**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

**Catholic Schools Week** begins on Sunday, January 26th with an OPEN HOUSE for grades K-8. Current families may re-register for **free** and if a new student registers due to the efforts of a current family, the current student will receive a coupon to ***Colette’s Uniform. Remember, we have CLOSED classrooms at the present time, so the sooner you re-register and apply for those scholarships, the better it will be.***

**NO LUNCH DAY**

The public school district that provides our breakfast and lunch is closed next Friday, January 17. BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH TO SCHOOL DAY.

Auditioned Choir

We are presently finalizing a contract with a choir instructor to provide singing and music lessons to interested students on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:20-4:20 p.m. This choir will be BY AUDITION ONLY. Watch next week’s newsletter for more details including start date and audition times. NO prior music knowledge is necessary but a willingness to learn and to behave will be essential for participation.

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

# Principal’s News

Dear St. Matthew Catholic School Families,

There are a variety of events coming up during the next two weeks that are of interest to some or to all of you.

**Dancing Classrooms**

Our school welcomes this wonderful program for the Fourth Year. Ms Teresa, our wonderful instructor, will once again be teaching ballroom dancing to our 5th Grade students. In addition, eight invited sixth and seventh graders will begin training to hopefully become competitors in more advance categories and represent St Matthew in city-wide competitions. It is a very exciting possibility for these students and for our school. Classes begin on January 21.

**Jesuit Volunteers on Retreat**

Please keep Ms Sullivan and Ms Paterka in your prayers as they make their winter retreat from the 15 until the 17th of January.

**8th grade news:**

Our 8th graders are entering their last semester of grammar school. It is time to seriously think about High School. The entrance exams for the Catholic High Schools will be held on January 11 and make up exams on the 25h. Watch the students’ take home materials for more information.

Happy New Year !



### St. Matthew Catholic School

Rev. Raymond Ritari, Pastor

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#  Katzin Classical Music Composers

**Week One**: Paganini

Sonata No. 1 for Violin and Guitar



**Week Two: A. Palestrina**

**Missa Aeterna Christi Munera**



Parent Corner

We appear to be having a problem with students during sports events. We do not provide student supervision during games so if you wish your child to be a spectator, please plan on attending with him/her. Beginning the 21st, any unsupervised student who is not a member of a team will be asked to go to Loyola/Study Hall. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

**Stewardship News**

**Mass collection** for December 18, 2013

# of envelopes: 34 , Collection: $ 81.73

**Mass collection** for January 8, 2014

# of envelopes 42, Collection $173.51

***Penny War for our school in Africa during all of Catholic Schools Week.***

Tuesday, January 14: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. McGowan as they celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary! Many more you two!

Wednesday, January 15: All School Spelling Bee. K-4th: 9-11 a.m., 5-8th: 1-2:45 p.m. Good luck one and all.

Monday, January 20: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday. No school.

Tuesday, January 21: Extended Day Begins. Dancing Classroom Begins. Hopefully “by audition only” choir beings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 4:30 dismissal for Study Hall/Loyola.

Friday, January 24, 10:00 a.m.: Honors Assembly and Annual Donor luncheon, church

Sunday, January 26th: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK begins, FREE REGISTRATION after all masses.

Thursday, January 30: “Happy Birthday” Miss Sullivan

Catholic Schools Week Schedule

Monday: “Upside down/Inside out Day.” Everything will be upside down and clothes inside out. Penny War begins

Tuesday: “Nerd Day” Wear your uniform but accessorize like a “nerd.” Diocesan Spelling Bee at 6:30 p.m., St Francis Xavier School.

Wednesday: 8:15 a.m. Mass for Catholic Schools, 11:15 a.m. March on the Capitol in support of Catholic Education Arizona Tax Credit. Perfect Uniform

Thursday: P.J.’s to school day and “All-School Reads”

Friday: “Spirit Day” Wear “free buck-a-jean” and favorite team jersey (including ours!)

# This Month’s Highlights

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