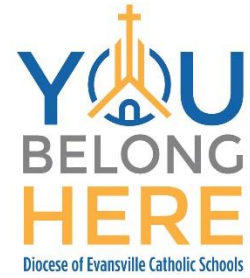




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Parent Newsletter

Friday, February 5, 2021



THANK YOU!

We want to thank you for making our Catholic Schools Week celebration so much fun! We celebrated our parish, our community, our students, our nation, our teachers and staff, and our families. Everyone got into the spirit and participated in the theme dress days! Thanks so much for sending in the baby photos and family photos! Everyone has enjoyed looking at them. We will send the baby photos home in a week or two, but we would like to keep the family photos for the remainder of the year. Thanks also to everyone who donated items for the Posey County Humane Society! You are all so generous!



UPDATED QUARANTINE GUIDANCE

We received notification from the Posey County Health Department earlier this week that they have updated their guidance regarding the quarantining of students who are close contacts. Beginning on Monday, 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!

MIDTERMS

Midterms were sent home in the Friday Folder. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress this grading period, please contact your child's teacher.

SNOW DAY POLICY

If school is canceled due to snow, that day will be a virtual instruction day. Teachers will post assignments for the day at 10:00 a.m. Assignments will be due on the second school day when we return. For example, if we have a snow day on Tuesday and return to school on Wednesday, assignments will be due on Thursday. Teachers will be available by email and Bloomz if you have questions.



SCHOOL BENEFIT AUCTION UPDATE

Ticket sales are going strong! **Our HALF POT is over \$6,000.** That's a payout of over \$3,000 to the winner! If you need more tickets to sell to friends, neighbors, or coworkers, 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.

If you've never participated in an online auction, they are a lot of fun! To make this a success, we need items to bid on. **Please consider donating an item or activity!** Item donation forms are due back **NO LATER THAN FEB. 12TH**. All of the money raised from the auction goes to benefit the school! **Our classrooms need new Smart Boards.** We need your help to make this happen!

New this year—**FIESTA BASKETS!** PTO is taking orders on Fiesta Baskets with lots of goodies inside to enjoy with your family and friends during the Live Auction on March 6th. An order form with more information can be found in last week's Friday Folder. Orders are due by Feb. 12th.



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

SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY & HUMAN TRAFFICKING MONTH

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Social media is one of the primary ways that child predators recruit their victims. Last Friday, Sgt. Gonzalez from the MVPD met with each class to talk with them about using the internet and social media safely. Please be aware of what your children watch, listen to, and post on social media and internet games. Also, be aware of who they follow and who follows them. Predators often pose as children online, even using voice changers to sound like a child. Children should never tell strangers that they meet online their name, age, address, or school. Children should not post pictures wearing clothing that identifies where they live or go to school. It is recommended that children's accounts be private rather than public. The internet and social media can be a great good, but they can also be very harmful. We want to keep all of our children safe. Mrs. Hayden, our Youth First Social Worker, shared an article about online safety that is also helpful. You can find it at <https://youthfirstinc.org/keeping-your-child-safe-online/>.

OPEN HOUSE & KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

We had a great Come and See Night this week! If you know someone who is interested in learning more about St. Matthew School and possibly enrolling their child, please have them contact the school office at 812-838-3621. We have openings in grades K-5 for 2021-2022.

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.



VALENTINE'S DAY

The students can bring Valentine cards and treats to share with their class on Thursday, February 11th. Snacks and treats will be sent home for the children to enjoy. They can also wear Valentine shirts (red, pink and purple) with dress code bottoms.

LUNCH MENU

Monday, February 8

Chicken Fajita or Chef Salad with Breadstick,
Salad, Corn, Pears, and Milk

Tuesday, February 9

Hot Ham & Cheese on Bun or Chef Salad with Breadstick,
Goldfish Crackers, Steamed Broccoli, Sweet Cherries, and Milk

Wednesday, February 10

Strawberry Banana Yogurt Cup or Chef Salad with Breadstick,
Graham Crackers, Carrots with Ranch, Strawberry Cup, and Milk

Thursday, February 11

Turkey & Cheese Sub or Chef Salad with Breadstick,
Baked Cheetos, Carrots with Ranch, Raisins, and Milk

Friday, February 12

☺ No School ☺

Monday, February 15

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