



THE ACADEMY OF SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

BRIDGES



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OCTOBER NEWS

With the arrival of cool, crisp weather, it is a good time to tackle many of our school clean-up and clean out projects. Please see the attached flier for volunteer service opportunities. Parent help is greatly needed. The St. Matthias open houses will begin later in October. We are also developing a video tour. Taping for that will begin soon. With the loss of 30 students, marketing and recruiting new families is a top priority. Likewise, we want the school to be warm and welcoming for our students when they return. Please help St. Matthias thrive by giving your time and talents. As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work." We are particularly in need of people with gardening or landscaping experience. If you prefer to work indoors, there are also opportunities for you to make a great contribution to our school. Please be as generous as you can be.



DISTANCE LEARNING REMINDERS

Please encourage your children to join their classes on time, have their screens on and supplies ready. There is a break between Zoom classes so that students can get a stretch break, have snack, and use the restroom. Instructional time is shorter than a regular school day, so every minute counts!

PILLAR OF THE MONTH—RESPECT

A new month means a new focus for character development for the students of St. Matthias. We will be teaching the Golden Rule, tolerance of differences, empathy, and how to deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements. Here are some ways that parents can promote respect in their children. First and foremost, treat your child with respect and insist on respectful treatment from your child. Always insist that your child treats everyone with respect and models respectful behavior. Model good manners and civil language. Embrace diversity by respecting reasonable social customs of others. Respect privacy unless suspicious behaviors necessitate otherwise.



Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, October 1
ADW Tuition Assistance
Program Opens For Parents

Friday, October 2
CommUNITY Reads
9:45 am

Grade 3 On Campus
10:45 - 11:45 am

NOON DISMISSAL

Wednesday, October 7
Grade 5 On Campus
9:30 – 10:30 am
Progress Reports Distributed

Thursday, October 8
Grade 6 On Campus
8:30 - 9:30 am

Holy Cross HS Visits 10:00 am

Friday, October 9
Mass 9:45 am

Friday, October 9
Grades 1 & 2 On Campus
11:00 – 11:45 am

Grade 8 On Campus
10:45 - 11:45 am

Last Call for Used Uniforms

NOON DISMISSAL

MORNING PRAYER

All students in grades 1-8 are expected to join us every morning to begin our school day together in prayer. Prayer begins at 8:05 and concludes by 8:12. Students will be invited to enter from the Zoom waiting room a couple of minutes before prayer begins. Parents as well as PK and K students who are learning from home are most welcome to join us.

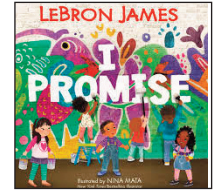


PROGRESS REPORT TIME

Although it may be hard to believe, we are nearly halfway through the first quarter. Progress reports will be ready on October 7 for students in grades 1-8. These will be given to parents when they drop their children off for on-site visits. They will be mailed to families whose children are not attending these events.

COMMUNITY READS

Beginning tomorrow at 9:45 A.M. the whole school will be treated to a picture book to inspire, provoke thinking and build community. Every other Friday, students will join the CommUNITY Reads event via the classroom teacher on Zoom to see and hear the book. The picture books would serve as a window/mirror/sliding glass door for our students. <https://scenicregional.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Mirrors-Windows-and-Sliding-Glass-Doors.pdf>. The books selected would include BIPOC authors and illustrators to build our community of readers, scholars, and faithful citizens. Mrs. Kelly or Mrs. Schratz will read aloud the picture book and the classroom teachers will lead discussion in a developmentally appropriate way. Our first book is *I Promise* by Lebron James.



REMINDERS

Parents, if you can, please send a personal set of headphones with a mic. and a reusable water bottle.

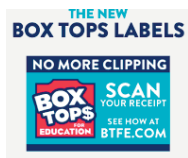
Students are asked to bring a healthy snack and lunch from home each day.

Mark your calendar now. We will do a Family Dinner Fundraiser with Chipotle Mexican Restaurant in Vista Gardens Plaza on Oct. 26, 2020 from 4 - 8 p.m. More information will be coming soon.

Students in grades 1-8 may request library books by using the library book request form provided by your child's teacher or found in google forms for the older students. Pick up is on Mondays. Books will be in the bin to the right of the front doors of the school from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Return is two weeks later to the BOOK RETURN BIN which will also be to the right of the front doors of the school. Students who are distance learning from Friendship Hall will have their books delivered to them.

AMAZON SMILE REWARDS PROGRAM

Many families order items from Amazon, especially with the holidays coming. Please remember that you can help support St. Matthias School by using smile.amazon.com and choosing Saint Matthias Catholic School. We will receive funds based on a portion of your purchase.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

This program allows our school to collect box tops and labels of food and household products and redeem them for cash. No more clipping. No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone. Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit our school's Box Tops earnings online. Twice a year, our school will receive a check and we can use that cash to buy whatever we need!

Your purchases at Amazon Smile and Box Tops will directly support our school! Thanks in advance for your help.