

Hello, families:

Yesterday was the feast day of St. Matthew. Matthew, one of the Twelve, was a tax collector who was invited into Jesus' closest circle with the simple command to 'Follow me'. The beauty of Matthew's call is that we can see ourselves in the disciple's call. Jesus invites each one of us to follow him. The Lord does not call us because we are deserving or worthy of this call; He calls us out of mercy and because He desires communion with us! This powerful sentiment is expressed in the Holy Father's motto which in English is, 'by having mercy, and by choosing.' Having been called personally by Christ, let us respond to this call and bear fruitful witness to the Gospel and bring this message to all!

St. Matthew, pray for us.

Thank you to our families for a wonderful start to the school year! As a reminder, we ask that parents withhold students from school who are showing any symptoms of COVID-19 and are symptom free for 24 hours. If a positive test result is received, kindly report that to the office. Our primary goal is to keep students safe and to ensure in-person learning.

And for some messages:

- There is no school this Friday, September 24th for teacher in-service.
- This is a reminder about after-school pick-up for students. The inside lane is reserved for preschool and kindergarten families. The middle lane is for first-third grade. The outside two lanes are for fourth-eighth grade. Please wait in the line until a staff member dismisses the line. This is for the safety of students leaving the building.
- As mentioned in a previous email, the launch for Yay Lunch! has been delayed. The new start date is October 4th with orders beginning on September 30th. Thank you for your patience as we introduce this new lunch partnership.
- Attached is a guide for changing or resetting your MSP password for those who may need assistance with that.
- For our students who are Neumann Scholars, the test day is September 26th at Archbishop Wood High School. Please arrive at the test site by 12:30 with two #2 pencils.
- For families of 6th-8th grade, please save the date for October 29th from 7:00-9:00. The Home and School Association along with Student Council will be hosting the Middle School Halloween Dance. There will be a DJ, games, contests, food, and lots of fun. Masks are required and other mitigation strategies will be in place.
- The IU asked that we pass along information about an eviction assistance program, BERA. More information is included in the attached flier.
- Please find as an attachment information about Give Kids Sight Day which offers tele-health vision screenings for children who have not had their annual screening.

Go Gators!

In Christ,  
Mr. Harper