



THE ACADEMY OF SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

BRIDGES

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A NON-SNOW EVENT!

Thanks so much to all our St. Matthias parents and awesome students for their flexibility and understanding regarding the confusion this morning and the virtual learning plan on this most unusual day. Teachers reported good attendance and happy and hard-working scholars. We do have the best students in the ADW! Parents, they are a reflection of you and our dedicated teachers.



WELCOME, FATHER AVELINO



We are thrilled to welcome our new pastor, Father Avelino Gonzalez to our parish and school community. I know he will be thrilled to read the wonderful welcome messages and cards written by our scholars. Father will be visiting the students as soon as he can. We are looking forward to celebrating Mass with him for our Catholic Schools Week celebration on Friday, February 4 at 10:15 A.M.

RE-ENROLLMENT

Re-enrollment for the next school year is now open in TADS! The re-enrollment fee is \$200, but goes up to \$350 on March 1. This year the \$25 HSA fee is paid with the re-enrollment fee because both of these are per family fees. Please see the attached tuition and fee information flyer. A few new families have already enrolled and we are looking forward to showing off our great school at Open House on January 27. Please let your friends and neighbors know about our school. If a family you refer enrolls, you receive a \$500 tuition credit! Enrollment for current students is only guaranteed until March 1. Students who are enrolled by March 1 will receive a Free Dress Pass. The first passes will be given out tomorrow and every Friday until March 4.



CHICK-FIL-A



This Wednesday, January 26 we will be having Chick-Fil-A for lunch! Students who ordered back in December do not need to do anything.



Friday, January 21
Second Quarter Ends
Rediker Closes

Monday, January 24
School Band

Tuesday, January 25
Covid Testing

Wednesday, January 26
Altar Server Training 10:00 am
Chick-fil-A Luncheon

Friday, January 28
Report Cards Distributed

TUITION ACCOUNTS

All St. Matthias families are reminded that report cards are not distributed to students whose tuition accounts are not current unless they have contacted the office to make a payment plan. If you owe tuition and have not yet contacted the office, please do so tomorrow.



COVID-19 SCREENING



All staff and students (who have parental permission) will be tested during class this Tuesday, January 25. The screening is painless and only takes a moment. Parents who have not given permission but would like to can call the office tomorrow to sign up. You only need to give permission once. Results are expected by Thursday morning. Students not screened at school will need proof of a negative test on Friday morning.

REPORT CARDS

All students will be receiving report cards on Friday, January 28. This date has been changed so that our principal can meet with each student in grade 4-8 to discuss their grades, while also serving on the National Blue Ribbon Review Panel on the 26th and 27th. This will be the first time our mini-mustangs in grades PK3-K get a report card this year.



RAFFLE TICKETS DUE



Every family is required to sell or purchase 35 raffle tickets at \$10 per ticket. Families who need more tickets should call or email the office. Families who would rather make a \$350 donation for tax purposes just need to send the check in with unsold tickets. The first drawing will be on February 1.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Catholic students in grades 4-8 are invited to serve the church as altar servers. There is an information session and training session during the school day on January 26 at 10:00 am. Students who express an interest will receive a permission form to participate in the training.



MLK BIRTHDAY

The fourth graders completed an assignment this week reflecting on the big words of Martin Luther King Jr. After reading the story *Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* written by Doreen Rappaport, students chose words from their own vocabulary that make a difference in the world. Here, Awah Ndi reflects on the words she chose: love, rights, and together. The class enjoyed discussing how words, actions, and prayer can make the world a better place for all.



How do my words inspire or bring freedom?

AWAH NDI

My words inspire me because love is a very strong word if you say love it can fill up someone's day .If you use the word the love you can fill up the whole world .My word rights is a powerful word for any race because if you are getting bullied than you have a right to stop getting bullied. My word together means when we are together can do anything