# Just for parents

**PARENT EDUCATION**

Mrs. McGowan will be overseeing GED prep classes on Monday and Wednesdays after mass. Materials for self-paced study will be available as well as tutoring when needed.

**English as a Second Language**

Classes meet every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in classroom #8. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to better your English language skills

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Copy Paper needed**

We are almost out of copy paper in the school office. We are asking that EVERY CHILD bring in one or two packages of copy paper (available at Office Max or other office supply store) in order to help keep our expenses down.

**Looking ahead:**

There is NO Study Hall or Loyola next week (November 25-27) so please plan accordingly. Remember, there will be early release on Wednesday, November 27 in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday, and no school on Friday the 29th. Thank you.

# Principal’s News

**November happenings**

**Dual-Language Testing**

Thanks to our partners at Boston College, St Matthew School Kinder and First Grade students are presently being given a baseline language exam to obtain a baseline score for both English and Spanish. It is our hope that by the end of 4th grade all students who participate in this program will be scoring ***above average*** in both languages. This is borne out by all of the literature available on dual-language instruction. Your student’s results will be available after the Christmas Break.

**Food Drive**

Our annual food drive for St Vincent de Paul will be held next week. This year, we are trying something a little different. Students are asked to bring in canned goods for five consecutive days and the classroom totals will be announced at the end of the day at prayer time. The food drive will end on Monday the 25th and the winning class will enjoy a pizza feast on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

I realize that many of our families struggle to put food on the table, but one of our mottos is “there is always a bit more to share.”

***Mrs. McGowan***

November: All Saints and All Souls, pray for us!

ST. Matthew Catholic School

Principal, Mrs. McGowan

Dean of Discipline, Mr. Guerra

Asst. Principal for Curriculum and Instruction, Miss Koontz

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Registrar: Mrs. Sarah Slis

**banner with apples and crayons**

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Rev. Raymond Ritari, Pastor

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**Antonio Vivaldi** (2678-1741)

We will be listening to “Summer” from *The Four Seasons.*

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