



THE ACADEMY OF SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

# BRIDGES



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## JOIN THE FUN AT THE FALL FESTIVAL

Our annual Fall Festival is this Saturday from 11am - 3pm, and we look forward to a fun time! Special thanks to all of the families that took advantage of the wristband pre-sale. Wristbands were sent home with students today. For any additional forms received today or Friday, wristbands will be available for pick-up at the ticket table on Saturday. Children should wear their wristbands to the Fall Festival. Only children with wristbands will be allowed to participate in the various games and activities. Wristbands can also be purchased on-site this Saturday. We hope to see you there!

## ROBOTICS CLUB BEGINS

We are very excited to bring this opportunity to the students of St. Matthias. Thanks to former teacher and parishioner, Ms. Thompson and parent, Mr. Walters students in grade 3-8 are now invited to join our first robotics club. We will be using our amazing robotics equipment on loan to us from Let's Go Boys and Girls to help our students learn important engineering, technology and team building skills. Please use the attached flier to sign-up today!

Please note that the club does not begin until 4 PM. Parents of club members will need to take a turn supervising the children here while they wait or all parents of children who are not in ESP will need to pick their child up at 3 and then return at 4.

## SCANTRON AND YOU

Every student in grades 1-8 has taken the Scantron assessment in reading and math. The individual child's results were given to the oldest or only child of these families today to take home. They are in a sealed envelope along with a letter from Principal Schratz and a parent guide to the Scantron Tests for parents to read. Please read this information carefully. Parents with questions should not hesitate to contact Mrs. Schratz.

The teachers are meeting this afternoon to analyze this data very carefully and to make instructional plans to help each child achieve maximum growth. Your support of your child's learning is very important.

The Scantron testing program and St. Matthias trends will be discussed at the Principal's Coffee on October 6 at 8:30 in the Hughes Center.



### Friday, September 29

School Mass at 9:15 am  
Band Begins  
Students and Staff wear Yellow  
Soccer Practice 3-5 pm

### Saturday, September 23

Fall Festival 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Soccer Shoot Out at 9:00 am  
Teacher CC! Professional Development 8-4 pm

### Sunday, October 1

Soccer St. Matthias vs. St. Joseph  
4:00 pm at White Oak Middle Sch.

### Tuesday, October 2

Archbishop Carroll HS Visit at 9:00 am

### Wednesday, October 3

Progress Reports Distributed  
(Grades 1-8)  
8th Grade High School and Graduation  
Meeting at 6:30 pm

### Thursday, October 4

Principal's Coffee at 8:30 am Hughes  
Center  
St. John's HS Visits at 10:00 am

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER SHOOT-OUT**

All students ages 6-18 are invited to our school field for the annual Knights of Columbus Soccer Shoot-Out. The event begins at 9 AM and is free of charge. Parents who take photos of the event are urged to send them to Mrs. Blackburn for our yearbook.

### **SCHOOL MASS TOMORROW**

All are invited to attend our school liturgy tomorrow at 9:15. In honor of our focus on respect this past month, the students and teachers are encouraged to wear yellow shirts and accessories. Each of the six pillars of good character, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship is associated with a color. Respect is yellow because it encompasses the Golden Rule. Using polite words, listening while others are talking, speaking in a respectful tone, and treating others as we would like to be treated are being constantly taught and modeled. Please continue to work on these important behaviors at home.

### **HSA PIZZA AND ICE POP SALES**

On all Fridays, with the exception of Pizza Friday, ice pops are sold to the children at lunch. Please put a dollar in your child's lunchbox, if you would like him or her to have this treat.

The children are enjoying the opportunity to have pizza for lunch. However, it is important to note that we must adhere to the deadline on the pizza order form. **Please do not send in money or requests after the deadline.** Our volunteers and the pizza vendor need time to process the orders. Pizza order form is attached. Forms are due on **Monday, October 16. No forms will be accepted after this date.**

### **CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSION PROCESS UNDERWAY**

All 8th graders are reminded to register for the High School Placement Test (HSPT) using the link provided in the e-mail from 8th grade homeroom teacher, Ms. Anastasiadis. All 7th and 8th grade families are urged to attend the open houses sponsored by the individual high schools. In addition, the admissions teams from the Catholic high schools are visiting with our 7th and 8th graders in the coming weeks. We have already met with admissions directors from Don Bosco Cristo Rey, Pallotti, and Bishop McNamara. Parents of our 8th grade students will hear more about this process at the parent meeting this Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30 in Friendship Hall.

### **CHICK-FIL-A FAMILY DINNER NIGHT**

Thank you so much for your recent support at our Chick-fil-a Family Dinner Nigh on Sept. 12, 2107. We were able to raise \$130 for our school just by having dinner. This is a substantial increase over our last Chick-fil-a Dinner Night.

Our next family dinner night will be October 11 at Chipotle from 4:00 - 8:00 pm.

### **FINANCIAL AID**

The Archdiocesan Financial Aid Application, which is available on the TADS website, will open on Oct. 1, 2017 so that families may apply for aid for the 2017-2018 school year. If you think that your family will need assistance for the 2017-2018 school year, PLEASE fill out this application completely and submit it. Incomplete applications do not receive consideration. If you do not ask, you do not know whether or not you will receive.

### **MUSIC AND ART CLASS**

Grades 1 and 2 will be singing a special song at the end of Mass tomorrow. Please join us if you can. Mass begins at 9:15.

Grades 4-8 presented their Respect Songs and did a great job! Mrs. Hess was very proud of them!

All students in grades K-8 will be creating Christmas cards over the next several weeks. Watch for ordering information to come home in a couple of weeks.