



THE ACADEMY OF SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

BRIDGES



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FINANCIAL AID

All St. Matthias families who are receiving financial aid of any kind and expect to need it for the 2021-2022 school year must complete a financial aid application in TADS by December 6. Applications must include tax documentation to be considered for archdiocesan assistance. To date only 9 people have applied and only 5 of those applications are complete. Please note, that no aid or discounts other than the standard multiple child discount will be given unless a complete financial aid application is on file by December 6.

REPORT CARDS

The first quarter has ended. The teachers are collecting and grading the final assignments of the quarter. The parent portal will be temporarily closing on Friday, November 6 at 12:00 p.m. so that teachers can add comments and complete report cards. Report cards will be emailed to parents of students in grades 1-8 on Tuesday, November 10. Please note that parents whose tuition accounts are 31 or more days in arrears will not receive report cards. Parents in this group are strongly encouraged to make a payment or contact Mrs. Schratz immediately.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

All St. Matthias families should have received a SignUp Genius invitation to register for a parent conference on Wednesday, November 11. Please respond as quickly as you can. Appointments can be scheduled from 7:30-3:00. Parents of students in grades 1-8 will have their conference via Zoom. Pre-K and kindergarten parents can choose whether to come in for the conference or participate virtually. As you will note, appointment times are 15 minutes.

Parent-teacher conferences can help develop a successful partnership between parents and teachers, an important aspect of your child's academic and social achievement. Ask your child how he or she feels regarding school, what he or she likes or dislikes and what areas he or she finds difficult. This will help you prioritize the issues you want to address. To optimize your conference time, please review your child's report card, formulate your questions and be on time. If needed, appointments for follow-up conferences can be made later.



Mark Your Calendar

Friday, November 6

Mass 9:45 am

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

Monday, November 9

Scholastic Virtual Book Fair
Begins

Grade 6 on Campus
1:30 - 2:15 pm

Tuesday, November 10

Grade 7 on Campus
11:00 - 11:40 am

Report Cards Emailed
Grades 1-8

Wednesday, November 11

School Closed – Veterans Day
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, November 12

Grade 8 on Campus
12:30 - 1:30 pm

Thursday, November 12

Gods Rods
2:15 - 3:00 pm

Friday, November 13

CommUNITY Reads 9:45 am

Grades 1 & 2 on Campus
11:00 - 11:45 am

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

REOPENING NEWS FOR GRADES 1 AND 2

In addition to the five children in grades 1 and 2 that are already in the distance learning group I Friendship Hall, we will be welcoming 6 additional students to school on Monday, November 9. These families will be receiving important information regarding attending school by e-mail.

THANKSGIVING APPEAL

Donations for the Thanksgiving Food Drive are still in great demand. The Knights of Columbus and Ladies of Charity are planning on providing turkeys or ham in addition to fresh produce to those in our area that are in need. Because of the pandemic, there are many more families in need than usual. If your family has not been heavily impacted by COVID, we hope that you will be able to support this important work of mercy. Cash or grocery store gift cards, as well as canned food items are greatly appreciated. The children can bring your family gift to the hungry with them when they come on campus up until November 20.

PAINT AND SIP!

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 virtual Paint and Sip event. To prepare for the event you will need the following supplies: an 11X14 canvas, green, red, white, and black acrylic paint, and an assortment of paint brushes (such as a 1 inch, ½ inch, and 1/8 inch).

PILLAR OF THE MONTH: RESPONSIBILITY

Life is full of choices. Responsibility is an important aspect of good character concerned with the moral obligation to choose attitudes, words and actions and the duty to accept personal responsibility for the consequences of those actions. Responsibility requires you to recognize that what you do and what you do not do matters. These are the major concepts of responsibility: Be accountable, exercise self-control, plan and set goals, choose positive attitudes, do your duty, be self-reliant, pursue excellence, be proactive, be persistent, be reflective, and set a good example. There are countless ways that we can demonstrate responsibility throughout the day. Parents are asked to take some time to discuss and teach responsibility at home. The teachers will be doing likewise. We would all do well to remember that we teach most powerfully by example.

HSPT REMINDER

Students in 8th grade who are considering attending a Catholic high school are required to register online for the HSPT by November 15. The HSPT exam will take place at St. Matthias Friendship Hall on Friday, November 20 at 9 a.m.

GOD'S RODS RESCHEDULE

Because of Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, God's Rods Rehearsal will move from Wed., Nov. 11 to Thurs., Nov. 12 (from 2:15 - 3:00 pm).