



THE ACADEMY OF SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

BRIDGES



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HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PAINT AND SIP

The first Home and School Association General meeting will take place along with our first community building event on Thursday, November 19 at 7 p.m. Following a brief presentation of school news, Mrs. Kelly will lead all attendees in a process to create our own works of art. Participants who would like to paint need to acquire the following items: an 11X14 canvas, green, red, white, and black acrylic paint, and an assortment of paint brushes (such as a 1 inch, 1/2 inch, and 1/8 inch). All school families will receive an E-vite. Please RSVP to this invitation and you will receive the link to join our Zoom gathering. Attendees also receive 1 volunteer service hour.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held Nov. 9, 2020 through Nov. 22, 2020. You should have received an email on Monday with the link to shop our fair. All orders placed and paid for will be shipped directly to your home. This is a great way to get new reading materials for your children and maybe do some Christmas shopping. Please call Mrs. O'Hare with any questions. Thanks for your support of this event. The link for the fair is <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stmatthiasapostleschool>.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our school winner for the 2021 Prudential Spirit of Community Award is 7th grade student, **Elsie Anosike**. This is a nationwide program that recognizes middle and high school students for volunteer work in their communities. *Elsie* served the community through her leadership in Rachel's Friends. As a member of Rachel's Friends, *Elsie* raised funds to support breast cancer research, and contributed to clean up of our oceans through the 4 Oceans Project. Finally, their fundraising efforts helped subsistence farmers in Africa generate income through the Heiffer Project. She will receive a Certificate of Recognition and a \$100 gift card. *Elsie's* application will go on to the state level for the opportunity to win a \$1000 scholarship.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE

Thanks to those families who have sent food for the St. Matthias Thanksgiving Food Drive. We are still in need of money or gift cards to provide meat and fresh produce to the many people in our community who are out of work and in great need. Cash or gift card donations can be dropped off or mailed to the school at 9473 Annapolis Rd., Lanham, MD 20706 by November 20. Thank you for your generosity.



Mark Your Calendar

Friday, November 13
CommUNITY Reads 9:45 am

Tuesday, November 17
Grade 3 on Campus
Fun in the Sun
12:30-1:30 pm

Wednesday, November 18
Grade 4 on Campus
8:30 - 9:30 am

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

Thursday, November 19
Grade 8 on Campus
12:30 - 1:30 pm

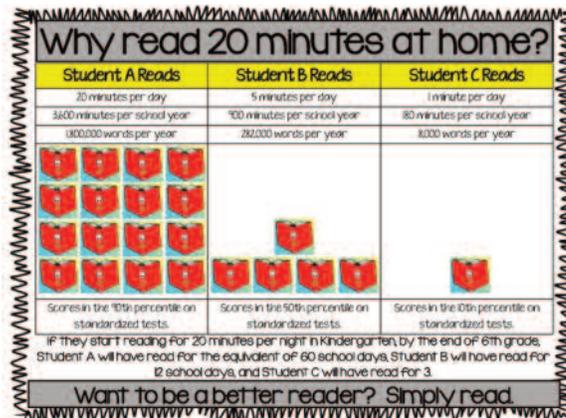
Friday, November 20
Mass 9:45 am

8th Grade HSPT in Friendship
Hall 9:00 am

Grade 1-8 children in Friend-
ship Hall will learn from home
today.

READY, SET GO!

Report cards have been distributed and many parents took the opportunity to meet with their children's teachers. The second quarter has begun and all students, with family support are urged to make a plan for their academic growth over the next 9 weeks. Although we had hoped to have more children on campus by this time, we know that many of our students are doing quite well in the virtual setting. We are committed to continuing to work hard to help our children achieve. One important ingredient for academic success is the development of growth goals that include a desire to succeed, a plan of action to ensure success and daily attention to habits that support the plan. Behaviors to consider for this success plan include: attending all classes on time and for their entirety, writing all assignments and due dates in a planner, taking notes, participating by asking and answering questions, completing assignments on time, submitting work that shows effort beyond the minimum, and spending some time every day reading. Studies show that spending just 20 minutes each day reading will have a profound effect on your child's vocabulary development, knowledge base, reading fluency, critical thinking ability and school success. If your child is too young to read, they reap the same benefit by being read to by a parent, grandparent, or older sibling. Our school is on track to be recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. To achieve this goal all St. Matthias students must work hard and strive for success.



PRINCIPAL'S LIST HONOREES

Congratulations to the following students who earned an "A" (93% or greater) in all core subjects and an "Outstanding" or "Good" grade in specials subjects. Students in grades 4-8 are eligible for academic honors recognition.



Grade 4

Enuma Offiah
Isabella Penado
Olivia Udebuala

Grade 6

Jade Carter

Grade 8

Leah Masih

Grade 5

Quinton Fonge
Malcolm Johnson

Grade 7

Chinwendu Akunwafor
Elsie Anosike
Muma Ndi



HONOR ROLL HONOREES

Congratulations to the following students who earned an "A" (93% or greater) or "B" (85% -92%) in all core subjects and an "Outstanding" or "Good" grade in specials subjects.

Grade 4

Bezankeng Khumbah
Stephanie Oben
Korrine Wiseman

Grade 6

Yana-Neveah Achaleke
Roosevelt Anosike
Malick Myrville
Jordan Steele
Renaud Williams

Grade 7

Jason Sotelo
Elijah Wiseman

Grade 5

Solomon Adeyemi
Chijioke Akunwafor
Idara Onyewu
Mayen Onyewu

Grade 7

Deron Asongfua
Maria Bush
Hayden Hernly
Ryan Oben

Grade 8

Chloe Dickens
Mia Johnson
Daryll Ndeutchoua
Julianne Walters
JarEl Watts-Jackson
Aaron Wilson
Amanda Wisdom