



Weekly Mailer – October 27

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Dear St. Matthias School Families,

Happy Halloween! The kids looked great in their costumes and they had such a great time celebrating together. Thank you to the parent volunteers who came to assist and thank you to all the goodies that were sent!

Tonight is our Halloween Family Dance. I cannot wait to see everyone in their costumes. Participants needed to register prior to the dance. No walk-ins allowed. For the safety of all, doors will open at 6:00 and lock at 6:30PM. THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND TO ALL WHO DONATED GOODIES FOR TONIGHT'S PARTY!

This week the 8th grade girls and 7th grade boys' volleyball teams competed in the 2023 Seton Volleyball Tournament. Both teams won their first game earlier this week and advanced to the second round. Our bulldogs played hard in the second round last night but were unable to advance to the next round. We are so proud of your hard work and dedication this year. Great job, Bulldogs!

Breast Cancer Awareness and Support Day

To show our solidarity with those affected by Breast Cancer, students and staff are invited to wear pink shirts on Monday, October 30th. Students may have the same bottoms allowed on spirit wear days. Any students wearing leggings are expected to wear shirts that fully cover their bottom. No rips, tears or holes in clothing please.

Mass, November 1 at 8:15

On Wednesday, November 1, we will celebrate The Solemnity of All Saints Mass. Students from multiple classrooms will help lead Mass. Junior High Handbells and the Choristers will lead us in song. Please join us.

The Book Fair is coming!

Our annual book fair will be held next week on Wednesday and Thursday, November 1 & 2. Please plan to stop by and shop. This is a perfect opportunity to start Christmas shopping or reward students for doing well at school. More information is in the flyer attached. Thank you in advance for your support.

Early Release Day

Wednesday, November 1st we will dismiss at **11:30AM**. No lunch will be served.

Conferences

Our fall conferences are just around the corner. They will be held on Wednesday, November 1 from 12:00-4:00pm and Thursday, November 2 from 1:00-8:00pm. Fall conferences are mandatory for all parents/guardians. Students in grades 4-8 are expected to attend their conference with their parents/guardians. Please sign up no later than Tuesday, October 31st for your conference. Thank you to those who have already signed up. We look forward to seeing you next week.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0844AAA628A0F49-45537436-fall>



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MEC on November 1 and 2

Childcare will be available for families during conferences at no cost. MEC will be open from 12:00-4:00pm on Wednesday, November 1 and from 1:00-8:00pm on Thursday, November 2. **NO CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 BETWEEN 11:30-12:00. All students will need to be picked up at 11:30 AM.**

No School on Friday, November 3

Teachers will be attending faith formation all day.

Home and School Committee

The Home and School Committee plans monthly activities and events for St. Matthias School. We are currently planning our biggest event of the year, Breakfast with Santa which will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023 in the Steiger Hall located in the basement of the church. If you would like to get involved in planning and serving at the event, please plan to attend our next Home and School Committee meeting on Thursday, November 9 at 6:30pm.

School Advisory Board

This group serves as an advisory committee to the principal and works with Mrs. Turner on long-term planning for the school. We are focusing on alumni relations and St. Matthias's upcoming 175th anniversary celebration. If you would like to be part of this committee, please contact Mrs. Turner. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 9 at 7:45pm. Come check us out.

Blessings,
Mrs. Alissa Turner
Principal

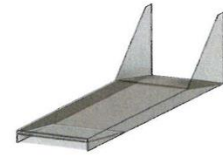
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6th-8th Grade PLTW News Sept. Oct. 2023

As we approach the midpoint of our first trimester, our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students have been working hard in class. A brief update for each level is as follows...

6th Grade- 6th graders have been studying what an engineer is and have investigated many different types of engineers. Students chose a specific engineering career that intrigued them and then researched specific aspects of it including what the job entails, what education is needed, what salary can be attained, and where the engineer works- just to name a few. Completed reports can be viewed in the lower hallway of the 62 building opposite the restrooms.

Currently, the class is in a unit that I call the "Skimmer" unit. Here we learn about drag and friction and how these two forces can affect the movement of an object both positively and negatively. Students are in the process of building a device that, when properly made with attention to detail and the reduction of drag and force, will effortlessly "skim" across the gym floor on a cushion of air. A fun competition will be a part of the activity as well.



When this unit is completed in a few weeks we will move ahead and learn about the history of measurement (ancient and modern), how to use different measuring devices such as calipers, and how to measure in both standard and metric units. Measurement, that is *accurate measurement*, is a must in engineering!

7th grade- 7th graders have been working with the Design Process (identify the problem, brainstorm ideas to solve the problem, choose one solution, build a prototype and test it, present the solution to an audience). The students were asked to identify a problem that they encountered with the wearing of masks during the covid outbreak and come up with a mask design to address it- many clever ideas came to light and students created posters on their designs. The posters can be viewed in the 62 building hallway.



Recently the students were challenged to solve a problem that has been encountered in Mr. Heinzen's "man cave". It seems that Mrs. Heinzen is not happy with the mess left by him and his friends after the weekly Packer game and has threatened to turn the man cave into a sewing room if things do not change. Students are designing devices to solve this problem as we speak.

Next up is the exploration of what Iteration is and how the design process is modified to create new and improved products through time.

8th grade- Finally, our 8th grade class has been busy learning about robots in our society (how they are a help, how they influence life, do they take jobs away, what concerns you about robots), the numerous categories of robots, and researching a specific real-world robot type.



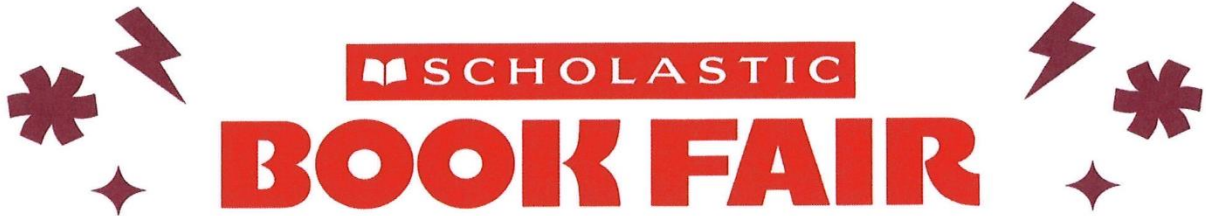
In the next few weeks the students will learn to program a real robot (a Sphero Spark+ robot) to complete and solve numerous challenges using block-coding and wifi connections.

Next up we will explore various aspects of mechanisms including gears, speed, building 10 different mechanisms using the "VEX" system, as well as the design and building of a "pull toy".

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at dheinzen@stmatthiasmilw.org Blessings!

Mr. Heinzen

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Dear Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place:
**during conferences November 1 & 2
in the library**

Say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Book Fair online**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stmatthiasparishschool>

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

Alissa Turner
Principal
St. Matthias Parish School



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 <h2 style="text-align: center;">St. Matthias Parish School November 2023</h2>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 11:30 Dismissal 8:15 Mass - All School 12:00-4:00 Conferences Book Fair	2 No School 1:00-8:00 Conferences Book Fair	3 No School	4
5	6	7	8	9 8:15 Mass - 5th 6:30 Home & School 6:45 SAC Meetings	10 Spirit Day 5-8 Grade Field Trip	11
12	13	14	15	16 8:15 Mass - 7th 6:30 Alumni Night	17 \$1.00 Out of Uniform	18
19	20	21 8:15 Mass - 4th	22 No School	23 Happy Thanksgiving No School	24 No School	25
26	27	28	29	30 8:15 Mass - 6th 6:30 Home & School Meeting		

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 No Lunch	2 No School	3 No School
6 Sweet and Sour Chicken WG Brown Rice WG Pretzel Breadstick Fresh Broccoli Bites Seasonal Fruit Choice of Milk	7 WG Popcorn Chicken (10 each) BBQ Sauce Packet Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Fruit Choice of Milk	8 BBQ Sandwich (Pork or Chicken) WG Hamburger Bun Fresh Celery Sticks Seasonal Fruit Choice of Milk	9 Cheeseburger on WG Bun Ketchup Packet Vegetarian Baked Beans Seasonal Fruit Choice of Milk	10 Hearty Beef and Bean Chili Shredded Cheddar Cheese WG Cornbread WG Goldfish Crackers Crunchy Baby Carrots Seasonal Fruit Choice of Milk
13 WG Italian and Garlic Cheesy Pull Aparts Marinara Dipping Sauce (1/4 cup) Crunchy Baby Carrots Seasonal Fruit Choice of Milk	14 Beef Nachos Shredded Cheddar & Taco Sauce Tortilla Chips (1 oz) Fiesta Black Beans Seasonal Fruit WG Graham Crackers Choice of Milk	15 Turkey Kielbasa WG Hot Dog Bun Fresh Celery Sticks Seasonal Fruit Choice of Milk	16 Dominos Cheese Pizza Slice LOCAL Romaine Lettuce Salad Dressing Packet Seasonal Fruit WG Crackers Choice of Milk	17 Oven Roasted Turkey w/ Gravy WG Pretzel Breadstick WG Corn Bread Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Fruit Choice of Milk
20 WG Chicken Corn Dog Ketchup Packet Crunchy Baby Carrots Seasonal Fruit WG Fruit Muffin Choice of Milk	21 WG Chicken Nuggets (5 each) BBQ Sauce Packet Pretzel Breadstick Steamed Corn Seasonal Fruit Choice of Milk	22 No School	23 Thanksgiving Day MCFI Closed	24 Holiday MCFI Closed
27 Dominos Cheese Pizza Slice Baby Carrots Seasonal Fruit Assorted WG Crackers Choice of Milk	28 Teriyaki Chicken WG Brown Rice Fresh Broccoli Bites Seasonal Fruit WG Cheddar Goldfish Choice of Milk	29 Crispy Chicken Salad W/WG Popcorn Chicken (10 each) Local Romaine Lettuce Salad Dressing Packet WG Pretzel Breadstick Seasonal Fruit Choice of Milk	30 Southwest Beef and Bean Burger WG Hamburger Bun Ketchup Steamed Corn Seasonal Fruit Choice of Milk	MILK FOR SCHOOLS: SKIM WHITE LOW FAT WHITE SKIM CHOCOLATE MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

K-8 HOT Lunch

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON PRODUCT AVAILABILITY

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