



THE ACADEMY OF SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

# BRIDGES



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## HSA BACK TO SCHOOL MEETING

Come “Back to School” tomorrow for our first general meeting of your Home and School Association (HSA). Meet the teachers, welcome new parents, connect with the parents of your children’s classmates and hear about our school vision for your child’s achievement this year and get involved! New families are invited to a reception at 6:15 and all others are encouraged to be there at 6:45 to socialize. The meeting will begin at 7:00. Parents who attend will receive 1 volunteer service hour toward the 20 hours for this school year. Translation will be available for our Spanish speaking parents. This is an adult only event. Parents who need childcare may join virtually at this link: To participate via Zoom: Go to zoom.us and click “Join Meeting” Meeting ID: 870 4062 1503 Passcode: HfNY3h We hope to see you there! Be part of the best school year ever!



## FUN-D RUN



Thank you to all families who are supporting the children’s efforts to raise money to help us realize our dream of a play area that all children can safely enjoy. From an additional climber in the tot lot to a resurfaced basketball court, benches, swings and a big playscape for children 5-12, we are working hard to provide a great play area for our students. Please support this effort by having your child reach out to a least one friend or relative for a donation to support them at the Fun-d Run! We want every child to have a donor! All money pledged will go to our playground and technology project. Donors will be asked for a tip to cover the cost of the pay pal fee and 99 pledges support team This amount can be lowered from the default 10% or you and your relatives can avoid the on-line payment all together, by sending in cash or checks to the school office. Your child will be credited for these donations.

## PROGRESS REPORTS

It is hard to believe that we are at the midpoint of the first quarter of school! All children in grades K-8 will be receiving a progress report on Monday, October 4. Parents are also encouraged to check the parent portal weekly for updates in grades and assignments. Although the parent portal was open to all on the first day of school for the daily Covid health screening, teachers only gained access to their gradebooks last week.



**Upcoming  
EVENTS**  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Friday, October 1**  
School Mass 9:45 am

**Monday, October 4**  
Progress Reports Home  
Grade 7 & 8 Parent Meeting

**Friday, October 8**  
Fun-d Run  
Noon Dismissal

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our second-grade children who are baptized in the Catholic faith will be preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist this year. Although most of the instruction for these sacraments will take place in school, parents must indicate their desire to have their children in the sacramental prep program and to attend a parent meeting about the sacraments.



Beginning on Monday, the third-grade teacher, Mr. Samuto will be teaching grade 2 religion, while second grade teacher, Ms. Wood will teach grade 3 science.

If your child is not baptized or if they are in grades 2-8 and desire to receive First Holy Communion, please contact the school office. A class will be forming for these children sometime in November.

### OPEN HOUSE



Admissions for the next school year (SY2023) will open in mid-October for new families. St. Matthias is hosting several open houses. All current parents are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to learn more about our school by attending an open house. Current families who refer a family receives a \$500 tuition credit when the new family completes the first school year. The first open house will be on Thursday, October 14 from 9:00-10:00.

### PARENT MEETING FOR GRADES 7 AND 8

On Monday, October 4 parents and guardians of our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are urged to attend an important meeting to discuss high school preparation and planning. This meeting is for adults only and will take place virtually. If you do not receive the Zoom link by Friday afternoon, please call the school office.



### UNIFORM UPDATE



Our uniform supplier, Flynn and O'Hara has informed us that orders processed at the start of school were taking 21 days to process and then 5-7 days for shipping. **Therefore, we expect all children to be in the correct uniform beginning Friday, October 15.** Students who are out of uniform beginning on October 15 will receive a uniform citation and lose the privilege of wearing free dress on the next free dress day. It is also important to note that school policy prohibits students from wearing nail polish, jewelry (except watches, stud earrings for girls, and religious medals), and hair that is not a natural color. Students will have until October 15 to get in compliance with these policies. Students who are not wearing slacks or shorts that are identical to those sold by Flynn and O'Hara must either order from the uniform company or find a retail store that has uniforms that look the same. We do have some used uniforms available in the school during school hours or tonight at the HSA meeting. Families continue to add to the used uniform supply.