



THE ACADEMY OF SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

BRIDGES



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ST. MATTHIAS STEM NIGHT

All families are invited to attend our first Family STEM Night and Science Fair on Thursday, March 5 in Friendship Hall. The students in grades 6-8 are looking forward to showing off their science fair projects. Children and parents will have the opportunity to engage in STEM activities and learn about what the teachers are doing in their STEM professional development classes. Our parent STEM Committee will be recruiting volunteers for Career Day which takes place on May 1. Doors open at 5:45. The program will begin with a brief presentation of our STEM vision and introduction to the evening's activities. In order to ensure that we have ample materials for the activities and refreshments, it is necessary to know how many families will be attending. You may RSVP on the STEM Night invitation that will be distributed next Thursday or on-line when you receive the electronic e-vite. We hope to see all of you at this fun and engaging event!

BLACK HISTORY PARADE AND MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

On Tuesday, February 25, all parents are invited to our first Mardi Gras parade which will showcase the contributions of famous African Americans through the decades. Following the parade, the students will be treated to a pancake breakfast. Pancakes are the traditional Shrove Tuesday meal, eaten prior to the 40 days of fasting from meat and fat that was part of the Lenten practices during the middle ages. Today the Lenten fast is modified to no meat on Fridays and no meat or eating between meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

LENT BEGINS

The season of repentance and spiritual growth known as Lent begins on Wednesday, February 26. The students will attend Ash Wednesday mass at 10:30. Families are welcome to join us. On Fridays during Lent the children will participate in The Stations of the Cross at 2:05 in the church. All are welcome.

What's Happening

Friday, February 21

Band
Chick-fil-A

Monday, February 24

Field Trip to Kennedy Center
Grades 3-6
Shadow Day 8:15-11:45 am

Tuesday, February 25

Mardi Gras/Black History
Celebration
School Advisory Board 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday
Mass 10:30 am

Friday, February 27

Band
Assembly 9:15 & 10:15
Pizza Friday
Stations of the Cross 2:10 pm

STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF OUR ANCESTORS

All are invited to attend the performance of Standing on the Shoulders of Our Ancestors on Friday, February 28 in Friendship Hall. There are two performances. The first at 9:15 is for children in grades PK-4 while the 5th through 8th grade students will attend at 10:15. This wonderful opportunity for our children and their families is made possible through the HSA dues.

RE-ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Enrollment for the 2021 school year is growing. Thanks to those who have already re-enrolled through TADS. There are just 10 days left to re-enroll at the discounted rate of \$200 per family. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Schratz or Mrs. Blackburn.

SHADOW DAY

This Monday will be the first of four shadow days for prospective students. These guest students will spend time in their current grade as well as the class for next year. They will have the opportunity to meet their future classmates and teachers, participate in Daily Mile and undergo some testing.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you in a science or engineering fields? If so, St. Matthias needs you to be a judge for the upcoming science fair on March 5. This is a great way to share your talents and earn volunteer service hours. For more information or to sign up to help, please contact our middle school science teacher, Ms. Aurore Anastassiadis at aanastassiadis@stmatthias.org. Parents are needed to help cook and serve at the Mardi Gras pancake breakfast. Please call Mrs. Blackburn or email her at mblackburn@stmatthias.org today!

IMPORTANT DROP OFF NOTICE

As more and more students are being dropped off after the arrival time of 7:48-8:05, these late arrivals often disturb morning prayer. There is often congestion and the potential for an accident in the front of the school. Beginning Monday, February 24 all dropoff will be at the back of the school. The front door will not be answered during this time. Students will enter through the same door as the children who arrive on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

REMINDER:
PIZZA FRIDAY ORDER FORMS DUE TOMORROW