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# Principal’s News

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**NOVEMBER 28, 2013**

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**Just a reminder that the last day of Loyola/Study Hall for the first semester is on Tuesday, December 3.**

Since we are tied to the Brophy schedule, this means NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM after 12/3. Brophy/Study Hall will resume in January. Please make arrangements to pick up your students at 3:10 p.m. until the Christmas break

## Upcoming Events

1. Family Mass: Tonight, Thanksgiving Eve Mass, 6:30 p.m.

As we prepare for the upcoming Thanksgiving celebration, here is a table prayer that you might like to share with your family:

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.

Have a wonderful holiday,

***Mrs. McGowan***

**Advent 2013**

Our new Liturgical year begins on December 1, 2013. Hopefully every school family is getting a home Advent Wreath ready to bless and light on Sunday evening. In case you need it, here is a blessing for the Advent Wreath.

*God our Creator,*

*By your Word all things are made holy.*

*Bless this wreath as a sign to us of Jesus our Light.*

*The circle of this wreath will remind us of the coming of Christ, whose love for us has no end. The light of these candles will remind us of the coming of Christ, who is the Light of the world.*

*By day and by night*

*And through every season, you watch over us, loving God.*

*By the light of this wreath we shall wait in patience for your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.*

(Adapted from *McMahon-Jeep, E., Blessings and Prayers through the Year. Chicago, LTP, 2004)*

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