



THE ACADEMY OF SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

BRIDGES



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CHRISTMAS COOKIE AND COCOA PARADE

The teachers and staff are looking forward to seeing you tomorrow between 11 and 11:30 for a drive through greeting and celebration. Since cars will need to stop to get goodies, we are concerned about cars backing up on 450. Please be prepared to drive through more than once and follow directions of the teachers who will be guiding you through. Donations of socks for the homeless and Hot Wheels for underprivileged children are greatly appreciated! We can't wait to see you!



PROGRESS REPORTS

We are at the midpoint of the second quarter. All students in grades 1-8 are receiving progress reports by email on Friday, December 18 and Monday, December 21 unless they pick it up at school while attending tomorrow's Christmas Cookies and Cocoa Parade. The progress report is not an official school record, it is a communication between the teachers and parents. One of the most important data points on the progress reports is "Missing Work." This missing work is often factored into the averages reported. These grades will be changed when the student submits the work. It is our expectation that children with missing work complete it over the Christmas break and turn it in by Tuesday, January 5. An extra day is given so that the teachers can remind the children on Monday to turn it in, not to imply that they should wait until then to do it! We understand that distance learning, technology issues, and Covid fatigue may be hampering student success. However, work that is not submitted cannot be assessed. Assignments and whether they are complete or missing can be found in Google Classroom, Seesaw and on Rediker. A strategy that might prevent students from having unfinished work is the use of the planner. All students in grades 2-8 were provided with a planner. Teachers often remind their students to write down assignments in their planner. It is especially important that students write their long-term assignments on the calendar in the planner. Likewise, "Low Test Scores" often means that a student is not spending enough time preparing for tests. Students are expected to study notes and practice math in preparation for tests. Please make sure that your child is studying.

SCHOOL REOPENING

This is a reminder that all instruction will be delivered virtually until January 11 to mitigate the spread of covid-19 that may be the result of families gathering with relatives outside their immediate households over the holidays. Stay tuned for new developments in the new year.

Mark Your Calendar



Friday, December 18
School Mass 9:45

Cocoa & Cookies Christmas
Parade 11:00

Friday, December 25
Christmas Day

Friday, January 1
New Year's Day

Monday, January 4
Classes Resume

IXL 20 DAY CHALLENGE

23 days remain in the IXL 20 Day Winter Challenge. It is not too late to get started! The teachers are rewarding children for their work in several ways. However, the greatest reward is the growth the children will experience, and the confidence gained with knowing how to do each of the skills.

STATE OF THE SCHOOL MEETING

Please make your calendar for the annual State of the School meeting which will take place virtually on Tuesday, January 12 at 7 P.M. All families are urged to have at least one parent/guardian in attendance. Some topics to be shared include the school's progress on the strategic plan, finances, enrollment, and academics. The link for the meeting will be sent out in the January 7 issue of Bridges.

Home & School Association News



HSA CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN NIGHT

St. Matthias Families! Join us tonight at 7 P.M. to extend holiday greetings and share in some Christmas Cheer! We'll listen to some holiday music and play on-line Christmas bingo. To join the fun, log on to Zoom. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Meeting ID: 828 158 1057

Passcode: familyfun

HSA YARD SIGN ORDERS

The HSA is extending the opportunity for all school families to show their Mustang pride in the new year! Support the children, teachers, and other families of our school community. Order your sign for \$12 to and earn a required service hour (save an hour and \$8). Thank you to all who have ordered! Our goal is 40 more families! Order your sign at this link: <http://bit.ly/ASMAyardsign>



CHRISTMAS WISHES

Mrs. Schratz and the teachers and staff wish all of you a joyous and peace-filled Christmas. May Christ always be your light and ever present in your homes and hearts.

