

St. Matthew School Jaguar Report
“Celebrating Diversity”
<http://catholic.stmatthewschool.iowapages.org>

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Security System

The security system for our school doors is finally completed. The doors to the school are locked at all times except the front doors to the school. Beginning Monday, November 2nd we will be locking the second set of double glass doors coming into school from 9:00 a.m. to 2:45. The first two glass doors will be open. If you visit the school during the day please use the red button on the right hand side to be let in. Thank you for support and as always we are here to provide a safe and friendly environment to everyone.

Conferences

We are using My School System Website to sign up for conferences beginning Monday November 2nd. Please follow the steps below to sign your child up for conferences. If you do not have internet access please contact the office to set up a conference. Parents needing separate conference times for a student add a 1 after the last name e.g. (Smith1) access codes are the same.

Instructions:

1. Go to <http://myschoolsystems.com/stmatthew>.
2. Login
 - a. Enter the student's first name and last name and then your Power School password.
 - b. If you forgot your password or do not have one please click on the link "Forgot Password".
 - c. If for some reason you cannot get a password please email Ann at awaltermyer@cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us or call the office at 362-3021. we will give you your password.
3. Follow The Prompts:
 - a. Click "SCHEDULE" to schedule or change an appointment. Click on the circle next to the time you would like for your conference. A red "X" indicates a time slot that is not available. After choosing your time, press "Schedule Time" at the bottom of the page. You will see a confirmation of your time scheduled.

If you have any questions or problems with the conference scheduling please call the office at 362-3021.

Conferences with Mrs. Greene

I'd like to schedule some of my conferences before the two conference days on our school calendar. I work with quite a few students and my schedule gets too full. If you can come in before or after school next week contact Mrs. Greene at 362-3021 or mgreene@cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us thanks.

Koeze Nuts

If you have not yet turned in your order or would still like to order please have it to the school office Monday, November 2nd.

Protection of Children from the Archdiocese of Dubuque

Attached to this newsletter is the first and second of a five part series of parent information publications from the Office for the Protection of Children from the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The purpose of these publications is to help all of us be more informed of the issues and topics related to the abuse of children. It is our sincere hope that by partnering together we can continually provide the safest possible environment for all our young people to grow into healthy, Christ-filled adults. Please keep this first brochure in a handy place for your future reference.

Future newsletter items will be distributed during the months of October, November, January, and February.

Additional resources can be found at the Virtus website at www.virtus.org.

The Office for the Protection of Children

Children's Liturgies

November 4 th	Ms. Hageman 1 st Grade
November 9 th	Sr. Mary 5 th Grade
November 16 th	Mrs. Gutierrez 5 th Grade
November 30 th	Mrs. Freeman 5 th Grade
December 2 nd	Mrs. Stumme 4 th Grade
December 9 th	Mrs. Smith 3 rd Grade
December 16 th	Mrs. Adams 3 rd Grade

Dates to Remember

November 3 rd	Super Skate 6:30 PM
November 6 th	No School
November 10 th	Parent Association Meeting Media Center 7 PM
November 13 th	First Friday Jean Day
November 17 th	Conferences Early Dismissal 12:15
November 19 th	Conferences Early Dismissal 12:15
November 23-27	No School Thanksgiving Vacation
November 26	ECC Closed
November 27	ECC Closed

December 3rd	Christmas Program 3-5 & Band 7 PM
December 10th	Christmas Program K-2 7 PM
December 23-1	Christmas Break
January 4 th	Classes Resume

St. Jude Math – A – Thon

Sixty students from 3rd, 4th and 5th grade are participating in the St. Jude children's Research Hospital Math – A – Thon. Please remember all money is due November 12! Thanks to everyone for your support.

Day Light Savings Time

Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday Night, October 31st.

America Reads

On October 22, many special guests came to read to the students of St. Matthew's. The annual "America Reads Day" event demonstrates the importance of reading at all stages of life. We were fortunate to have the following readers from Xavier High School; Matt Goldsmith, Aaron Lacy, Hannah Breitbach, Paige Callanan, Brian Ropp, and Mrs. Globokar. We were also very fortunate to have the following parents, grandparents and friends as special guest readers; Liz Efting, Lisa Cox, Ann Olsen, Janice Keyes, Richard Schultschik, and Brenda Carlson. From the Cedar Rapids community Joe Winters of Channel 9 News and Heidi Hancock of Hills Bank came to read. And last, but not least, our very own Mr. Wolf! All of our readers were wonderful models of showing students the importance and enjoyment of reading. It was a great day and we appreciate our guests taking the time to share some terrific stories with us!

News from the Lunch Room

Hello Jaguar Parents!

Wanted to start off by saying a big "Thank you" to all our lunch room volunteers that have come in, this has helped us in so many ways!! If you would ever like to help out, you can contact Stephanie Heims at heimsds@mchsi.com

Low Lunch Accounts

You should be receiving an e-mail notice and/or a low balance note. The paper notification will be sent home every 15th and 30th of the month with your child.

To check your child's account you can go to the St. Matthew School website. You will need to go under "Hot Lunch".

The School Dining System will ask you for a user name. This will be your child's lunch account number. Then it will ask for a password. If you have forgotten or need a password please let me know.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at creilly@cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us

Thank you!

Carrie Reilly

Lori Bredl

Food Service Directors

SCRIP News

THANK YOU to everyone who is purchasing SCRIP! With the holidays around the corner I just want to remind you of a few things:

1. For those of you "Black Friday" (day after Thanksgiving) shoppers the deadline for ordering for **GUARANTEED** delivery is November 8.
2. We will be selling SCRIP on Nov. 21 and 22 but backorders will not be available for pickup/backpack delivery until Tuesday, December 1.
3. IF we have volunteers to sell the weekend of Thanksgiving we will. If you are going to be in town and would like to help out by selling SCRIP over Thanksgiving weekend, please let me know your mass preference. I will keep you posted as to whether or not we have any volunteers.
4. Deadline for ordering to ensure delivery before Christmas break is Sunday, December 13.

Again, if you are able to sell after mass Thanksgiving weekend please let me know. Also, if anyone has a couple extra hours and would like to help out filling orders any Wednesday afternoon, Thursday, or Friday between now and Christmas, I would appreciate the help.

As always, the scrip order form is available on the school web page.

Only 8 weekends until Christmas! SCRIP makes the perfect gift and there is something for **EVERYONE!** Thanks, Lora Breitbach.