



Weekly Mailer – November 19th

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



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A Message from Mrs. Turner

Happy Thanksgiving. St. Matthias is so blessed to teach such kind and thoughtful children and to work alongside our caring and loving families. We are blessed to have dedicated teachers and hard-working school staff. We are fortunate to have a parish staff that steps in often to serve and support the mission of our school. I am so thankful for the opportunity to witness God's faithfulness at school each day. Thank you for being an integral part of the St. Matthias Parish School family. May God continue to bless and guide us on our journey together.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you for donating to our Thanksgiving food drive. It is exciting to know that others will be able to enjoy the holiday a little more as a result of your generosity. Thank you.

Soles Walk Reward Day

Monday, November 22, Madie Swier will be Principal for the Day. She is giving a no homework pass for one subject (teacher's choice), distributing popsicles to students, and handling morning announcements. In addition, she has declared Monday a PJ Day for the staff and students.

Monday will also be the day that I, Mrs. Turner, will be duct-taped to the wall as the reward for reaching our Soles Walk goal of \$5,000. Stay tuned for pictures!

Christmas Concert

This year's Christmas concert featuring grades K4-4 will be videotaped during the school day and links will be sent home so that families can enjoy watching the performance together. We will not have a live concert. Please watch future mailers for links to these performances.

SAC and Home & School Volunteers Needed

Please see the letter from SAC member, Kelly Herbst-Frailing, regarding volunteer opportunities with the School Advisory Committee, Home and School, and Athletics. Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

Bulldog Award

The Bulldog Award is awarded to a classroom that has been found to be hardworking, curious, and kind. This week, the award goes to 1st grade. I loved to see their excitement as they explored the world of nouns. They were respectful and worked hard as they started to incorporate nouns into their writing. Nice job students.

Mass

Our school Mass on **November 23** will be prepared and led by grade 3. School Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday this coming week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Masked visitors are welcome to celebrate School Mass. Please sit in the visitor's section.



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Catholic Social Responsibility

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Office of Schools developed and recently released a Catholic Social Responsibility Guidebook for all of the Catholic schools in our 10-county Archdiocese in southeastern Wisconsin. Please take a moment to visit the following website to learn more about this guidebook.
<https://www.archmil.org/Education/Catholic-Social-Responsibility.htm>

COVID-19 Updates

This week's Covid summary:

- 6th & 7th grade students return to school on Monday, November 22 after being quarantined.
- One active positive case of Covid.
- Seven student/staff member(s) are quarantining due to being a close contact.

Blessings,

Mrs. Alissa Turner
Principal

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Hello, St. Matthias community!

I am reaching out as a longtime parent (15 years) of St. Matthias Parish School. While there have been many changes in the 15 years our children have attended this school, I believe one thing remains the same. Our school will only be as strong as its support system.

At St. Matthias we have dedicated teachers and staff that instruct and guide our children daily. We have sports and extra-curriculars to develop our children's abilities physically, mentally, and socially. We have had yearly picnics, dances for the middle schoolers, and other social activities/fundraisers in the past. All of these opportunities provide us as parents an opportunity to give back to our children's school, support our children, and develop our own friendships as parents. Needless to say, COVID-19 impacted every school community and for some time these opportunities were lost to us.

As our children are now back in school and some activities are resuming (sports and the recent Trunk or Treat for example), we as parents are now needed to step up into roles to again support our children and our school. I have heard people talk about a school picnic, 8th grade graduation, and other activities, wondering what will be able to take place given the ongoing COVID situation. What we can control at this time is our effort and level of involvement. Without us, the parents, coming together and stepping up to work together, the activities our children have available to them could be limited.

I write to each of you as fellow parents to encourage you to reflect on where you would be interested in being involved or what skill sets you may have that can further benefit our children and their school. Maybe it's coaching a sport, or assisting with planning the school picnic (we are certainly hoping to have one in spring), joining a committee (Home and School or School Advisory Committee), or assisting with a subcommittee. Our children need, and deserve, our support.

Currently Home and School has only one member who is taking care of all the tasks that are usually completed by an entire committee. This committee usually assists with items related to the school picnic, which is one of the students' favorite activities each year. I have heard talk about the picnic, but without parents to step up and assist with planning early on, this will be difficult to execute. School Advisory Committee is currently looking for parents to assist on subcommittees, the descriptions of which are listed below.

In my many years as a parent here, I have manned the concessions stand, volunteered in the classrooms, assisted with classroom parties, coached track, served as a SAC committee member, worked at the school picnic, and chaperoned middle school dances, just to name a few items. I have had the opportunity to meet some wonderful people and make some true friends. I have also had the opportunity to watch my children socially in many of these instances. It is truly joyful to watch your children grow and thrive in their element. This is more than just a place your children attend school if you get involved. St. Matthias is another community, another family.

Please join in supporting our children and their school. Contacts for Home and School, Student Advisory Committee and Athletics are listed below.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Kelly Herbst-Frailing (SAC member)



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ORGANIZATION CONTACTS

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SAC SUBCOMMITTEES

- 1) School Culture and Communications Subcommittee: This subcommittee will work with the school's office to make sure that communication from the school to home and back to the school is done in a way that is beneficial to parents. School culture is built on and maintained through communications promoting parent involvement in the school, along with their children understanding the current events of the school. This subcommittee will report to SAC on any changes, recommendations, or implementations it wishes to be made at St. Matthias.
- 2) School Advancement/Technology Subcommittee: This subcommittee would work closely with the Principal of St. Matthias to make sure the academic gains of students at St. Matthias are in line with State and Archdiocese standards. This would include best teaching practices, latest curriculums, and the understanding of producing eight grade students that have the Catholic identity and intellectual abilities needed to be successful in Catholic high schools in the area. This subcommittee would also work on researching and presenting opportunities / recommendations to SAC and the Principal for beneficial technology / advancements in technology for use in the classroom and throughout the school.



GIVE BACK CONTEST

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, January 30 - February 5, 2022, Catholic Financial Life will hold our annual Give Back Contest!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers have had to change what classrooms and learning look like on a daily basis. Despite this everchanging environment, teachers across the country are spending countless hours going above and beyond to ensure students succeed and that the transition is smooth and easy.

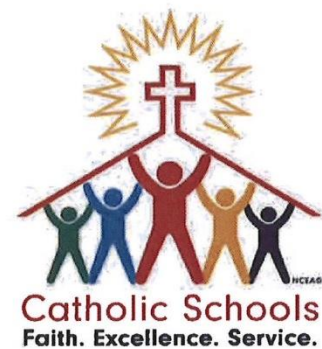
This year, we'll once again honor Catholic school teachers across the country for their hard work and the positive impact they make on their students. Their everyday acts can often go unnoticed, but it's our goal to shine a light on these unsung heroes.

Nominate a Catholic school teacher for their remarkable dedication to transforming the lives of their students. **Nominations are due by Friday, January 7.**

The top three teachers will receive a \$500 cash prize.

Additionally, each winner's school will also receive a \$4,000 donation. Contest winners will be announced during Catholic Schools Week.

Visit cfl.org/givebackcontest to nominate your favorite Catholic school teacher and for additional contest details.



Type School Name Here

MCFI

9-12 Hot Lunch



December 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>MILK FOR SCHOOL: SKIM WHITE LOW FAT WHITE SKIM CHOCOLATE MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p>	<p>1 BBQ Meatball Sub with Shredded Cheese on WG Bun Crunchy Broccoli with Ranch Seasonal Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>2 Non-WG Mac and Cheese WG Chicken Smackers with BBQ Packet WG Pretzel Breadstick Baby Carrots with Ranch Seasonal Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>3 WG Calzone Marinara Sauce Cup Baby Carrots Seasonal Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk</p>	
<p>6 BRUNCH FOR LUNCH WG Pancakes with Syrup Cup Chicken Breakfast Sausage Yogurt Cup Sunset Sip Juice Baby Carrots Seasonal Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>7 Baked Chicken Leg WG Cornbread with Honey WG Cracker Baked Beans Seasonal Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>8 Hamburger on a WG Bun Ketchup Packet Steamed Corn Seasonal Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>9 Domino's Cheese Pizza Baby Carrots with Ranch Seasonal Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>10 Shredded Turkey and Gravy on WG Croissant Crunchy Broccoli with Ranch Seasonal Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk</p>
<p>13 Loaded Chicken Bowl WG Chicken Smackers and Shredded Cheese over Mashed Potatoes WG Biscuit Seasonal Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>14 Turkey Hot Dog on WG Bun Ketchup Packet Crunchy Broccoli with Ranch Seasonal Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>15 Sloppy Joe on WG Bun Baked Beans Seasonal Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>16 WG Cheese Quesadilla Salsa Cup Baby Carrots Seasonal Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>17 NATIONAL MAPLE SYRUP DAY WG French Toast Sticks Syrup Cup Yogurt Cup Sunset Sip Juice Seasonal Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk</p>
<p>20 Beef Taco on WG Tortilla With Shredded Cheese Taco Sauce WG Cracker Seasoned Beans Seasonal Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>21 WG Cheesy Garlic Bread Marinara Cup Baby Carrots Seasonal Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>22 Crispy Chicken Wrap on WG Tortilla BBQ Packet Crunchy Broccoli with Ranch Seasonal Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Choice of Milk</p>	<p>23 MCFI CLOSED</p>	<p>24 MCFI CLOSED</p>
<p>27 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>28 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>29 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>30 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>31 MCFI CLOSED</p>

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December Nutrition Tip: National Hand Washing Awareness Week

The first week of December is National Hand Washing Week! Make sure to properly wash your hand often, especially this season, to stay safe from colds/flu and to protect your loved ones.
Source: CDC.gov



**NATIONAL
HANDWASHING
AWARENESS WEEK**

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 SAINT MATTHIAS PARISH SCHOOL FAITH <i>first</i>		St. Matthias Parish School December 2021				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 8:15 Mass - 8th	3 Spirit Day	4
5	6	7	8 8:15 Mass-7 th Immaculate Conception	9	10	11
12	13	14 6:00 SAC Meeting	15	16 8:15 Mass - 6 th	17 Christmas Out of Uniform	18
19	20 6:30 Virtual Jammie Night	21	22 8:15 Mass-5 th Christmas Parties	23 No School	24 No School	25 Merry Christmas
26	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	31 No School Happy New Year	