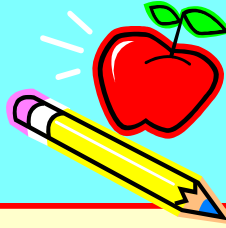




FALL IS IN  
THE AIR



St. Matthew  
Catholic School  
Rev. Raymond Ritari,  
Pastor

October 4, 2013

# St. Matthew Catholic School

Principal, Mrs. McGowan

Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction, Miss Koontz

Office Manager: Mrs. Tomasa Bracy

Dean of Discipline, Mr. Guerra

Registrar: Mrs. Sarah Slis

## Principal's News

### NO SCHOOL: October 10 & 11

Teachers will be attending professional development training hosted by the Diocese on **October 10** and thus there will be **no school** that day. Due to the Murphy school district fall break, there will be **no school October 11**. Fall break will be October 21, 22, & 23 with school resuming on Thursday, October 24.

### Pack a Lunch

Lunch will not be provided the week of October 7. Students **MUST BRING** their own lunch.

### School Board News

We invite and encourage parents and community members to join the St. Matthew School Board. The next meeting date/time (to be announced).

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences (K-5) will be scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Teachers will send home a letter with available times so please check your child's backpack. School will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. on both of those days. Junior high conferences will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 - 5:30pm & Friday from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

## WEEKEND OF FESTIVITIES

**SUPPLIES** for the **Fiesta** were requested & are still greatly needed. Please support the school by helping provide those supplies.

**Octoberfest** Celebration & Casino Night **October 5** from 6-9 p.m. in the cafeteria. Tickets are \$10 a piece, includes dinner and two drinks.

Join us for fun & food at the **Fiesta** on **October 6** from 8-1 p.m.

Please remember that these fundraisers **support students** attending St. Matthew.

## HELP WANTED

In order to continue **study hall** (K-8) during the week, we are asking for additional parent **volunteers** during the month of October and so on. Please remember, your willingness to volunteer will ensure that the afterschool program continues.

## I-PADS

As of January 2014, students in middle school will receive iPads to be used on campus. Because students will only be using them for the remaining year, a fee of \$75 will be required. For the 2014-2015 school year, an annual fee of \$150 will be required. Additional information will be provided.

## Student Mass Collection

\$616.68

## This Week's Katzin Classical Music Composer

### Ludwig van Beethoven (1170-1827)

Born in Bonn, Germany, this exceptional composer produced a wealth of classical music that is still widely celebrated today. He is among the most important composers of the Classical & Romantic era. Although he was completely deaf toward the end of his life, he produced extraordinary piano sonatas & symphonies.



## Parent "Corner"

School *begins at 7:45 a.m.* and *dismisses at 4:30 p.m. (Monday – Thursday). Friday* schedule is *7:45 a.m to 1:00 p.m.* If students are late to school, an adult **MUST** sign him/her in by coming into the office.

**Registrar** requests that 6<sup>th</sup> grade, age 11 shots/immunization records are due immediately.

**OCIC classes** begin on October 7 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. (For students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade who have not received any sacrament).

**Website** for parents about bullying, special needs, getting kids out of bed in the morning, and much more: <http://www.parenting.org/>

*Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."*  
John 14:6

## Next Week's Highlights

Monday 10/7/13 Bring lunch to school

Tuesday 10/8/13 Bring lunch to school

Wednesday 10/9/13 Bring lunch to school  
School Mass, perfect uniform

Thursday 10/10/13 No School

Friday 10/10/13 No School

## Helpful Tips & General Information

1. Want to improve your child's reading skills? We recommend reading with your child daily for 15 minutes or more.
2. Learning begins and continues in the home! Please reinforce good study habits and work ethic.
3. Check your child's backpack every evening in order to locate handouts, homework, & in general, to establish organization & tidiness. This is also recommended for junior high students.
4. Communicate with your child's teacher on a regular basis. Remember, they are one person with many students. Thus, it is encouraged that you send a weekly email, make a phone call, or drop by. We want to promote communication so please work with us.
5. Finally, thank you for choosing St. Matthew and for your dedication to providing your child a Christian education.