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## School News

### Mission Offering

Today's chapel is in the afternoon, so our total is still at \$224.97. Next week I will update you on our offering progress! Remember, we have a \$300 goal for first quarter!

### Cleaning Changes

Please be aware that our cleaning has been changed due to suggestions from St. Matthew's board of trustees. As of now, school families will no longer be cleaning the church basement. Cleaning will be divided the following ways instead: upstairs & the girls bathroom, and downstairs, office, and boys bathroom. Thank you!

### Dads & Donuts

Don't forget! **Dads & Donuts is tomorrow starting at 5:30PM!** The faculty has loads of fun, food, and prizes waiting for you! Please be sure to bring anything you want that will keep you warm and cozy during the outdoor movie!

### Trunk or Treat

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we are cancelling our Trunk or Treat event for October 30. We are so sad to miss this event but above all else we need to follow protocol.

**School Apparel Flash Sale**  
Tomorrow is the last day to order your gear so it arrives in time for

**Spirit Week!** Check out our online flash sale [here \(https://stmatthew.itemorder.com/\)](https://stmatthew.itemorder.com/) to place your orders!

### Diaper Drive

Our diaper drive for Kiersten, JT and baby Emerson is still going on! Baby will be here October 5, but we will continue gathering items for the Emerson's until next Thursday. If you would like to contribute any diapers, wipes, or gift cards, please drop them off in the office by October 8! As a double bonus, you can order Scrip cards from Mrs. Biebert and help out our school while also providing diapers for the Emerson family! We cannot wait to meet your new little one!!!



### Book It!

Your child should have received their BookIt! Calendars to record their reading times at home throughout the month. At the end of October, turn in your calendar to receive a free pizza coupon from Pizza Hut!

### Spirit Week

October 12-16 is Spirit Week! The upper graders were in charge of selecting the themed days. The days are as follows: Pajama Day, Spirit Day, Fandom Day, Western Day, and Grade Level Day. More details to

## 10/02 Cleaning

Upstairs: Most

Downstairs: Ferre

## Upcoming Dates

### October

- 1 Picture Day (PreK4 & K-8)
- 1 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 2 Picture Day (PreK3 ONLY)
- 2 Dads & Donuts 5:30PM
- 6 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 8 **LAST DAY OF DIAPER DRIVE!**
- 8 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 12-16 SPIRIT WEEK!
- 13 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 15 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 20 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 21-23 **NO SCHOOL—FALL CONF.**
- 22-25 St. Matthew Camping Outing
- 27 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 29 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 30 BookIt! Calendars Due

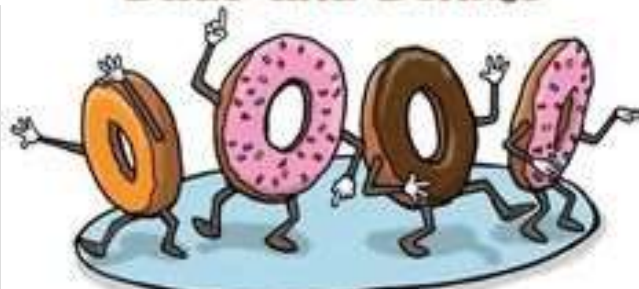
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### Camping Weekend

Our church and school family is planning a camping outing during our longer break in October. Camping dates are Thursday, October 22-Sunday, October 25. We will be staying at Beaver Lodge Resort and Campground! They have RV and tent sites, as well as cabins available for rent! Please call Beaver Lodge at (509)684-5657 to reserve your spot! Make sure to let them know you are with St. Matthew.

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## Dads and Donuts



# TOMORROW 5:30PM

## School News Continued

You can view the flyer with pricing and more info [here](#), and RSVP with us [here](#).

### 5-8 Headphones

A reminder from Mrs. Schultz: 5-8th graders—please remember to bring in headphones for your Chromebooks!

### Dress Code Reminder

If your child decides to wear sandals to school, please make sure they have some sort of strap on them so they stay securely on their feet. Additionally, closed toed shoes should be brought for outdoor recess. Finally, please be conscious about

tops—no thin tank top straps, and bottoms—modest length. Thank you, parents, for your help with this!

### October Calendar

Please take a look at our October calendar to stay up to date on what is happening at St. Matthew next month! You can view it [here](#).

### Baby Pictures!

Mark West was the sweet baby pictured last week! Who can guess this week's baby?!

### Student Interviews

Joslyn Reed is our interviewee this week! She is our one and only 7th grader at St. Matthew!

### Box Tops

We are collecting box tops for St. Matthew! First collection will be on October 23. You can leave all box tops with your child's teacher. If you are new to clipping box tops, please see the attached documents. Box Tops also works through their app as well, so you can download that too.

## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

Brand New Theme!! Brand New Centers!! Brand New Activities!!

Our new theme that we will be focusing on for the next two weeks is Fall. With all of the beautiful changes we see from the colored leaves to the crisp morning air, these children will learn that God NEVER changes. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

The preschool classes have had fun creating a picture with sponge painted leaves, making a windsock and some of the classes were able to stamp out colored leaves on a tree with a cork.

The new centers are always exciting! Our Art Center currently has celery stamping. Our letter of the week is "C", and if you'll notice when you cut the end of the celery it looks like a "C". We have fun stamping the celery on a big letter "C". There is an assortment of leaves in the Science Center that the children can examine with magnifying glasses. The Sensory Center has pipe cleaner "trees" that the children can decorate with colorful buttons.

We now have painted apples hanging everywhere in our classroom – you'll need to check it out! The children did an amazing job with their easel painting!! Each apple is SO unique!

Next week is our Hidden Acres Field Trip. We will be traveling to Green Bluff on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Parents and childcare providers, please remember that during this time of pandemic, each child will need to be transported in your own vehicle. We cannot travel with multiple students in each car. Thank you for understanding our guidelines!!

Our letter next week is "Dd". Four year old classes, please bring a show 'n' tell item that begins with "D".

Our bible verse this next week is "God . . . wants all (people) to be saved." 1 Timothy 2:3,4

Have a blessed weekend. Have a beautiful family time together. See you next week!!

### K-1st Grade News

Miss Rachel Taasaas(360.271.5201)

#### Homework

#### Kindergarten

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Fill in your time on your Book it! calendar. Don't forget to set a goal.
- Practice Memory Work for October 8.

#### First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Fill in your time on your Book it! calendar. Don't forget to set a goal.
- Practice Memory Work for October 8.
- Lightning Words are due on Friday, October 2.
- Reading books will go home tomorrow. Please have your child read their stories to you once or twice over the weekend. Sign their bookmark and make sure they return it on Monday, October 5 for full credit.

#### Memory Work for October 8:

This is love for God; to keep his commands. 1 John 5:3a

**Book it! calendars**

Please read through the information I sent home today regarding the Book it! calendars. This reading program is not optional and it is part of your child's daily homework. They need to read out loud to you. They also need to hear you read to them so they can hear what a fluent reader sounds like. They can also do silent reading to themselves but it is important that you are hearing your child read out loud also. Remember, read the pictures and making up a story IS reading so please encourage your child to do that, Kindergarten parents.

**Donations Appreciated**

Each Friday I draw between 5 and 10 names from our "Positive Pineapple Pail". The students chosen get to pick a prize from our prize bucket. If you would like to donate a few **small** prizes we would greatly appreciate it. Suggested items: plastic figurines, small cars, rings, necklaces, small notebooks or anything else you can think of.

**2nd-4th Grade News**

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

**Word of God** - This week we have been learning about Abraham and Isaac. The theme is "Faith is being certain of what we do not see." We will be making a prayer journal in Writing to go along with our lesson. Our hymn for the week, #573 - "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying" teaches us that giving prayers for and offerings to missionaries help to continue their work.

**Memory Work** - Please see the calendar sent home yesterday the calendar in your child's binder. The date the passage or Catechism is due on the date it is listed. I do not allow free passes to be used for memory work.

**Math** - Please continue to work on math facts of addition and subtraction at home either with flashcards or Xtramath. Thank you!

**Social Studies** - This week's focus was the 3 types of communities and what is found there.

**Science** - We are focusing on two main essential questions: What is Earth's surface made of? and Why are landforms not the same everywhere? This week we are focusing on properties of minerals and filling out information in our lapbooks.

**Reading/Phonics** - We are continuing our work with Making Predictions and have added in Analyzing Characters in our books and novels. We are learning that characters are dynamic and that they change as the book progresses.

**English/Writing** - This week we are working on the writing process and getting some ideas written down to write about later.

**Spelling** - This week we have been working on learning the "How to's" for the Words Their Way spelling. The program uses sorting words according to patterns to help memorize the words and spelling rules.

**EXTRA NOTES**

Thank you for your assistance on the masks and heated lunches! It is so appreciated! Please make sure your child has the utensils they need to eat their lunches with or plates to heat them up on.

Just a reminder that school starts at 8:30. Please try to have your child here no later than 8:25 (8:20 would be preferred) so they can get unpacked and organize their things to begin class on time. Third and fourth graders also have their assignment notebooks to fill out in the morning, so it is helpful for them to be here as early as possible to have it ready to go for the day.

Book it will begin today, Thursday, October 1st. Please see the packet for details.

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

**5th-8th Grade News**

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

I hope all of you had another wonderful week! This week had a busy ending with picture day and Dads and Donuts on Thursday and Friday. I hope to see all of you dads and some moms as well at Dads and Donuts tomorrow night. It should be fun. P.S. don't forget that Friday is the last day to order St. Matthew clothing before Spirit Week.

Here is next week's memory work:

Monday (10/5): Psalm 121:1-2,8 Matthew 28:20b; Tuesday (10/6): 1<sup>st</sup> Article-up to; Thursday (10/8): 5-6: Hymn 195:1-2/7-8: Hymn 195: 3-4 in addition; Friday (10/9): Matthew 11:28, Mark 10:15, John 14:16

We got back on the regular learning train this week and man was it barreling down the tracks....wow that was cheesy! But, it was more of a normal week as far as our classes were concerned.

The 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade history class is ready for a test on town development and early Middle Age design and structure. A study guide has been passed out to them and they will take their test next week Tuesday. The next few days will be spent reviewing.

The 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade history class is about ready for a test as well. We are wrapping up a short chapter on regions and culture and how they affect the people who live there. We got a chance to think about our own regions and culture in the PNW and how that influences the people who live here as well. Region and culture also affect the perspective of people who visit those places.



As math classes across the board are starting to get more difficult, please don't hesitate to reach out if your child is struggling a little bit with this class or any other. I am here to help!

Have the best weekend that you could ever have! I think my family is going to try and get in a fall boat day. God Bless!





# GUESS THAT BABY!



MARK WEST



TAKE A GUESS  
AT THE NEXT  
BABY BELOW!



Take a guess as to which student this is!  
First person to correctly guess will win a prize!

\*Must tell Mrs. Biebert in the office to be eligible for prize\*

\*\*Students cannot guess themselves\*\*

# STUDENT INTERVIEW

**Name / Grade:** Joslyn Reed / Grade 7

**Favorite food?**

Street Tacos

**Favorite hobbies?**

Art and Painting

**If you could go anywhere, where would you go? Why?**

Paris because I want to see the Notre Dame church and the Eiffel Tower.

**What job will you have as an adult?**

An Artist

**What do you love most about school?**

Art and Tech

**Who do you admire? Why?**

My sister-in-law Kimberlee because she is kind and sweet

**What is your favorite bible passage?**

Matthew 3:16-17—"As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."



## Weekly Message

### An Unpayable Debt

Ten thousand bags of gold. That is what Jesus said the servant in his story owed the king. At that time, a “bag of gold” was likely the equivalent of six thousand days’ wages. So, let’s do some math. An average day’s wage in the United States is around \$100.00. This would mean that, in today’s money, one bag of gold would be worth \$600,000. And the servant in Jesus’ story owed 10,000 bags of gold. That’s \$6,000,000,000! There was no way the servant would ever be able to pay the debt he owed the king.

Which was precisely Jesus’ point. The servant in Jesus’ story represents us. The king represents God. Like the servant, we owe a debt we can never pay. It’s not a monetary debt. It is a spiritual debt. We have sinned against God so often and in so many ways that there is no way we can ever make up for it. Think of it—how many times have you and I failed to love God with all our hearts—even just today? Has it been dozens of times? Hundreds of times—just today? And then there was yesterday, and the day before that, and the day before that.

And, there is the issue of how many times we have failed to respect God. And then there is the issue of how many times we have failed to trust God, and how many times we have failed to love our neighbor and ... well ... our debt of sin just keeps piling up!

And, it is important for us to be reminded of this. Why? Because knowing the enormity of our sin means that when we hear God say, “Take heart my child; your sins are forgiven,” we will appreciate it all the more.

And, here’s the truth: because of what Jesus has done, your sins—that horri-

ble mountain of sins—have all been forgiven. All 6,000,000,000 of them ... or even more.

Thank God for his enormous forgiveness!

#### Prayer:

O Lord, lead me to appreciate the enormity of my sin, that I might, even more, appreciate the enormity of your forgiveness. Amen.

[Jesus said] “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.”

**Matthew 18:23-25**