



Happy Feast of  
St. Matthew  
Patron Saint, pray for us!



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# ST. Matthew Catholic School

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## Principal's News

We are presently getting ready for one of the school year's most important events and that is:

- **Iowa Testing.** One of the big issues at our school is our consistently lower than average scores on standardized tests when compared against other schools in the diocese. Admittedly many of our students do not have access to the same privileges or experiences of students in schools with more resources, but this should not be an excuse for laziness or the failure to pay attention. Parents, please partner with us in helping your student be more successful by doing the following:
- **Eat a healthy dinner**  
If possible, make sure that your child has a high protein dinner (eggs, fish, and meat, chicken) low in carbohydrates (tortillas, potatoes, and rice) and sugar (easy on dessert).
- **Limit T.V.**  
School age children should not be watching any T.V. between Sunday evening and Thursday evening, but if you must allow it, restrict it to one hour, making sure that there is time for reading as well.
- **Early bedtime**  
Children need plenty of sleep in order to stay alert and work at their optimum potential. The latest an eighth grader should be in bed is 9:30 p.m. a 7<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grader 9:00 p.m., a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader 8:45 p.m. a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader 8:30 p.m. and a K-2<sup>nd</sup> grader 8:00 p.m.  
*Mrs. McGowan*

## Fiesta is coming

It's that time of year; we are **two** weeks away from our awesome Fiesta which this year will be held on Sunday, October 7, from 8:00-1:00 p.m. Watch for take home notices for donations and please volunteer to work at least one shift during that morning. We are looking for 100% participation from our school families, and I know it can be done! Watch out also for tickets to our first **Octoberfest** on the Saturday evening before the Fiesta. Tickets are \$10 and include dinner, beer and casino games. Proceeds will go to the Junior High California trip planned for later on this spring.

### Katzin Classical Music

Week of September 24: Beethoven, "Symphony No. 6, Pastoral" 3. Allegro

Week of October 1: Bartok: "Sonatina" "Bagpipers, Berar Dance, Finale"

### STEWARDSHIP

September 12: \$289.52, 42 student envelopes

September 19: \$125.98, 59 student envelopes

**Dress Code on campus and for events:** means for men no "baggy" trousers, no tank tops, and no covered heads in church. For women it means, no "short-shorts", no mini -skirts, no tank tops, no excessively low cut tops. If we ask our girls to wear skirts to their knees, it is not appropriate to have indecently dressed men and women on campus. The school personnel and the School Board are charged with enforcing this. Thanks in advance for your cooperation

