone to lead the 5th Grade or 7th Grade Cheerleading. Contact Andy Paar to sign up, 414-766-0068. Thank you.

COATS FOR KIDS – A HUGE thank you to anyone who donated coats. We exceeded our goal and collected 85 coats. Thank you 8th graders for helping haul all the coats. We definitely *“made a difference”!*

SCRIP – Remember to use St. Matthew’s Scrip program for your holiday shopping. Don’t forget to order early. Our Scrip profits for the following months are: June - \$1,701, July - \$1,086, August - \$1,705 and September - \$2,443.

BOOK FAIR – The book fair will be here from November 6-13. Thank you for the overwhelming response for volunteers. Just a few time slots are available. See the flyer in your family folder today.

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

DSHA PRESENTS: SOCIAL NETWORKING: THE SCOOP ON FACEBOOK, TEXTING, TWITTER AND MORE – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 6:30 P.M. - This informative session is created for the parents of girls and will cover the trends use of social networks, what constitutes cyberbullying and how to protect your daughter, minimizing risks to privacy and action steps for parents. This topic was one of the most popular DSHA parent education opportunities in 2008 and is being repeated with updates and being made available to the parents of middle school girls. The session will be held at DSHA, 4257 North 100th Street, Milwaukee. No RSVP’s necessary. Refreshments will be served.

VOLLEYBALL – This Sunday is the last volleyball game the 8th grade girls will play together. Come and cheer on the Bulldogs on Sunday afternoon at Divine Mercy, 1610 Minnesota Avenue in South Milwaukee at noon. Below is a schedule for all the Bulldogs volleyball games this weekend:

10-24	5 th	9:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.	St. Gregory's
	6th Blue	10:00a.m./11:00 a.m.	St. Charles
	6th Gold	1:00 p.m.	St. Charles
	7 th	4:30 p.m.	Holy Apostles
10-25	8 th	noon	Divine Mercy

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

Saturday, October 24	<u>9:00-noon</u>	<u>10:00-1:00</u>	<u>11:00-2:00</u>	<u>noon-3:00</u>
	Rodriguez	Hatfield	Hochschild	Chandre, David
	Slogaski	Yang	Fakler	Malison, James
	Armanious			Galaczewski

SERVERS:

October 24	5:00 p.m.:	Sarah Studer	Cross:	Hollie Marifke
October 25	7:30 a.m.:	Carly Sikora	Cross:	Kayleigh Pook
	9:30 a.m.:	Keagan Wardius	Cross:	Evan Siira

“Be your kid’s best teacher and coach.”

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