



Weekly Mailer – December 15

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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 School Families,

The week of December 17th is the third week of Advent. The pink advent candle symbolizes Joy. If we think of the unlit Advent wreath candles as darkness, lighting of the third candle this week symbolizes that the light is now greater than the darkness. I'm so glad for the many symbols that God has given us to remember his goodness and light. Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Christmas Concerts

Congratulations to students in grades 1- 4 on a fabulous Christmas concert last night. The kids looked and sounded so good! Thank you to the many friends and family who attended our performances. It was heartwarming to see so many in attendance last night and I know it makes our kids feel special to perform to a full house. Thank you again to the homeroom teachers who went the extra mile to get everything ready for this special night.

The K4 and K5 will present a short concert on Wednesday, December 20th at 2:15pm for friends and family. We can't wait to see the kids perform and celebrate the Advent and Christmas season with us.

Mass, December 21st at 8:15

On Thursday, December 21th, we will celebrate school Mass. Students from 8th grade will lead us. Please join us.

Out of Uniform Leggings

Girls who want to wear leggings on out of uniform days are expected to wear a shirt that fully covers their bottom. Shirts worn with leggings must cover bottoms when hands are raised. Student who do not follow the dress code expectations may lose their right to participate in future Spirit and Out of Uniform days and/or will lose the privilege of wearing leggings on out of uniform days.

Coat Wearing Policy

Wisconsin weather can change drastically in one week making cool days seem very warm to kids. When this happens, students often want to take their coats off on days when it is still chilly. Beginning Monday, December 18, the following policy will go into effect. Students are expected to wear outerwear during recess and before and after school. If the temperature is 60 degrees or above, students will be allowed to take off their coats. If the temperature outside is 50-59 degrees, students will be allowed to unzip their jackets. If the temperature is below 50, students will be expected to zip and wear their jackets.

Candy Cane Lane 4th Grade Service Project

The fourth graders would like to invite the St. Matthias students, staff, and families to 4th Grade Candy Cane Lane on Thursday, December 21st from 2:00-3:00pm in the 4th grade classroom. Each year, 4th Grade creates a version of the West Allis Candy Cane Lane during the season of Advent. All are invited to tour and make a donation. All donations will be donated to the Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer Inc. (the MACC Fund) which is dedicated to funding childhood cancer and related blood disorder research. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

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Christmas Break

Students and staff will take Christmas break starting Friday, December 22. School will resume on **Tuesday, January 2, 2024**. The school office will be closed during Christmas break.

Inclement Weather

The season for snow is upon us. St. Matthias Parish School will follow the decision of the **West Allis-West Milwaukee Public Schools** and will cancel school when WAWM schools close for inclement weather. Parents will also be notified that school will be closed via the Remind app. Notification will also be sent to television stations. If the school closes before regular dismissal time, parents will be notified via the Remind app.

Celebration of Learning Open House

On Wednesday, January 24th from 6:00-7:00pm, St. Matthias School invites you to join us at our Celebration of Learning. This evening is set aside for students to display their learning and academic success. Student projects, writing samples, and hands-on science experiments will be displayed for families and friends to see. This is also a great opportunity to visit the teacher and class your student's will be in for the 2024-25 school year. We can't wait to share our hard work with you! Save the date!!

Athletics

The athletic board is in search of parents and guardians who are interested in taking leadership positions next year. Many of the current leaders will be retiring from their positions at the end of this school year. We want your help as we look to the future and dream how we can build our St. Matthias sports programs. Please contact Mr. Sowu, PE teacher and athletic director, for more information.

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Home and School Committee

The Home and School Committee plans monthly activities and events for St. Matthias School. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:30pm in the library. Drop in and see how you can get involved.

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. If you would like to be part of this committee, please contact Mrs. Turner. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 11 at 7:45pm. For more information, please contact Mrs. Turner at aturner@stmatthiasmilw.org

Blessings,
Mrs. Alissa Turner
Principal

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Christmas Spirit Week

Friday, December 15 - Thursday, December 21

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Friday
12/15

Spirit/Tree Topper Day
Wear St. Matthias Spirit wear and holiday hat/headband

Monday
12/18

Holiday Cozy Cheer Day
Wear **Red** and **Green** OR your Holiday PJs

Tuesday
12/19

Mad About Plaid Day
Wear your favorite plaid shirt or pants

Wednesday
12/20

Winter Wonderland
Wear "Frozen Gear", **Blue**, or White

Thursday
12/21

Deck the Halls
Wear your favorite holiday shirt/sweater



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SYNOD ON SYNODALITY UPDATE

**MONDAY DECEMBER
18TH, 2023 - 6:30 - 8:30
PM STEIGER HALL**

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[HTTPS://STMATTHIAS-
MILW.ORG/FFO/](https://stmatthias-milw.org/ffo/)**

Come and join us for this special conversation on how the journey through the Synod on Synodality is taking place! Help us bring their proposals to life as we talk about new opportunities for formation in 2024!