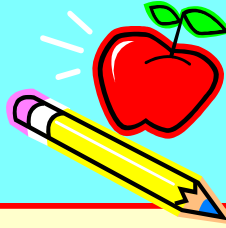




How is your Lent going this year?



St. Matthew Catholic School
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ST. Matthew Catholic School

Principal, Mrs. McGowan
Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction: Miss Koontz
Dean of Discipline, Mr. Guerra

Office Manager: Mrs. Tomasa Bracy
Registrar: Mrs. Sarah Slis
Rite of Christian Initiation

Principal's News

Dear St. Matthew Catholic School Families,

Diocesan Science Fair

Congratulations to the winner of the Diocesan Science Fair, Sydney Rix of St. Thomas Aquinas School for an impressive project on "solar vehicles". Our school winners were:

First Prize: Dago Luna, Elizabeth Suarez, Kitana Games and Louis Avalos
Second Prize: Andrea Ramirez
Third Prize: Sofia Anderson, Ana Torres, Angel Serrano
Congratulations to all who participated and to Grand Canyon University for their generous sponsorship.

First Reconciliation

Students who have been preparing to make their First Confessions are reminded that the celebration will be NEXT Saturday, March 16, at 8:00 a.m. in the church. Watch for more information next week.

Tuition is DUE

We have a number of families with outstanding tuition balances who have not made any arrangements with our business office to take care of their obligation. As you know, all of our children are on some type of financial aid, but you DO have some responsibility for their expenses. We realize that many people will take care of this with their tax return, and we thank you in advance. Remember, 8th grade diplomas will NOT be issued to students with outstanding balances. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

The following 17 St Matthew Students are presently preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. They will be celebrating these important Sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30th. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers:

Angel Camas Bonifas, Eric Buchanan, Jr., Christopher Medina Castaneda, Alexam M. Carrasco, Jadon Ovante, Vicente Perez, Arianna Quintero, Ethan Reyes, Erika Verduzco Castaned, Taydhe Hernandez, Anthony Ovante, Brittney Hernandez Garcia, Daniel Ruelas, Danitxa Sanudo Valles, Esmeralda Sanudo Valles, Luid Camas Bonifas, Lesvia Camas Bonifas

Faculty Professional Development means NO SCHOOL on Monday, March 11

Our entire faculty will be attending the Diocesan Curriculum Day this coming Monday, March 11 so school will not be in session on that day.

Murphy School District Spring Break

Murphy School District (provides our breakfast and lunch) will be on break the week of March 18-22. We will have peanut butter and jelly sandwiches available every day along with milk for students who forget their lunch, but we will NOT be serving a hot lunch so please send your student to school with a packed lunch. If you are experiencing financial difficulties and are counting on the school lunch for your child's nutrition, PLEASE make sure that you return the school lunch form next week and we shall ensure that a hot lunch is available for him/her.

Only one more week of free registration for next year. See Mrs. Bracy for details.

Katzin Classical Music

Composers:

We will listen to Ravel's
"String Quartet in F Major"



And Bach's Brandenburg
Concerto NO 3. # Allegro



Homeroom Parent

In our ongoing effort to involve more parents in the life of the school, teachers have a self-imposed goal of selecting at least one homeroom teacher per classroom. This individual would serve for the remainder of the school year and then "move up" with his or her student. This would ensure continuity and give the teachers some much needed help. In addition, it would be understood that the homeroom parents would be special members of the parent-teacher association and some would be invited to sit on the School Board. If you are interested in making a difference at your student's school, speak to the homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

Stewardship News

Mass collection for February 13, 2013

of envelopes: 55, Collection: \$ 120.74

Mass collection for February 20, 2013

of envelopes: 38, Collection: \$ 238.78

Mass collection for February 27, 2013

of envelopes: 43, Collection: \$328.97

This Month's Highlights

Saturday, March 2: Congratulations Ms Koontz. M.Ed., M.Ed., on the reception of your SECOND Master's degree. We are proud of you!

Thursday, March 7: Diocesan Science Fair. Parents welcome 3:00-4:30 p.m. Hot dogs and drinks for sale.

Monday, March 11: Diocesan Curriculum Day, NO SCHOOL.

Sunday, March 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day! Happy Feast Day, Mr. McGowan

Friday, March 22: End of Quarter.

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

Wednesday, March 27: Parent teacher conferences, by appointment only. 1:00 p.m. dismissal

Thursday, March 28: Holy Thursday, 1:00 p.m. Dismissal.

Friday, March 29-Sunday, April 7:
Easter Break

Active Catholics

Our students have been challenged to continue to grow into "Active Catholics" by avoiding cussing, being kind to one another and abhorring violence of all kinds. If you hear talk of playground violence or other kinds of bullying, please speak to Mrs. McGowan or Mr. Guerra as soon as possible. We are meant to be a "kind and safe place" for all of our students.