



THE ACADEMY OF SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

# BRIDGES

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## PLANNING ON BEING AN ASMA FAMILY IN 2022?

Re-enrollment through TADS is underway. We have also begun to enroll new students for next year in almost every grade. Current families are guaranteed their spot until March 15. We are committed to capping classes at 22 in grades 1-5 and 24 in grades 6-8. It is very important to either re-enroll by March 15 or let the office know if you do not intend for your children to be at St. Matthias at the start of the new school year. Re-enrolling before the deadline is actually very helpful and we are grateful to the 48 families who have already done so. The final early enrollment incentive is a \$200 credit for the discounted re-enrollment fee. The drawing for this prize will take place on the morning of March 2. All families that have enrolled and paid the re-enrollment fee are eligible to win. Please note that at midnight on March 16 the family re-enrollment fee increases to \$350. If you have any questions about the re-enrollment process or if you are enrolling a child who has not attended St. Matthias this year, please contact the school office.



Congratulations to Melina Urrieta mother of 2nd grader, Yahir Carino for winning the second Flynn and O'Hara uniform gift card.

## ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKETS ARE DUE SOON



All families are expected to sell or purchase 30 tickets at \$10 each for the cash drawings which will take place on the 1st and 15th monthly from March through June. Ticket holders have multiple chances to win. Please be sure to drop your ticket stubs and payment off at the school office. The office is open Monday-Thursday from 8-3 and Fridays from 8-12:30. Parents who would rather make a \$300 donation and receive an acknowledgement for a charitable donation for tax purposes are welcome to do so. Your TADS account will be charged on March 1 if your payment is not received.

## Mark Your Calendar

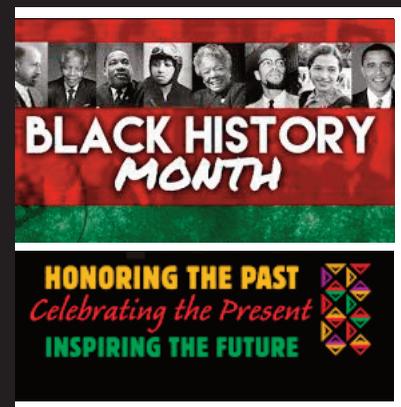
**Thursday, February 18**  
HSA Executive Committee  
Meeting via ZOOM 6:30

**Friday, February 19**  
ADW Tuition Assistance  
Closes for New Families  
CommUNITY Reads 9:45 am  
3rd Grade Math Scantron  
10:15 am  
**NOON DISMISSAL**

**Monday, February 22**  
6th - 8th Grade Returns

**Thursday, February 25**  
Junior Drama Club 2:30 pm  
Parent Confirmation Meeting  
7:30-8:00 pm

**Friday, February 26**  
Progress Reports Emailed  
**NOON DISMISSAL**



### THIRD QUARTER ON-SITE LEARNING

Beginning Monday, February 22, there will be small groups of children in grades 1-4 and 6-8 in their classroom with their teachers. This is in addition to PK and K that have their entire classes on-site. If you would like your child included in these classes, you must contact the school office by tomorrow, February 19 by noon. The next opportunity to have your child back in school will be at the start of the 4th quarter, which is March 29. If you have any questions, please email them to the principal at [pschratz@stmatthias.org](mailto:pschratz@stmatthias.org).



### PROGRESS REPORTS



It is almost midway through the third quarter. Parents of students who have deficiencies, missing work and/or low grades will be receiving a progress report via email next Friday, February 26. Please review these carefully and contact the teacher(s) with any questions you might have.

### SCANTRON REPORTS

Some classes are still taking the math Scantron tests. When all students have completed the tests, parents will receive a report regarding their child's progress. Some general results and trends will be reported to parents via *Bridges*. Teachers also use the data from the mid-year Scantron to differentiate instruction for their students. The goal is that every child meets his or her growth target in reading and math by the end of the school year.

### FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION



Any student in grades 2 and 8 who is a baptized Catholic is invited to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, respectively this year. Parents of children preparing to receive First Holy Communion that did not attend the parent meeting last week are asked to call the school office to get a link for the recorded meeting. Parents of 8th graders who wish to receive Confirmation at St. Matthias are invited to a parent meeting via Zoom on Thursday,

February 25. Contact the school office to get the link.

Parents of children in grades 3-8 who have not received First Communion and would like their children to do so, must call the school office as soon as possible.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Your Home and School Association is working on two major projects that need parental involvement. The first is an upcoming Read-a-Thon that will support the second project, which is the playground improvement initiative. Please prayerfully consider giving your time and talent to these events. Interested parents are urged to attend tonight's HSA meeting via Zoom. The meeting ID is 830 0004 0515 and the password is ASMA2020. If you cannot make the meeting and want to be involved please email Kenique Freeman at [kdpfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:kdpfreeman@gmail.com).



### ROOM PARENTS NEEDED



As more children come into the building and as we begin to reinstate events and celebrations that occur in a "normal" school year, the teachers would benefit from having a parent or two who is willing to reach out to the rest of the class and help with planning and supporting class and school activities. This is a great way to earn volunteer service hours! If you are interested, please contact your child's teacher. If we have no volunteers, the teachers will be reaching out to you. Please carefully consider

saying "Yes" to their request.