



THE ACADEMY OF SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

BRIDGES



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ST. MATTHIAS ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2021 Annual Appeal is underway. In addition to seeking parent support, St. Matthias is reaching out to alumni, parishioners, teachers, and friends of the school to support our mission. Please help meet our goal of **100% participation** by school families by the last day of school! Donations of any amount will enable us to meet this important goal. Parent donations will be given to the teachers to procure additional learning resources for the children. Donations may be sent into school in the envelope provided, or made on-line. Thank you for participation and quick response!



FAREWELL AND WELCOME



We are very sad to announce that our 8th grade homeroom and middle school math and science teacher will be leaving St. Matthias at the end of this school year. Ms. Aurore Anastassiadis has served our school community superbly for the past five years and we will miss her energy, passion for learning and willing to serve spirit. She is leaving us to further her career and passion for science at Bishop McNamara High School. We are delighted that not only is she continuing to teach in the Catholic school system, but will also continue to teach some of her St. Matthias students. We wish her all the best in the next phase of her professional life!

Ms. Michaela Hatcher will be joining our middle school team. Ms. Hatcher is a graduate of Mary Baldwin University with a Bachelor of Arts in Health Science and Public Health. She comes to us from St. Philip the Apostle School in Camp Springs, where she has been teaching grades 3-8 math. She is very excited about the opportunity to teach science and math in middle school. She is also eager work with our teachers to incorporate STEM principles into our curriculum and instruction. Ms. Hatcher attended yesterday's STEM meeting where she received a warm welcome from our teachers and worked with the middle school teachers to plan for next year.

ADW CATHOLIC SCHOOL OFFICE SURVEY

Attached to this edition of *Bridges* is a link to a brief survey to help the archdiocese plan for learning options for the coming schoolyear. Please take a moment to view it and respond. Responses are due by June 4.



Mark Your Calendar

Friday, May 28
SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday, May 31
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Wednesday, June 2
8th Grade Go Kart
Activity 5:30

Thursday, June 3
Kindergarten STEAM
Activity

Friday, June 4
NOON DISMISSAL

GRADUATION @ 2:00 pm

MOVING UP DAY

On Tuesday, June 8 the students will have the opportunity to move up to their new grade for the coming school year. Their teacher will welcome them, share highlights of the coming year, and discuss expectations for summer work to ensure that all students are ready to learn on the first day of school. New students will be invited to attend to meet their new classmates.



VOLUNTEERS, SIGN UP ON THE WEBSITE

After this most difficult year, we are setting our sights on the 2022 school year! We want to make it the best school year ever for our students and teachers! One way to build excitement, engagement and student confidence is to provide many extracurricular activities for the children. We need parent help to ensure that these opportunities as well as our fun community building activities resume. Please consider sharing your time and talent with the children. You can sign up on the school website, call the school office or come to the Home and School Association 2022 Planning Meeting on June 17.



TUITION CONTRACTS

Tuition contracts for the coming school year cannot be released until TADS has made necessary updates. The company is experiencing some delays in getting this task accomplished, thus preventing us from getting the contracts to you. As soon as this situation is rectified St. Matthias families will receive the 2022 tuition contract from TADS. **Please sign this promptly** so that the July payments are not delayed. Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions about your tuition contract, contact Mrs. Blackburn immediately.



8TH GRADE'S LAST DAY



Today the school children say good-bye to our 8th graders. No one could have imagined the way these students would have experienced their last year of elementary school! But they have persisted and we are proud of their accomplishments and look forward to celebrating their graduation on Friday, June 4 at 2:00 P.M. The graduation mass will take place in church and will be the first time that all of them have gathered together since March of 2020

SAVE THE DATES

June 17	HSA Planning Meeting
August 26	Teacher Meet and Greet
August 28	Back to School Cookout
August 31	First Day of School

