

ST. MATT'S MATTERS

October 29, 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,

November is a busy month, filled with the School Auction, report cards and conferences.

November 6th is the date for this year's school auction. The auction committee has spent the last year planning this great event, the biggest fundraiser of the year. On Saturday, November 6th, the St. Matthew School cafeteria will be transformed into a *Winter Wonderland* for the evening.

The night will begin with a Live Bid off of class art projects, keepsakes any parent would love, and St. Matt's Treasures (things like Principal of the Day, Basketball shoot out with Fr. Pat, sledding, pizza party, etc. with the teachers).

Haven't made your reservation? Members of the Auction Committee will be taking reservations over the weekend after each of the masses. The catalog will be in this Friday's Family Folder for those that have already made their reservation. It is something else! There are over 450 items!

Please join us for an evening that features a live/silent auction, food, refreshments and DJ dancing. *A Winter Wonderland* is an excellent opportunity to raise money for St. Matthew School and to have fun.

As you know, St. Matthew's teachers are using a new electronic report card called StandardsScore this year. As is the case when anyone adopts a new system, we are still ironing out a few "kinks." Therefore, the teachers will be closing their grade books on November 1st, rather than November 4th as previously published. This will give us a few extra days to make sure that the report cards are ready to be distributed on November 9th.

Finally, parent/student/teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, November 11th and Tuesday, November 16th from 4:00-8:00. You should have received a note in last week's Family Folder confirming both the date and time of your conference.

Thank you all for supporting Catholic education!

Mrs. Barber

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, 10/31 – Ham and Roll Sale by 8th Grade Fundraising after 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses

Monday, 11/1 – All Saints Day School Liturgy by Grade 4, 9:15 a.m.; Market Day Pick Up, 4:30-6:00 p.m.; Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Quarter 1 Ends

Thursday, 11/4 – Mass of Remembering, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, 11/5 – 1:20 P.M. DISMISSAL; Prayer Service by Grade 8, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 11/6 – School Auction "Winter Wonderland", 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, 11/7 – Daylight Saving Time Ends

SCHOOL DIRECTORY – Look for your St. Matt's School Directory in your family folder today. If you would like an extra copy/ies for your place of employment, etc., please call the school office.

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.

HAM/ROLL SALE - Help the 8th graders get to Washington DC! This Sunday, October 31st, after both the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses, 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!

CHRISTMAS CD – There's still time to order your Christmas CD. Orders received before December 15th will be available for pick up prior to Christmas break. The CD is wonderful and a must have!

AUCTION TICKETS – It's not too late to attend this grand event. Get a jump start on your Christmas shopping at the School Auction. Return your reply card today. By simply purchasing a ticket, you have already helped our kids and our school and we sincerely thank you!

HOLD THE DATE/S – Holiday Cookie Sale: December 4th and 5th, after all Masses;
Christmas Program: Thursday, December 16, 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY MASS TIME – Reminder: the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass time will change to 4:00 p.m. beginning November 13th.

BULLDOG SOCCER – Congratulations to the 5th/6th grade soccer team who took 2nd place in their division in the Bayview Parochial Soccer League. Their trophy is on display in the school office. Way to go Bulldogs!

BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL RESULTS –

8th grade: 5-1
7th grade A: 0-6
7th grade B: 0-6
5th grade Gold: 3-0
5th grade Blue: 5-1

Come support Bulldog volleyball in their final games this weekend!

8th grade: Sun 12:00 at St. Alphonsus
7th grade A: Sat 9:00 at St. Alphonsus
7th grade B: Sun 1:00 and 2:00 at Parkway (HOME GAME!)
5th grade Gold: Sat at 12:00 and 1:00 at St. John Evan.
5th grade Blue: Sat 10:00 and 11:00 at St. John Evan.

LIVING OUR FAITH - Immigration will be discussed on the November 5th episode of "Living Our Faith with Archbishop Listecki," on Relevant Radio. Fr. Bob Stiefvater from Holy Family Parish, Fond du Lac, discusses the Church's views on immigration and the Dream Act. Barb Graham, attorney with the Legal Services for Immigrants Program of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, explains how the program helps immigrants gain legal status in the United States. Listen to "Living Our Faith with Archbishop Listecki," Friday, November 5, at 9:30 a.m. on Relevant Radio FM 100.1 and on www.relevantradio.com. Episodes will also be available on www.livingourfaith.net.

INCOMING FRESHMEN PLACEMENT TESTING - On November 5 and 6, Pius XI will be administering the STS Placement Test for incoming freshmen. This test is required for admission consideration to Pius XI High School. There is no fee to take this test. Testing will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Parents are invited to stay for a Discover Pius XI coffee each morning. To register your student, please contact the Admissions Office at 414.290.0212 or email bkurudza@piusxi.org. Please Note: We gladly accept the STS Placement Test scores from other area Catholic schools. Those testing at Pius XI will receive test results in the mail approximately 4 weeks following the test date. For more information, call Nathan Sheets, Admissions Manager, at 414.290.8175 or via email at nsheets@piusxi.org.

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@dhsllive.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!

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!

SERVERS –	October 30	5:00 p.m.:	Evan Siira	Cross:	Nathan Wester
	October 31	7:30 a.m.:	Anna Daun	Cross:	Noah Daun
		9:30 a.m.:	Colin McQuitty	Cross:	Keagan Wardius
	November 4	6:30 p.m.:	Jacob Hochschild	Cross:	Noah Stout

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

Mrs. Reimer's thought for the day:

"I don't know what the future holds, but I know the One who holds the future."

Prayer Square

THE MAGNIFICAT OF MARY – And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." Amen.