



THE ACADEMY OF SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

BRIDGES

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THANK YOU

Dear Parents,

As we celebrate a week of thanks at school and as the nation prepares to gather with family and friends to offer thanks to God for His grace and many blessings, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing St. Matthias for your children's education. I am grateful for the many ways that you support our mission. St. Matthias school is a learning community of faith and service rooted in the beliefs and values of the Gospel through the Catholic Church. The members of this learning community which includes parents, teachers, staff, parishioners, alumni, and students are dedicated to promoting academic excellence for all. Our school has been blessed in many ways. The students are loved and well cared for at home and at school. They are joyful, eager to learn, and happy to be here. The teachers, staff and I enjoy being with them. It is an honor and privilege to teach especially in an environment where we can partner with you to form the whole child. There are no words to adequately express my appreciation for each one of you. I pray you have a happy and safe Thanksgiving celebration. May God bless you and your children.



Sincerely,

Mrs. Schratz

IMPORTANT REMINDER



All families who anticipate the need for tuition assistance in the coming school year **must complete their financial aid application in TADS by December 3 at 11:59 p.m. No extensions are given.** This is an archdiocesan deadline and policy. Failure to meet this deadline will increase your tuition payment by \$550-\$1500 per child. Tuition will be increasing for the coming year, so other sources of tuition assistance will be more limited than this year. If you need assistance, please contact Mrs. O'Hare **by November 29.** Occasionally there are problems with the application process so do not wait to the last minute to apply. Extensions are not given if you cannot upload documents on time or have any other difficulty.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

All are invited to our school Mass on Tuesday at 10:30. The focus will be on giving thanks. Honor Roll awards will be distributed after Mass.



Friday, November 19

Pizza Friday
HSPT Closes

Monday, November 22

Grade 8 Release of records forms due

Tuesday, November 23

School Mass 9:45 am
Drama Club 3:00 - 4:15 pm

Wednesday, November 24

School Closed

Sunday, November 28

1st Sunday of Advent

Wednesday, December 1

Jr. Drama Club 3:00 - 4:10 pm

COAT DRIVE

Donate Today!



Our school is supporting the annual Catholic Charities Coat Drive. New and gently used coats that are cleaned and in good condition may be brought to school until the morning of December 17. The students in grades 3-4 are decorating collection boxes and the 5th graders will pack the coats for delivery. Your support of this outreach to those in our local community who are in need this winter is greatly appreciated.

ADVENT

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 28. During Advent we look ahead with joy-filled hope to Jesus' coming in glory at the end of time as we remember his coming on Earth at his Nativity over 2000 years ago. In school the children will begin each day gathered around the advent wreath for prayer and listening to the Scriptures which tell of Our Savior's birth. We focus on preparing our hearts for His coming by being especially kind, thoughtful, and mindful of others' needs. The students will engage in acts of service to others.



IXL MINI MATH CHALLENGE



Mindful of the need to close gaps from over a year of virtual or hybrid learning, we are challenging the students in grades K-8 to answer as many math questions as they can beginning on Wednesday, November 24 through Wednesday, December 1. The class with the most questions answered (per capita) will celebrate with a movie and popcorn. The top 2 winners in each class will be honored with a math pin and a tag day.

We hope all students will take the challenge! If your child needs his or her log on information, please email Mr. Loughner at gloughner@stmatthias.org.

RAFFLE TICKETS

From Thanksgiving to Christmas is prime time for selling raffle tickets to our parishioners. If parents do not sign up to sell after one or more weekend masses, the ushers sell the tickets. We encourage parents to sign-up to sell them at church where they will be quickly sold. To sign-up, please contact Mrs. Blackburn in the school office.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGNER



Thanks to the children who participated in our second annual Christmas Card contest. Our winner this year is Yana-Neveah Achaleke (7th grader). Over 1,000 cards will be sent to alumni and friends of St. Matthias.

ST. MATTHIAS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MULTI-MINISTRY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

On Saturday, November 20th from 8 am until 10 am on the church parking lot, several church groups, working together, will help provide Thanksgiving and Holiday meals for many in our area. It will be a drive through event. Stay in your car. Wear a mask. Bags of fresh produce and other foods will be placed in each vehicle. Share this info with others in your community. No ID's required.



COVID VACCINATION



If your child receives a COVID vaccination, please send in a copy of the vaccination card. Nurse Self.