



Saint Matthew Catholic School

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Summer 2009

Dear SMS Warriors and Families:

Your Saint Matthew teachers and I are looking forward to the beginning of another great school year and we hope that you are just as excited. Summer is winding down and after a summer of fun and relaxation, we are ready to begin again.

Our Parent-Faculty Association (PFA) is sponsoring a School Orientation Night on Thursday, August 13, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. You will have an opportunity to pick up your classroom assignment, order sportswear, complete necessary forms, and meet your teacher and me. The annual, per-family PFA membership fee is \$25 and will be collected at orientation. Enclosed are a number of items to be completed and returned at orientation – please see the orange sheet for information.

Sixth grade parents and students will meet together at 5:30 p.m. in the Lawless Room. Check our website, too, for the latest 2009-10 school calendar. If you had the opportunity to pre-order your school supplies, your order will be distributed at orientation.

Grades K-8 begin on Monday, August 17 with a full-day of school and all students dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Please go directly to your classroom on opening day. We are planning a beginning prayer service that day as well. Classroom doors will open at 7:30 a.m. and your teacher will be waiting to greet you. Students will be expected to begin the year in proper school uniform – shorts, pants, shirts, socks, belts, etc. Kindergarten will begin with a parent meeting (Kindergarten Round-Up) at 8 a.m. in the Lawless Room on the 17th. Pre-Kindergarten class begins on Wednesday, September 9, 9 a.m.

I sincerely look forward to seeing you and your family at orientation. Have a great remainder of the summer – I know it's going to be another Super Year at SMS. We are excited, too, about our new teachers – see page 2 for names and grades.

Faithfully in Christ,

P. Martin Erlenbaugh
Principal

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2009-2010 - 1st Semester Dates for Saint Matthew Catholic School:

Thursday, August 13 – Student/Family Orientation – 4 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 13 – 6th Grade Orientation – 5:30 p.m.

Monday, August 17 – Classes begin for grades Kindergarten through 8th - 7:50 a.m.

Monday, August 17 – Kindergarten Round-Up – 8 a.m.

Friday, September 4 – Non-uniform day – Catholic high school or college shirt day and jeans

Monday, September 7 – No School – Labor Day

Wednesday, September 9 – Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) class begins – 9 a.m.

Monday, September 21 – Feast Day of Saint Matthew

Friday, September 25 – Pioneer Day for Kindergarten through 5th grades

Saturday, September 26 – Saint Matthew FunFest

Monday, September 28 – Free Family Fun Night at Holiday Inn Caribbean Cove

Wednesday, October 7 – Grandparents Celebration – Mass at 8:30

Friday, October 16 – PFA Chili Supper, non-uniform day

Thursday, October 22 – dismissal at 1:15 p.m.; parent-teacher conferences until 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 23 – No school – Fall Break Day

Friday, November 6 – No school for grades 6th, 7th, and 8th ONLY – National Middle School Association conference (Indianapolis) for all Indiana middle school teachers; non-uniform day (K-5)

Wednesday, November 25 – Thanksgiving break begins – No school

Monday, November 30 – School resumes, PFA annual book fair begins

Tuesday, December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 9 – Annual Christmas concert

Friday, December 18 – Christmas break begins at 1:15 p.m., non-uniform day

Monday, January 4, 2010 – School resumes

Tuesday, January 12 – End of 1st semester, non-uniform day

Please welcome:

Mrs. Anita Sergi – Pre-Kindergarten teacher – new program for the parish and school

Mrs. Anne Pappas – 4th grade teacher – returning to Saint Matthew

Miss Jeanna Reale – 4th grade teacher

Mr. Josh Wolff – Instrumental music on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Mrs. Jennifer Brandon – General music on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Mrs. Gayle Kaster – Middle School Language Arts teacher

Mrs. Jo Keating - transferring to 2nd grade for 2009-2010

Mrs. Terry Buckman – 2nd grade maternity leave for Mrs. Herber until October 16

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