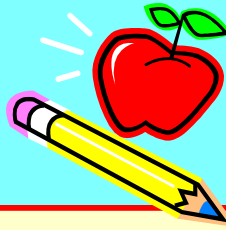




November: All Saints and
All Souls, pray for us!



**St. Matthew
Catholic School**
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Principal's News

November happenings

"Election Break"

Remember that the school will be closed on Monday, November 5 through Wednesday, November 7 due to the elections. Father Ray wants to avoid any possible problems tied to election issues and the fact that our parish is an important voting site. School resumes on Thursday, November 8.

Veteran's Day, November 12

St Matthew School is open on Veteran's Day. This year, we would like to celebrate the day as a school family and since there is no lunch, encourage families to join us for another one of our famous "family meals". Parents are encouraged to bring lunch for their children and the school will be offering "Little Caesar's Pizza" and milk for \$2.00. This is a wonderful opportunity to get together before the holidays begin and give God thanks for His many blessings.

Safe Environment

Mrs. McGowan will be conducting "Safe Environment" classes for the Sixth Grade during November 13 and 19th. Please refer to the letter that went home for more information.

Mrs. McGowan

Just for parents

Mrs. Dot Hernandez, whom many know as our Saturday 5:00 p.m. musician for many years is also a talented mental health therapist. She will be offering a series of sessions on topics of interest to our parents. These were chosen following our recent parent survey taken up during parent-teacher conferences. Please look over the flier that is attached to this newsletter and return it to school NO LATER than next Friday, September 9th so that Mrs. Hernandez can plan the first session. Note, "Creative Parenting" begins on November 13th and will be offered both in the morning and in the early evening. The other sessions on "Increasing our cultural competency," "Taking Stock of our Assets," and "Domestic Violence" are sure to be of great interest as well.

St Matthew School is very grateful to Mrs. Hernandez for her willingness to share her gifts with our parents and friends so feel free to bring a guest or two if you wish.

STEWARDSHIP

Collection for October 24, \$133.76, 35 envelopes

Looking ahead:

Mrs. McGowan recently approved a request from the Student Council to host our first ever "Winter Formal" for Grades 5-8 presently scheduled for Friday, December 14. If you would like to help, speak to your son or daughter as this is a "student coordinated event".

Katzin Classical Music Composers:

Week of November 5-16: Joseph Haydn 91732-1809), *Concerto for Trumpet 3. Finale: Allegro*



Week of November 19-30: Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1750), *Adagio in G Minor* for organ and strings



School Board and Parent Corner

Last year, St Matthew Catholic Church and School became a "Corporation Sole". This means that our school operates under the guidance of our Chief Executive Officer, our Pastor, Fr. Raymond Ritari. Given the legal status of our organization, Father Ray, after consulting with Mrs. McGowan, has decided to merge the School Board in with the Church Council since our affairs are so interconnected. Membership on this new Board is by invitation only although the portions of the meeting devoted to school affairs are open to the parents. The Parent-Teacher Association remains as it always has been and meets regularly throughout the year. The next Parish/School Board meeting is scheduled for November 13th at 6:00 p.m.

ACTIVE CATHOLICS FOR THE MONTH OF October

The following young people are outstanding examples of what it means to live out our Number One School-wide learning expectation!

Kinder: Julian Bocorques

1st Grade: Mia Longoria

2nd Grade: Mariana Perez

3rd Grade: Lorenzo Popa

4th Grade: Amanda Garcia

5th Grade: Antonio Ixehuatl

6th Grade: Jose Perez

7th Grade: Lluvia Holguin

8th Grade: Ashley Castaneda

SUPER READERS

The following students have read over 2000 pages during the month of October: Cassie Canales, Angeles Ixehuatl and Victoria Saucedo. Congratulations to those who fulfill another of our School-wide learning expectations that you be a "Self Directed Learner".

ITBS Scores

Your student's teacher has your son or daughter's ITBS scores and will be available daily from 3:10-3:30 to meet with parents to go over the scores. This is on a drop in basis and you will be able to take home your child's report.