

St. Matthew
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ST. Matthew Catholic School

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Principal's News

This year, the faculty and students will be focusing on the *Themes of Catholic Social Thought* as a part of our catechetical program and as we ready ourselves for the new liturgical year, themed: *The Year of Faith*.

During this month, we shall be discussing

The Common Good and Community
which simply means that
"Human beings can only reach their full individual potential if they work to promote and protect the good of society as a whole. Our obligation to love our neighbor is not only an individual commitment; it requires a broader social responsibility." (U.S.F. Lane Center for Catholic Studies and Social Thought)

As a school, it means that students are reminded on a daily basis that to be an "active Catholic" implies taking responsibility for the least among us. In practical terms, this means dedicating our weekly collection to charity, raising funds for our student in Kenya, doing the same for our student in Palestine, participating in the St Vincent de Paul drive, helping former students with "Dream Act" funding, and much more.

Please discuss this principle as a family and perhaps come up with ways that YOU can live it out.

Mrs. McGowan

Fiesta and CASINO NIGHT is coming

When: Saturday, October 6, 6-10 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person

Includes: "Octoberfest" style dinner, beer, soft drinks and table games

Need: Prizes for the games, food. See Coach Sojka to volunteer

When: Sunday, October 7, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Cost: Free admission, rides, food, entertainment.

1 p.m. Raffle drawing

Please check in with Mrs. Tomasa Bracy to sign up for service hours or to bring donations. Donations list by grade will be going home next Friday.

STEWARDSHIP

September 15: \$97.22, 42 student envelopes

Buck a Jean for August raised \$200 to pay for a portion of a former student's "Dream Act" fees. The balance was contributed by teachers for a total of \$460. We are very proud of how we continue to take care of another!

Katzin Classical Music

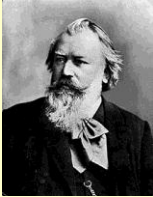
Composers:

Week of September 11

Brahms

Clarinet Quintet 3.

Andantino-Presto



Week of September 18

Vivaldi

“Autumn” from “*The Four Seasons*” 1. *Allegro*



PARENTS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The morning “drop off” appears to be “under control” but the parking lot on 20th drive continues to be chaotic at 3:10 p.m. dismissal. Please, please park your car in the 21st avenue parking lot and pick up your son or daughter. It is mandatory for parents of grades K-4, but parents of older students need to do the same. Thank you.

Sacramental Preparation



If your son or daughter has not yet been baptized, made his or her First Holy Communion and Confirmation, the school is offering a family centered approach that mirrors the parish process. Families meet once a month for bilingual (English/Spanish) catechesis, and the children have the concepts reinforced in their daily catechism classes. The first class for families will be on Monday, September 17 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in room 8. This is the schedule for the rest of the classes:

Monday, October 15

Monday, November 12

Monday, January 14

Monday, February 11

Monday March 11

Please register at the school office with Mrs. Bracy or just come to the first class. There will be a \$25 for materials

FRIENDS OF ST MATTHEW/School Board

The effort to grow the endowment continues, albeit at a very slow pace. The next meeting of the board charged with raising funds will be THIS Thursday, September 13 at 4:00 p.m. at Brophy College Preparatory (administrative building). This meeting will take place of the September School Board meeting. Any School Board member interested in attending, please call Mrs. McGowan.

Thank you.