

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,

As you know, our parish theme this year is CU@Mass! Each week, Mrs. Daun, in our religious formation program, and I, in the parish school program, are posting a Mass Mystery trivia question. This week's question was: where does the word Mass come from and what does it mean? Do you know the answer?

During the past few weeks, we have been focusing on how to enter the church to prepare ourselves for Mass. We are intentionally reviewing the basics of church etiquette, making the sign of the cross with holy water, genuflecting and readying ourselves for the celebration of the Mass. Please join us at our weekly Friday mass or prayer service at 9:15. We would love to CU@Mass!

Mad Science presented an assembly on Wednesday for grades 4K-6. Mad Science begins their afterschool program next Monday, October 10th.

Next Friday, the fire department will be visiting St. Matthew School to present their fire prevention program to grades 4K-3.

Just a reminder that shorts may not be worn after October 15th. Please refer to pages 22-24 of our Parent/Student Handbook with respect to questions about dress code.

Finally, we are at the "half way point" of this first quarter; progress reports are being sent home today to student's in grades 4-8.

Thank you all for supporting Catholic education!

Mrs. Barber

October 7, 2011

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

Monday, 10/10 - Mad Science, 3:25-4:25 p.m.; Grade 2, Sacramental Preparation Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 10/11 - Culver's Day; Black and White Out-of-Uniform Day; Picture Retakes, 9:00 a.m.;

Grades 6, 7, 8, Thomas More Visit, 9:00 a.m.; Student Council Meeting, 3:20-4:15 p.m.

Thursday, 10/13 - Grade 5, Schlitz Audabon Center, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Friday, 10/14 - School Liturgy Hosted by Grade 4, 9:15 a.m.; Grades 4K-3, Fire Prevention Presentation, 10:30 a.m.

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

PHOTO RETAKES - The photographer will be here Tuesday, October 11th at 9:00 a.m. They will take photos of students who were absent on Back to School Day. All students should have their photo taken even if photos are not purchased. If you would like to order pictures, order forms are available in the school office. Also on Tuesday, October 11th you can have your photo RETAKEN. If you are having a retake photo, return your original package to the photographer on retake day. Since Tuesday is an out-of-uniform day, students should come to school in the clothing they choose for their photo. After their picture is taken they may change into their black and white out-of-uniform clothing or school uniform for the remaining school hours. Any questions, call the school office.

LOST - A man's wedding ring was possibly lost on our school grounds. If you find it, please turn it into the school office. Thanks!

CULVER'S DAY - Tuesday, October 11th from 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. - Join the St. Matthew's community to enjoy a meal out and help raise money for St. Matthew's School. Culver's in Oak Creek will donate 10% of your meal purchase total to the school on Tuesday, October 11th. In order to receive the donation you must present a voucher when ordering at the Culver's of Oak Creek (7841 South Howell Avenue / Drexel and Howell). Vouchers are available in the October 7th family folder or will be available at Culver's.

MARKET DAY - Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped at our last Market Day sale. Thank you also to those who purchased products from our sale. Our profit was \$234.24. Our next sale pick up day is Monday, October 31st. See you then!

LAST CHANCE - Yankee Candle Fundraiser for the 8th Grade DC Trip - The Yankee Candle Fundraiser ended Friday, October 7th. If you have not already sent in your order forms, please send them on Monday with **one check** payable to St. Matthew School. You will be advised once a delivery date is set, however it will be before Thanksgiving. If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser please contact Bonnie Sikora at 414-573-9301 or by email: jamieandbonnie@netzero.com. Thank you for supporting the 8th Grade DC Trip!

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!

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS - Our final Cross Country meet of the season was held on Tuesday, October 4th at the Prairie School in Racine. Congratulations to the following St. Matt's runners who were top 10 finishers in their races: Alex Reinke 1st, Justin Duchniak 9th, and Danny McNeive 10th in the 6th Grade and under boys race; Abby Lownik 1st, Abigail Joosten 2nd, Grace Paar 4th, Ashlyn McQuitty 7th, and Amanda Czerwinski 8th in the 6th Grade and under girls race; Evan Siira 2nd, Ryan McNeive 3rd, Jacob Hochschild 5th, and Thomas Dolan 9th in the 7th and 8th grade boys race; Emma Sims 1st, Hollie Poehler 4th, Jenna Borts 5th, and Rachel Chilson 8th in the 7th and 8th grade Girls race. The following are all of the individual places and times for the 1.27 mile race:

GIRLS – 6th Grade and under

1st	Abby Lownik	9:21
2nd	Abigail Joosten	9:22
4th	Grace Paar	9:25
7th	Ashlyn McQuitty	9:34
8th	Amanda Czerwinski	9:35
12th	Lauren Sims	10:03
15th	Samantha Lee	10:15

BOYS – 6th Grade and under

1st	Alex Reinke	8:10
9th	Justin Duchniak	9:05
10th	Danny McNeive	9:06
11th	Jack Joosten	9:07
19th	John Margraff	10:45
20th	Nick Shelton	10:47

GIRLS – 7th and 8th Grade

1st	Emma Sims	8:26
4th	Hollie Poehler	9:08
5th	Jenna Borts	9:11
8th	Rachel Chilson	9:21
11th	Louise Ehrhardt	9:44
12th	Katalyna Bartek	9:53
13th	Nicole Burchardt	9:54
19th	Andi Sullivan	10:45

BOYS – 7th and 8th Grade

2nd	Evan Siira	7:21
3rd	Ryan McNeive	7:33
5th	Jacob Hochschild	7:55
9th	Thomas Dolan	8:23
20th	Colin McQuitty	9:12



SERVERS –	October 8	5:00 p.m.:	Jennifer Budzisz	Cross:	Andi Sullivan
	October 9	7:30 a.m.:	Jacklyn Payne	Cross:	Abby Lownik
		9:30 a.m.:	Rebecca Koronkowski	Cross:	Rachel Pogodzinski

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. Thank you for supporting our school.

Family Faith Sharing

This weekend's Gospel reminds us that God invites all of us to his kingdom. How do we respond to this invitation? In theological terms, God has granted us free will to accept or reject salvation. The parable of the wedding feast reminds us that God desires our wholehearted acceptance of his invitation to salvation.

As you gather as a family, discuss what you consider appropriate attire for various occasions. For example, if your family were invited to a neighbor's barbecue, what would you wear? If you were planning to attend the symphony, what might you wear? If invited to an evening wedding, what might you wear? Discuss how our preparations for an event and our choice of attire indicates the importance and value we place on the occasion. In today's Gospel Jesus uses this metaphor to talk about the kingdom of heaven. Read Matthew 22:1-14. Discuss why the guest was thrown out of the wedding feast. What does Jesus expect of those who accept his invitation of salvation? What would be the evidence of our conversion to God's salvation? Pray together as a family that you will respond wholeheartedly to God's invitation to salvation. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 23.

“Do not overuse the word no.”

“C U @ Mass”