



THE ACADEMY OF SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

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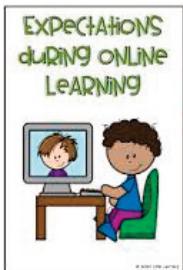
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OUR FIRST ACADEMIC WEEK

We finished the first full week of instruction in the virtual world. There have been a few challenges and it is safe to say that we would all prefer to be in school. The children who are in school are missing their friends and the ability to play the way they used to. That said, things are going as well as can be expected. For the most part, the technology is holding up, the children are attending and learning. Please note that the Parent Portal on Rediker will open on Wednesday, September 16.



ON-LINE LEARNING REMINDERS



For the most part the students are doing a great job remembering and complying with the on-line learning expectations. To date, the biggest problem is students arriving late for class. Students being late disrupts the flow of teaching because the teacher must continually focus on the waiting room to then admit the latecomers. Valuable instructional time is lost not just for the late student, but for the other students as well. This sometimes causes the class to run over time and the children who have entered on-time lose some of their break time. Please help your child to get to Zoom class a minute or two before class begins.

A timer is a great tool to keep track of time. A related issue is students not coming to a class at all. Please be aware that attendance is taken at every class!

SCHOOL MASS

Our first Mass of this school year was held today. Students are expected to log in a few minutes before mass begins and to be in uniform. Parents, as always, are invited to attend. The link for Mass, which will occur every other Friday is: <https://zoom.us/j/92767082578?pwd=OWliRUhhdUJzWUhh3eUdqDZibE00QT09>.



Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 14
Family Income Survey Due
Out of Uniform Day

Tuesday, September 15
Don Bosco HS Visit 2:15 pm

Wednesday September 16
Grade 5 On-site Event
9:30 – 10:30 am

8th Grade Parent Meeting
7:00 pm

Friday, September 18
Grade 1,2,3 On-site Event

Grade 1 – 11 am Field
Grade 2 – 11 am BB Court
Grade 3 – 10:45 Playground

NOON DISMISSAL

REMINDER
PK & Kindergarten
Dropoff 8:15
Pickup 2:45



USED UNIFORM SALE

St. Matthias parents are invited to stop by the Parish Office (located beside the school) on Tuesday, September 15 and Thursday, September 17 from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. to purchase used uniforms. We need parent volunteers to take shifts to staff the sale. We understand that unless both parents are home, it is impossible to leave your children who are distance learning at home.



UPDATE ON CHROME BOOKS



Receiving the 100 Chrome Books ordered through the CARES Act funding is being held up by lawsuits in some states challenging the eligibility of private school students to receive them. We are assessing the requests we currently have. Mrs. Kelly will be contacting those on the waiting list next week.

FAMILY INCOME SURVEY

All St. Matthias families are expected to complete the confidential family income survey that was sent to you directly from the Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Washington. This information is extremely important to our school because it generates thousands of dollars in funding for aging schools' projects, textbooks, and technology. We need 100% of our families to respond. The deadline is Monday, September 14. Children in families who submit the form by Monday will receive a TAG Day! To complete the survey, click on the URL below:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VFMDD7B>.



URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT TITLE 1 SERVICES FOR ST. MATTHIAS FAMILIES



Title 1 is a federal program to provide additional academic support in reading and math to children who live in areas where there is enough poverty to designate the local public school as a Title 1 School. Children who live in such an area who have demonstrated need for remediation in math and /or reading, have been informed that they are eligible for this free after school service. Title 1 families must sign and email the permissions slips for their children to participate by today September 11. If you have any questions,

please contact Mrs. O'Hare at aohare@stmatthias.org.

GRADE 8 PARENT MEETING

All parents of students in 8th grade are required to attend the 8th Grade Parent Information Night on Wednesday, September 16 at 7 pm. This meeting will be conducted virtually via Zoom. It will also be emailed to you along with a meeting reminder on September 15. The high school application process as well as important information regarding high school visits and the high School placement test will be shared. The meeting reminder email will also include the official archdiocesan 2020-2021 Admissions Information and Testing Guide.

The link to join the meeting is.:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87416187770?pwd=UINNM0pjYt3TlxWZXI5bjcvK08xdz09>.



SPECIAL TREAT

Monday, September 14 is an out of uniform day for all students (distance learners and on-site students)!