



## Weekly Mailer – July 14

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# St. Matthias Parish School Mailer

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Dear St. Matthias School Families,

Happy Summer! I hope you are enjoying the nice weather, longer days of sun, and extra time to relax. The school office is hard at work preparing for students' and families' return to school next month. I wanted to take a moment and share a few updates with you. In addition, Mr. Kasprzak, our new assistant principal has written a short introduction.

## **Faculty Updates**

I am pleased to announce the addition of the following new faculty members. They are so excited to join the St. Matthias family and meet you in August.

- Assistant Principal - Mr. Tim Kasprzak
- Learning (Reading) Resource Teacher - Mrs. Anne Luebke
- K5 - Ms. Penny Steinke
- 1st grade - Ms. Anita Buxbaum
- Physical Education and Athletic Director - Mr. Daniel Sowa

Several faculty members will be changing grades for the 2023-24 school year.

- Ms. Elle Teubert will be moving to 5th grade
- Ms. Katie Rogalinski will serve as our school guidance counselor

Middle school will include 6th grade this year. Students in grades 6-8 will rotate between several teachers like in a traditional middle school. As a part of the shift, Ms. Laura Stachnik will be 8th grade homeroom teacher. Our 6th grade homeroom position is currently vacant as well as our art position. We continue to have these positions posted on several hiring platforms. If you know individuals who are interested in either position, please have them call the school office or email me directly at [aturner@stmatthiasmilw.org](mailto:aturner@stmatthiasmilw.org).

## **Family Get-Together at McCarty Park**

On Thursday, July 27, Home & School is hosting a gathering at McCarty Park Traveling Beer Garden from 6:00-8:00PM. Come catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

## **New Family Orientation**

New families are required to attend New Family Orientation on Wednesday, August 16 from 6:00-7:00PM to get acquainted with the school and the day-to-day procedures such as drop off/pick up, lunch, communication with the office, absence policy, and medication. This meeting will take place in the school gym. Please enter through door G1 located in the alley parking lot. The meeting will be roughly 1 hour.

## **K4/ K5 Playdate**

Families with students entering K4 and K5 are invited to attend a play date at Alcott Park (97th Street & Wilbur Avenue, next to Alcott Elementary School) on Thursday, August 17th from 6:00-7:30PM. This is a great opportunity for children to meet others in their class and for parents to get to know each other. We'll see you at the playground.

## **Meet & Greet/Picture Day**

On Wednesday, August 23 from 4:00-6:00PM, students will have their pictures taken for the yearbook. Students should come dressed up rather than in their school uniforms. This is also the time to drop off school supplies, visit your child's classrooms, and meet their teacher. All students and families are asked to enter through the main office entrance facing Beloit Road. School supply lists are available on our website and through the link sent via the Remind app on Thursday, July 13th.



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## **First Day of School, August 30**

Students may begin arriving at 7:35AM and will enter the building at 7:45. The tardy bell rings at 7:55. Our K4 - 3rd grade students will line up at the bottom of the hill.

## **Parish Festival**

The St. Matthias Parish Festival will be held on August 25-27. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. This will be the last year of the festival. The festival is still looking for volunteers. Please visit our [parish festival](#) link if you are able to help. Many hands make light work. Plus, it's a great way to get to know other school families.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4aaca822a02-stmatthias1/4170792#/>

## **Summer Camp at St. Matthias**

St. Matthias Summer Camp is available for students in K4-6th grade (grade students will be entering for the 2023-24 school year). Please contact Ms. Terri Czerwinski for more information.

[tczerwinski@stmatthiasmilw.org](mailto:tczerwinski@stmatthiasmilw.org)

## **A message from Mr. Tim Kasprzak, our new Assistant Principal**

Hello, my name is Tim Kasprzak. I'm excited to begin my position as the Assistant Principal at St. Matthias Parish School! I graduated from St. Matthias in 2004 and from Pius XI Catholic High School in 2008. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Broadfield Social Studies from St. Norbert College in 2012. I earned my Master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Notre Dame in 2018 through the Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program.

I began my career in Catholic education in the Diocese of Madison, where I taught for seven years. I taught second grade at Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Catholic School in Sun Prairie, WI from 2012-2019. I was looking forward to being closer to my family in Milwaukee, so I moved back to the area. I have been working in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee since 2019. I worked at St. Monica Parish School in Whitefish Bay, WI from 2019-2023. During my time there, I taught second grade, taught junior high religion, and served as the interim assistant principal. Coming back home to St. Matthias has really just brought everything back full circle for me and is a dream come true.

Being a product of Catholic education has helped me realize my passion for and vocation in Catholic education. I look forward to working with the faculty of St. Matthias (two of which I had as teachers during my time here!), the wonderful students, and their amazing families! St. Matthias has a special place in my heart and I only hope to help it continue to grow and flourish, providing a solid Catholic education for many students for years to come.

In my spare time, I like to spend time with my family, my large extended family, friends, and Leo, my Mini Goldendoodle. I enjoy camping, spending time outside, watching football, playing board games, and watching movies. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year! - Mr. Kasprzak

Enjoy the rest of your summer. We will reach out again in August.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Alissa Turner  
Principal, [aturner@stmatthiasmilw.org](mailto:aturner@stmatthiasmilw.org)