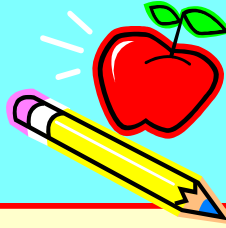




Happy Easter
Season!



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Principal's News

Dear St. Matthew Catholic School Families,

Well, here we are, beginning the Fourth Quarter; it hardly seems possible that we are in the "final stretch!" Below are some events and dates that I do not want you to miss as some are very, very important to your child's education.

Mandatory Parent Night, April 18, 6:30 p.m.

This meeting is MANDATORY for all families that are returning to St Matthew School next year. Some very important changes to the school day and school year schedule are going to be discussed as well as new expectations for parent volunteers. This is the time to get ready for what is going to be THE BEST YEAR YET at St Matthew School, so plan on having at least one parent/guardian representing your student.

Scholarship Deadline

The deadline for Catholic Tuition Arizona and Brophy Foundation scholarships is THIS Monday, April 15. You will not have access to these funds after this date, so stop by the office if you are not completely finished applying,

A very exciting opportunity for students in "failing schools"

If you have relatives or neighbors with children attending a public school with either a "D" or an "F" rating, there is now an opportunity for them to attend Catholic School through funds from the Arizona Department of Education which is now allowing parents with children in those schools to make decisions about their education. Please stop by the office for more information or go directly onto the Arizona Department of Education website. The deadline to obtain funding for next year is May 1, so you really need to get the word out and encourage people to apply.

Order of Christian Initiation

Congratulations to the St Matthew Students who joined the Catholic Church on Easter Saturday by celebrating Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. May God bless you and your families.

Summer School

We would like to encourage students entering Kinder-Second Grade to plan on attending summer school right here at St Matthew. Students entering Third Grade or above are asked to register at Brophy's Loyola Summer Project or speak with Ms Randolph for her Paid summer tutoring program on our campus. There is a 20 student limit for Grades 3-7 so please speak with Ms Randolph as soon as possible. St Matthew Summer School will be Monday-Thursday starting Wednesday, June 12 and ending on Wednesday, July 3.

Catholic Education Arizona

Do not forget to "re-direct" your Arizona state taxes to Catholic Education Arizona. Speak to your tax preparer so that you complete the appropriate form. Our school DEPENDS on these funds.

CELEBRATE TO EDUCATE

When: Saturday, May 4, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

What: "Cinco de Mayo" Celebration on the Plaza, dinner, auction, music, fun

Cost: Special price for school parents, ask in the office for details.

Please plan on buying tickets to our raffle, \$50 per family suggested donation. Thank you.

Katzin Classical Music Composers:

We will listen to "Fantasia
No. 1 for Two Trebles" by
Orlando Gibbons



We will listen to "Frank
Bridge Variations 5. Aria
Italiana" by Benjamin Britten



Parent Corner

Increased security

If you have been on our campus you will have noticed the increased security equipment in response to the tragedies in schools around the country. There are now 12 video cameras that are monitored 24 hours a day on the internet so that if anyone breaks the law, we will now have good, solid evidence against those individuals.

We would like to remind parents that children in Kinder-Fourth grade need to be PICKED UP in their classroom as no child is released without an escort. We would also like to remind parents to pick up their children in the back so to avoid congestion in the front parking lot as well as for security purposes. Lastly, the gate WILL NOT be opened during the Katzin Classical Music selection nor will it be open during prayer. Please refrain from ringing the bell if you hear the music or the prayer.

This Month's Highlights

Thursday, April 18: parent meeting,
6:30-7:30 p.m. in the church

Friday, April 26: Walkathon
postponed until May17

**Saturday, May 4: Celebrate to
Educate:** This is our school's major
fundraiser, so hope to see you there

Scholarship News

**Remember, the deadline for submitting
your forms for Catholic Education
Arizona and the Brophy Scholarships is
THIS Monday, April 15. Please, please
come into the office to complete this if
you have not done so already.**

VERY IMPORTANT, IT IS FOR YOUR STUDENTS' SAFETY!!!

**Just a reminder that it is school policy
NOT to use the 20th drive gate for pick up
and drop off of students. We have had
three incidents of "strangers" on campus
in the last few weeks simply because the
gate was left open. Given what has been
happening at schools around the
country, this is a risk we cannot afford to
take. Beginning Monday, the gate will
NOT be open after school and all parents
are asked to please follow school
procedure and use the back gate (on 21st
Avenue). The front gate will be used
EXCLUSIVELY for children going to the
Boys and Girls' Club and for school teams
going off campus.**

