



# The Principal's Communicator



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## The Month of the Rosary

October is the month of the Rosary. All students and teachers will recite a decade of the rosary every day after the morning WAVE broadcast. Please have your child (Gr. K-8) bring his/her rosary to school in October.

## 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 again on Thursday, October 16, beginning at 7PM at Christ the Teacher School and 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.

## Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

As was mentioned in last week's Communicator, our school will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi on Friday, October 3.

This year we will have the Blessing of the Pets on Friday, October 3, beginning at 2:00PM in our Recess Yard/Parking Lot. A Prayer Service for all students in Kindergarten - Grade 8 will be held. All parents of students are invited to bring their family pets for a blessing. Please make sure all pets are either on a leash, in a cage, or in a bowl. Those students unable to have their pet join them for the blessing should bring a picture or a drawing of their beloved animal to the Prayer Service.

## Meeting for Interested Parents on Planning for the Future of our School

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.

## First Fridays

St. Matthew School celebrates First Fridays of the month with a School Liturgy. School Liturgies begin at 8:30AM. All families are invited to join us as we focus our Spiritual Directions to the Blessed Sacrament each month.

Students will be given the opportunity to receive the Blessed Sacrament under both species - The Body of Christ and The Blood of Christ - during all School Liturgies.

I have reviewed with students how to reverently receive the Body of Christ on either the tongue or in the (clean) hand. I also went over how to hold the chalice when receiving the Blood of Christ. I reminded the students to only wet their lips when receiving.

## Odds and Ends

... St. Matthew Parish begins its *Liturgy of the Word for Children* this Sunday, September 28, during the 9AM Mass. Children from 3 years of age-5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be called to meet with the Liturgy of the Word Team just before the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. The group will meet in the Open Area to go over the 1<sup>st</sup> two Readings, the Gospel, and the Homily in a children's version. Our program was a great success last year. We invite you and your family to take part in this year's program.

... Information for HSA's Hayride at Carousel Farms was distributed last week. All orders and payments for the hayride are due by Friday, October 10.

... Our Gifts 'N Things Fundraiser ended on Wednesday, September 24. Please send all order forms into the Office by Wednesday, October 1, to ensure delivery of your order for the October 27 pick-up date. Additional order forms and brochures are available in the Office. Don't forget - you can order on-line.

... Remember, if you wish to receive the Principal's Communicator by e-mail, you must send me an e-mail note so I can copy your address into the Communicator e-mail list. Send a note to [bfisher@gaggle.net](mailto:bfisher@gaggle.net)

... St. Matthew School's monthly calendar is published on-line ([www.saintmatthewsparish.org](http://www.saintmatthewsparish.org)). If you do not have access to a computer and you wish a copy sent home to you, please call Mrs. Wilber (633-5860).

... I wish to welcome Lisa Bennett (Gr. 8A) to our St. Matthew Family. Lisa joined our school on Wednesday, September 24. Welcome Lisa!