



St. Matthew
Catholic School
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Principal's News

Welcome back to another year at St. Matthew School. It promises to be a year filled with "firsts" as we continue our dual language

Kindergarten/First grade/Second grade program, expand our assessment programs, and work hard towards raising the funds necessary to keep our little school in business!

I want to begin by thanking all of our parents and guardians for placing their trust in us. I also want to remember that we are here to *support you* in your roles as primary educators of your children. We can impart facts and knowledge, but only **you** can reinforce them at home.

By now every family should have a copy of the *Parent Student Handbook*. Please take the time to review it with your student and make sure that the "rules" are very clear. We count on you to support us as we strive to teach your children to be Active Catholics, Effective Communicators, Responsible Citizens and most of all, Self-Directed Learners.

Computer and Math Fees: Please remember to return your child's \$10 fee for computers and "Math First". Also, please return technology contracts and Handbook acknowledgement forms.

Lastly, I want to ask you to *partner with us* as we try to be responsible stewards of the many gifts that God has given us. I am speaking in particular of school books. Once again, thanks to the generosity of our friends at *Church of the Ascension* in Fountain Hills, we have the remainder of the Saxon Math books, science books and religion materials.

We also received a gift from the *Romney Foundation* which resulted in science workbooks for grades 4-8 and an anonymous donor who donated Junior High classroom sets. Please, please remind your children to be careful when they handle the new books and all school property. Let's make it a great year,

Mrs. McGowan

Welcome to St. Matthew School!

Mrs. Portillo. (Kinder Spanish and Aide to Mrs. Scafaru). Mrs. Portillo is a "school parent" who holds a "bachillerato" from Mexico and is beginning her university studies at La Universidad the Mejico. She and her husband Jaime are very active at St. Matthew parish and it is a pleasure to welcome her on staff.

Our new Jesuit Volunteers, Miss Pomeroy , and Miss. Brunkhorst arrived last week. Miss Pomeroy will be teaching Grade Three and Miss. Brunkhorst will be helping the lower elementary teachers, teaching P.E. on Fridays and substituting as needed. Please give them a warm "St. Matt's welcome!"

HELP WANTED

Please consider helping to coach one of our teams. See Coach Sojka for more details.

We will need lots of volunteers for our annual *Fiesta*. **This year we are adding another event**, an *Octoberfest dinner and Vegas Night* It is scheduled for October 6, from 6-10 p.m., traditional *Fiesta*, October 7 from 8-2 p.m. Please sign up in the office.

Safe Environment: If you have NEVER had the original safe environment training, you MUST complete it before working with students. Next session in English, Wednesday, September 12, 3:00 p.m. MANDATORY FOR COACHES. If you have completed the original, please renew online and let Mrs. Slis know when you complete your renewal.

Katzin Classical Music

Composers:

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Rondo from: Eine kleine Nachtmusik



Two: Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
We shall be listening to “Octet D.72 in F Major 2
“Allegro”.



School Board and Parent Corner

First meeting of the parent school board is scheduled for Monday, September 10, in the library at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share.



Reminders to Parents

The office opens at 7:30 a.m. **Do not** drop children off on 20th drive

1. Use north gate on 21st Ave.
2. Drop off in front of the cafeteria if your child is eating breakfast
3. Drive all the way around if your child is going into the playground
4. DO NOT block traffic
5. Walk little ones to the playground.
6. Pick up grades K-4 in the classroom at 3:10 or 1:00 on Fridays

This Month's special announcement

We have had several “uninvited” guests on our campus giving rise to serious concern for the safety of the students.

Please do not drop off at the front gate in the morning, and try NOT to use the front parking lot in the afternoon. Only Boys and Girls Club participants should be utilizing the front lot. Everyone else should use the entrance on 21st avenue and PARK their vehicles. Remember that grades K-4 need to pick up their students in the classroom.

Stewardship

Sharing the many gifts that God showers upon us, we are called to “give back” a portion to those less fortunate than ourselves. Therefore, we take up a collection at Wednesday's masses. One half stays at the school, one half is designated by the Student Council for a charity (or charities) of their choice. Please do not forget that Tuesday's “religion homework” is to get their envelope ready and please make sure that along with “perfect uniform” they have their envelope with them every Wednesday.

Week of 8/22/12
of envelopes: 82
Collection: \$236.61

Student Council 2012-2013

President, Carlos Saucedo , **Vice President,** Marc Arrellano , **Treasurer,** Ashley Castaneda , **Secretary,** Marianna Lalalde .

8th grade Reps. Christopher Quintero, Valeria Carranza, Anita Magyar, Dago Luna

7th grade Reps. Luvia Holguin, Kathya Meza, Cecilia Botello

6th grade Reps. Emmanuel Bearce, Quiara Shaw Jones, David Jasso