



THE ACADEMY OF SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

# BRIDGES

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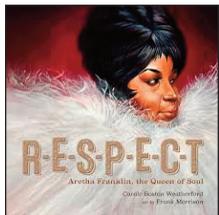


## ST. MATTHIAS SCHOOL SPIRIT AND HATS OFF TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DRIVE THROUGH

The teachers are looking forward to seeing their students tomorrow for our second drive through of this school year. Dressed in crazy hats and school colors, the teachers and staff will be greeting the students and giving out treats. Please respond to the Evite that was sent by email earlier today so that we can be prepared for tomorrow's event. There will be no class tomorrow after the CommUNITY reads ends around 10 A.M. The drive through begins at 11 A.M. See you there!



## CHARACTER COUNTS PILLAR OF THE MONTH: RESPECT



Forming students into people of good character is an important part of our school's mission. For the past four years we have been using Character Counts (CC!) as a framework to promote the six pillars of good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship, remembered by the acronym TRRFCC (pronounced terrific). This month we are focusing on respect, which is a fitting focus for Black History month. The students will be learning about the heroes and sheroes of the Civil rights movement past and present who risked, and in the case of Dr. King, gave their lives to win respect and equal rights for people of color. This week's CommUNITY Reads selection highlights the contributions of renown singer, songwriter, pianist and civil rights activist, Aretha Franklin and her biggest hit song, R-E-S-P-E-C-T. All are encouraged to join in the Zoom reading at 9:45-10:00 tomorrow.

## MATH SCANTRON TESTING

Scantron testing in math begins this week for grades 5-8. Please see the weekly calendar for testing days and times. Please encourage your child to take the test seriously and do his or her best. A good night's sleep and healthy breakfast are great ways to prepare.



## Mark Your Calendar

### Friday, February 5

Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers

Show your Spirit Drive Through Parade for Students  
11:00 AM

### Monday, February 8

8th Grade Math Scantron  
8:30 am

### Tuesday, February 9

Open House 9:00 - 10:00 am

7th Grade Math Scantron  
10:00 am

### Wednesday, February 10

6th Grade Math Scantron  
9:30 am

God's Rods 2:15 - 3:00 pm

### Thursday, February 11

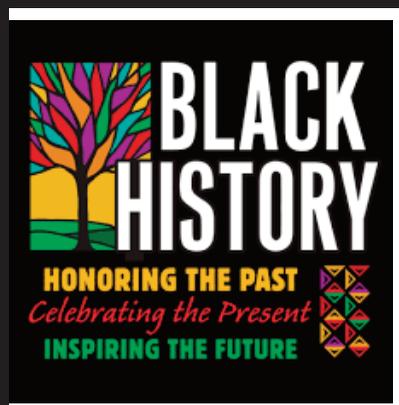
5th Grade Math Scantron  
9:30 am

### Friday, February 12

CommUNITY Reads 9:45 am

NOON DISMISSAL

## CELEBRATING



## PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

We are happy to announce that our pre-school will be expanding in the fall of 2021. We have recently received approval from the state to transform the current art room into another pre-school classroom. Thus, we will have a separate class for our threes and fours. **Current families have priority to enroll their preschool children.** If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 by September 1, 2021 you may enroll him or her in TADS today. Financial aid is available for families who qualify. To qualify for aid an application must be made through TADS. Please share this news with friends, neighbors and relatives and help us meet our goal of welcoming two full classes of Mini-Mustangs to school in the fall.



## RE-ENROLLMENT

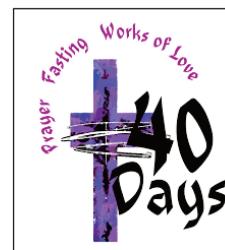
**RE-ENROLL NOW!**

**Congratulations to the parents of kindergartener, Melanie Azeh for winning the uniform company \$75 gift card drawing!** A second drawing will take place on **February 16**. Current families who are re-enrolled with payment by this date will be eligible to win. All current students must be re-enrolled by March 15 to qualify for the discounted re-enrollment fee. This is a \$150 savings for our school families.

Ordering textbooks, technology and other important resources for the coming school year begins on March 15. It is extremely helpful to know who will be returning for class in the fall. Families who know they are moving or going elsewhere are urged to let the school office know as soon as that decision is firm. It also enables us to prepare early to send records to new schools. Please note that records cannot be sent for families whose tuition and fees are unpaid.

## LENT

The church begins the season of Lent on February 17, with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Lent is the season in which the church prepares to celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This time of preparation focuses on three spiritual disciplines: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The Church turns her focus to penance and to the good works of mercy, justice, and peace. The students will attend mass virtually on Ash Wednesday and the teachers will begin instruction on the meaning of Lent. Please look for further information and suggestions to celebrate Lent at home in next week's *Bridges*.



## COMING SOON: THE FIRST ST. MATTHIAS READ-A-THON

The Home and School Association is planning this important school wide fundraiser. It will replace this year's annual Fun-d Run, which will occur next fall. **Parent leaders and volunteers are needed to organize and promote this event.** This is a great way to not only earn volunteer hours, but to get to know other school parents and most importantly, to support your children's education. This funding is critical to the success of the playground renovation project which will benefit all students. If you are interested in serving on this project, please contact Kenique Freeman at [kdpfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:kdpfreeman@gmail.com) or 770-316-5435.



## SECOND QUARTER PRINCIPAL'S LIST AND HONOR ROLL



### 4th Grade

#### Principal's List

Bezankeng Khumbah  
Stephanie Oben  
Enuma Offiah  
Olivia Udebuala

#### Honor Roll

Stephen Oben  
Isabella Penado  
Korrine Wiseman

### 5th Grade

#### Principal's List

Solomon Adeyemi  
Malcolm Johnson

#### Honor Roll

Quinton Fonge  
Idara Onyewu  
Mayen Onyewu

### 6th Grade

#### Principal's List

Yana-Neveah Achaleke  
Jade Carter

#### Honor Roll

Roosevelt Anosike  
Malick Myrville  
Jordan Steele  
Renaud Williams

### 7th Grade

#### Principal's List

Chinwendu Akunwafor  
Elsie Anosike  
Muma Ndi  
RyanPhillip Oben

#### Honor Roll

Deron Asongfua  
Joelene Nkeng  
Jason Sotelo

### 8th Grade

#### Principal's List

Mia Johnson

#### Honor Roll

John Alemnji  
Chloe Dickens  
Leah Masih  
Choe McCarthy  
Daryll Ndeutchoua  
Julianne Walters