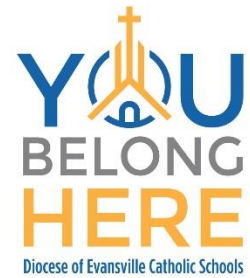




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Parent Newsletter

Friday, February 19, 2021



WOW!! WHAT A SNOWY SURPRISE!

When we left school on February 8th, none of us expected it would be two weeks before we returned! Because we were able to teach virtually, those missed days won't have to be made up. We want to thank the teachers and students for all their hard work and YOU for helping your children with their assignments. Hopefully, everything went smoothly, and everyone's internet cooperated. If you do have any suggestions or feedback regarding snow days, please let us know. **All virtual assignments are due on Tuesday, February 23rd.**

HAPPY BELATED VALENTINE'S DAY—MONDAY

The students can bring their Valentine cards and treats to share with their class on Monday, February 22nd. Snacks and treats will be sent home for the children to enjoy. **This will be a regular dress code day.**



ZAPS GIVE BACK DAY—MONDAY

Our next give back day is this Monday, February 22nd at Zaps! The coupons are attached. We will send paper coupons home with the kids on Monday.

PTO MEETING—WEDNESDAY

Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, February 24th at 6:00 p.m. Those who attend the meeting will receive a free dress day for their children to use on Thursday.



EARLY DISMISSAL DAY—THURSDAY

St. Matthew School and the other schools in Mount Vernon will dismiss early this Thursday, February 25th so that the teachers can attend professional development in the afternoon. **We will dismiss at 12:45 p.m.** Buses will be running two hours earlier than their normal time.

SPIRIT SHIRT DAY—FRIDAY

This Friday, February 26th is the last Friday of the month. The students may wear any Saint Matthew shirt with jeans or dress code bottoms.



FISH FRY--FRIDAY

The next Men's Club Drive Thru Fish Fry is this Friday, February 26th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The menu includes Fish, French Fries, Hush Puppies, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, and Macaroni & Cheese. All for only \$9. Enter the parking lot from 5th Street and exit onto Walnut Street. Thanks for supporting the St. Matthew Men's Club!

SCHOOL BENEFIT AUCTION UPDATE

Ticket sales are going STRONG! Our HALF POT is over \$10,000. **That's a payout of over \$5,000 to the winner!** If you need more tickets to sell, we have some available in the school and parish offices. Tickets are also being sold in the CCM parking lot each Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please send in your ticket packets as soon as possible so that we can update our totals.

The online silent auction is **LIVE** beginning Saturday, February 20th. Attached you will find step-by-step instructions explaining how to participate. If you have any questions, please let us know. All of the money raised from the auction goes to benefit the school!



***Silent Online Auction: Feb. 20-March 4th *Live Online Auction: March 6th**

UPDATED QUARANTINE GUIDANCE

We received notification from the Posey County Health Department earlier this month that they have updated their guidance regarding the quarantining of students who are close contacts. Close contacts may quarantine for 10 days (instead of 14). However, in order for students to return to school they must meet the following requirements:

- Students must be completely asymptomatic during their quarantine from school.
- If students have ANY of the COVID symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, sinus congestion/runny nose, etc.), they should **not** return to school after 10 days and must remain at home until symptoms resolve or be tested for COVID.
- Students who return after a 10-day quarantine will be closely monitored from days 11 through 14 while at school. Students who display any symptoms will be sent home.
- Students who return after a 10-day quarantine must remain in their masks throughout the school day.

If you have questions about this updated guidance, please let us know. We truly appreciate all you are doing to keep our students and families safe and healthy!

OPEN HOUSE & KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

We had a great Come and See Night! If you know someone who is interested in learning more about St. Matthew School and possibly enrolling their child in grades K-5 next year, please have them contact the school office at 812-838-3621.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

The deadline to order a St. Matthew School yearbook for 2020-2021 is March 24th. For more information about how to place an order, please see the flyer in last week's Friday Folder.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We want to wish the following students and staff members a very happy birthday this month!

February 4—Jasper
February 6—Mrs. Gillenwater (Cafeteria)
February 9—Mason
February 17—Austin
February 18—Daisy
February 21—Marley



LUNCH MENU

Monday, February 22—No Chef Salad

Mini Pancakes and Sausage Patty, Tater Tots, Sweet Cherries, and Milk

Tuesday, February 23—No Chef Salad

Strawberry-Banana Yogurt Cup, Graham Crackers, Potato Wedges, Strawberry Cup, and Milk

Wednesday February 24

BBQ Meatballs or Chef Salad with Breadstick,
Baked Beans, Mixed Veggies, Mixed Berries, and Milk

Thursday, February 25

Chicken Taco or Chef Salad with Breadstick,
Salad, Corn, Peaches, and Milk

Friday, February 26

Cheese Pizza or Chef Salad with Breadstick,
Salad, Carrots with Ranch, Applesauce, and Milk

