



THE ACADEMY OF SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE



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SURVEY RESULTS

Fifty-two percent of our families have responded to the survey on changing our instructional model for the second quarter, which begins on November 9. Thirty-three percent of these parents who responded would like to send their children to school, while 66% are most comfortable with continuing virtual learning at home. Given that the number of children who would be returning is so low, we are going to continue with virtual learning only for students in grades 3-8 until the start of third quarter on January 25. We will be admitting first and second grade children beginning on November 9. Both classes will have approximately 50% of their students continuing learning from home. The feedback regarding satisfaction with virtual learning was very helpful. This input is being analyzed to further strengthen our distance learning instruction. Thank you to those parents who completed the survey!



TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY



In addition to November 3 being Election Day, it is also Teacher Appreciation Day. The teachers and staff will be enjoying a holiday that day. Well wishes and other signs of appreciation are encouraged for November 2. Please encourage your children to express their thanks to their teachers.

PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-8

Since 1995 Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals has been recognizing young people who make a difference in their communities. All students in grades 5-8 who have participated in a volunteer activity in the past year are invited to apply for this prestigious award. State honorees receive a \$1,000 scholarship. St. Matthias honorees will be recognized at our school liturgy and in social media and receive an Amazon gift Card. Apply online at spirit.prudential.com or nassp.org/spirit. **The deadline to apply is November 10.**



CHIPOTLE NIGHT

Thanks to all families and teachers who supported our first family dinner fundraiser. We received \$132 from Chipotle.



Mark Your Calendar

Friday, October 30

SCHOOL CLOSED
ADW Teacher Professional Development

Sunday, November 1

All Saint's Day
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Set Clocks Back

Tuesday, November 3

School Closed
Election Day

Wednesday, November 4

Grade 5 on Campus
9:30 - 10:30 am

End of 1st Quarter

Friday, November 6

Mass 9:45 am

Grade 4 on Campus
8:30 - 9:30 am

YARD SIGN SALE

The Home and School Association is sponsoring an important marketing and school spirit fundraiser. Families are asked to purchase a yard sign for \$10 that says, "We Love Our St. Matthias Family" and proudly display in their yard. Families who purchase the sign will earn 1 volunteer service hour and our gratitude! Pre-order forms will be sent out soon.



ALUMNI UPDATE



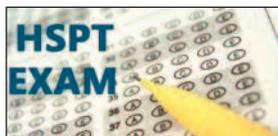
In honor of our 60th Anniversary we have just collected over 1000 alumni contacts. We will be reaching out to them with Christmas greetings with a card designed by one of our many talented young artists. Mrs. Kelly will be sharing the details with her classes this coming week. Stay tuned to see the winning entry!

STEM NEWS

After reading "Room on the Broom" by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, our kindergarten and PreK budding engineers designed a "broom" with straws and balanced as many candy pumpkins on their creation as they could. It was inspiring to see them carefully placing and counting their pumpkins!



HSPT NEWS



8th grade students enrolled at St. Matthias will be taking the High School Placement Test for admission to Catholic High Schools on Friday, November 20 at 9 a.m. in Friendship Hall. Registration by November 15 is required.

SAVE THE DATE

All are invited to virtually participate in the first Home and School Association community building activity on **Thursday, November 19**. Our own, Mrs. Kelly will be leading a Paint and Sip event. More details to follow, be sure to save this date!



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Our parish Knights of Columbus along with the Ladies of Charity and Spanish and African ministries are sponsoring a food drive to provide Thanksgiving meals to those in our area who are in need. School families are asked to support this important work of mercy and kindness by sending non-perishable food, monetary donations, or grocery store gift cards with their children when they come on site. The collection will take place from Monday, November 2 through Friday, November 20.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

St. Matthias is seeking parents with development or institutional advancement expertise to serve on the School Advisory Board. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Schratz.



Coming Soon. . .Student Council