



# The Principal's Communicator



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## **The Feast of St. Matthew – the Patron Saint of our Parish & School**

The first Family Mass for our School and Parish Families will be held on Sunday, September 21, the Feast of St. Matthew. Our Family Mass will be the Official Mass for all School Families for Pre-Kindergarten - Grades 8. The Mass will take place on Sunday, September 21 (the Feast of St. Matthew) at 9:00AM in St. Matthew Church. Please invite all members of your family to gather around the Table of the Lord on this Special Feast Day. Families are asked to sit in the front half of the Church so we can celebrate Mass together as a group.

Later in the day, our Parish will have its Annual Parish Picnic at Banning Park. The picnic will take place from 1-5PM in Banning Park. The Parish Picnic is open to all families in our Parish and School. The Knights of Columbus will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ chicken, corn on the cob and beverages. Please bring a covered dish or a dessert to share. Games, Moonbounce, and other activities will be available for all ages. Please join us on September 21 for a fun filled day.

## **Back to School Nights Follow-up**

Thank you for the terrific turnout for our Back to School Nights this week. I was very pleased to see so many parents/guardians visit their child(ren)'s classrooms to learn about this year's programs and activities. If you were not able to attend, please contact your child's teacher for the handouts distributed to parents.

Please make sure you return the Family Survey if you did not complete it during your visit at the Back to School Night. This form is due on Monday, September 15.

The St. Matthew School Code of Conduct paper also needs to be returned to your child's teacher after you and your child has read and signed the contract. The last page needs to be returned to your child's homeroom teacher by Thursday, September 18.

I talked to all groups about my concern that our school has an active plan for the future. St. Matthew School is on solid grounds now (no rumors please) and I want us to make sure that is true 3 years, 7 years, 10 years in the future. If you are interested to see what can be done to make sure this is a reality, please join me on Thursday, October 9, from 6:30-8:00PM in the Core Room. All are invited as long as you come with ideas and enthusiasm.

## **Instrumental Music Program**

The Instrumental Music Program (Band) for students in Grades 4-6 is scheduled for Monday, September 15. The students will be introduced to our new instructor, Mr. Larry Rumpf, and given an opportunity to see and hear how our program will be conducted this year. Students in our Instrumental Music Program last year who are currently in Grs. 7 & 8 will meet with Mr. Rumpf after the morning assemblies.

Parents are invited to meet Mr. Rumpf and register their child in the program on Tuesday, September 16, beginning at 6:30PM in the Open Area.

## **High School Information Night**

Three Catholic High School Information Nights are planned in the next few weeks. The first night will be held on Tuesday, September 30, beginning at 7PM at Our Lady of Fatima School. The Information Night will be repeated on Thursday, October 16, beginning at 7PM at Christ the Teacher School and again on Wednesday, October 29, beginning at 7PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary School.

The High School Nights are sponsored by the Elementary and High Schools to give parents and students in Grades 5-8 an opportunity to find information about tuition, curriculum, activities, scholarships, requirements, etc. from one central location.

Representing the Catholic High Schools will be representatives from: Padua Academy, Salesianum, St. Mark's, St. Elizabeth High School, Archmere, and Ursuline Academy.

## **The Month of the Rosary**

October is the month of the Rosary. All students and teachers recite a decade of the rosary every day during the morning announcements.

I will teach (review) how to pray the rosary to all students. I will also go over the Mysteries of the Rosary so all will be familiar with them.

Please have your child (Gr. 2-8) bring his/her rosary to school every day in October.

I will give a rosary to all new students in the school as well as all students in Kindergarten and Grade 1.