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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 expand our dual language program in to Third Grade and partially into Fourth. We shall also be expanding 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.

Parent Night

Remember, our first Parent Night for the year is this coming Monday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Please make every effort to be there. We shall go over the *Parent/Student Handbook*, meet the new teachers and you will have an opportunity to visit individual classrooms.

Computer and Math Fees: Please remember to return your child's \$10 fee for computers

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, social studies and religion materials.

We were also very fortunate to receive a grant from the Catholic Community Foundation, and 25 microscopes have been purchased for Junior High. Please remind your scholars to be very careful with these and all school property

Mrs. McGowan

Welcome to St. Matthew School!

Miss Sandoval. (Third and Fourth Grade in Spanish). Miss Sandoval comes to us as she finishes up her teaching degree at Grand Canyon University, with three years experience as a Teacher Assistant at Capitol School. She will be completing her "student teaching" at our school and we are excited to continue to partner with GCU in so many significant ways. Miss Sandoval is fluent in Spanish and is very much looking forward to working with your scholars

Our new Jesuit Volunteers, Miss Sullivan , and Miss Peterka arrived last week. Miss Sullivan will be teaching Physical Education and Miss. Paterka will be helping several teachers with individual students, tutoring, coaching 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 Mr Guerra or Mr Toomey for more details.

We will need lots of volunteers for our annual *Fiesta*. ***This year we are continuing with an Octoberfest dinner and Vegas Night*** It is scheduled for October 5, from 6-9 p.m., traditional *Fiesta*, October 6 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, Thursday, August 22, 1:15 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

The Boys and Girls Club will begin picking up on Monday, August 26 at 4:30 p.m.
Extended Day will begin on that same day.



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 if leaving at 3:10. All extended day participants will be picked up on 21st

This Month's special announcement

Last school year, we 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. On “extended days” all students need to be picked up in the cafeteria.

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 Wednesdays 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.

Extended Day program

Details of the “Extended Day” program will be discussed at Parent Night on Monday evening. **This is NOT babysitting and will have dates that coordinate with Loyola Project.** Participation is mandatory for grades 4-8. Participation for K-3 is by teacher invitation. If you are interested, please speak to your child’s teacher.