



Weekly Mailer – October 22nd

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Faith First – Educating children while building a Catholic foundation that instills Christian values.



St. Matthias Parish School Mailer

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Dear St. Matthias Families,

Soles Walk

On Tuesday, October 19 we had our *Soles Walk*. What a great morning of fun and exercise! We need to raise less than \$500 to reach our goal of \$5,000. Our school donations will be matched up to \$5,000 by business sponsors. Remember, if we hit our goal, the students get to duct tape me to the wall! Next week is our last week to collect donations. The students who donate the most money over the course of the four weeks will win a gift basket full of goodies! Thank you for all your hard work. Currently, we are researching ways to use our funds towards classroom technology updates.

Halloween Celebrations

Friday, October 29 students will celebrate Halloween with their classes. Students in grades K4-6 may come to school in their costumes. 7th and 8th grade students need to come to school in their uniforms and will change into their costumes before their party. **NO MAKEUP OR HAIR DYE ALLOWED.** Later the same evening, Home and School will sponsor **Trunk or Treat.**

Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, October 29th at 5:30 PM. **Home and School is still looking for families to sign up to be trunkers and pass out candy.** So far we only have 15 cars signed up. You don't need to decorate your car in order to pass out candy. Please email bulldogswalk@gmail.com to sign up. The more families who sign up to participate, the more opportunity students have to trick or treat.

Students are encouraged to come in costume and bring their flashlights and a bag for trick or treating. There will be awards for best costume and decorated trunk. Students are required to be with a parent or guardian while attending the event. The play structure will be off limits. We are looking forward to a great evening of family fun. Hope to see you there.

Safeguarding All God's Children

All school and parish employees and volunteers who have regular contact with children are required to complete an awareness training session before volunteering at school. The goal of the Catholic Church is to ensure that our children are as safe as possible. The program includes an initial 3-hour awareness session. Parents are not able to chaperone field trips or volunteer in the classroom until they take this training. Although opportunities to volunteer are limited this year, I would like to encourage parents and guardians who may be interested in volunteering in the future to complete this training now. For more information, please click this [link](#) for instructions on starting this process. Please contact Terry Czerwinski (school office) or Brian Jens (Christian Formation) for more information.

Bulldog Award

The Bulldog Award is awarded to a classroom that has been found to be a) hardworking, b) curious, and c) kind. This week the Bulldog Award goes to Mrs. Thompson's K5 class. Any time I pop my head into the K5 classroom, I find them focused, working hard and paying attention. K5 students are consistently kind and respectful in the hallways and have been doing a great job at Mass. Keep it up K5!



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Mass

On October 28th will be prepared and led by grade 6. Masked visitors are welcome to celebrate School Mass. Please sit in the visitor's section.

High School Open House

Open houses will be held at St. Thomas More, Divine Savior Holy Angels and Marquette this weekend.

COVID-19 Updates

This week's Covid summary:

- Two student(s) and/or staff member(s) are in quarantine.
- No classes are in quarantine.

Blessings,

Mrs. Alissa Turner

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PLTW- Project Lead the Way

Dear Parents,

It is my pleasure to once again teach PLTW courses to our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders this school year.

- **6th Grade - Introduction to Engineering**

In this class we learn about what engineers do, careers in engineering, what it takes to become an engineer, basic measurement and drawing, the Design Process, and some basic Computer Science.

- **7th Grade - Design & Modeling**

Students explore and use the Design Process to create artifacts, discover what iteration is, review metric measurement and basic drawing and build a "skimmer", expand their drawing and measuring abilities to include orthographic drawing culminating in an extensive project involving all of these aspects, intermediate computer science, and the build and launch of their very own rocket.

- **8th Grade - Robotics & Automation**

Students explore what a robot is, the many different types and the use for each, how robots affect society, gears and gear ratios, speed and torque, mechanism exploration and the building of many of them (including a complex build utilizing many simple ones), they build a better/improved rocket, and explore robotic programming skills using "Sphero".

Supplies - Students have been provided with a complimentary notebook that remains in school and is used daily. They are to be prepared with a pencil at all times and any work assigned previously. The most important part of this class is attendance, we do a lot of hands on activities and collaboration with peers is very important.

Office Hours - This year I am in school on both Mondays and Fridays. I can be reached via email at dheinzen@stmatthiasmilw.org. I check my email frequently every day of the week.

Thank you,
Mr. Heinzen