**Report Cards**

Report Cards that did not go out on Thursday will be going home on Tuesday, January 21 to avoid having them lost over the long weekend. If you wish to discuss your child’s grade with his or her teacher it is up to YOU to make an appointment to come in and see him or her. Mrs. McGowan will be setting up appointments for students in danger of being retained.

**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.***

**Re-Accreditation**

Our school is a bit “behind” in beginning the re-accreditation process due to Mrs. McGowan’s absence this fall, but we are excited to announce that we have begun the process under the leadership of our former Assistant Principal, Mr. Robert Kman. Our school is scheduled to be visited one year from this February and starting now we hope to involve the entire community in this exciting process. The ultimate goal is to continue to improve student learning, something that is always at the forefront of everything that we do at St Matthew Catholic School. Stay tuned for more news of how you can help YOUR school maintain its high standard of excellence.

***Mrs. McGowan***

ST. Matthew Catholic School

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Dean of Discipline, Mr. Guerra

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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. Most of these were in last week’s newsletter but they bear repeating

**Martin Luther King Jr.**

There is no school on Monday in honor of Dr. King’s Birthday. Remember to discuss his important role in history with your scholars

**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

**Loyola Project and Study Hall**

Loyola Project for grades K-3 (by invitation) and Study Hall for grades 4-8 resume on

Tuesday, January 21. Remember these are from 3:30-4:30 SHARP. If a student is picked up late, he or she loses the privilege of attending the program

**Choir**

It is with great pleasure that we announce the start of an “auditioned” choir beginning Tuesday, January 21 and then on Tues and Thursdays. Choir practice will be under the direction of Miss Christine and will take place from 3:15-4:20 or so in the church. All students interested please stop by to audition.

Happy Birthday Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. !



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