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School News

Mission Offering

This quarter our chapel offerings are going to a WELS mission start up church in Seattle called Illume! So far, we have collected \$41.86. We will be giving to this mission church for all of 3rd quarter!

DC Trip Info

Thank you for your many prayers! On Tuesday, the students and chaperones arrived safely in Washington DC. Their itinerary is packed full of sights, tours, and experiences. Yesterday, they spent the whole day at Gettysburg, and today the plan is to visit Ford's Theater, the Library of Congress, the Holocaust Museum, and if time allows—the White House Visitors Center, the National Air & Space Museum, and the National Mall! I think they may need a vacation from this vacation by the end of their adventures!

No School

We have an extra long weekend thanks to Presidents Day on Monday and a teacher in-service on Tuesday! Woohoo!!! Enjoy your extended vacation!

Mr. Biebert's Call Decision

Mr. Biebert has returned his call to Burton, MI. Thank you all for your kind words and encouragement during this deliberation period. We are excited to continue the ministry here at St. Matthew, and ask you for your prayers and support as we seek to continue to reach our community with the gospel!

Auction Tickets—On Sale NOW!!!!

Please look at our website [here](#) to get all the latest auction info, and to PURCHASE TICKETS for this awesome event! If you are reading the

paper copy of the newsletter, scan this QR code to take you to the auction page!



Re-Enrollment

Early registration for returning students is no longer open—but that doesn't mean you can't register! If you would like to speak with Mr. Biebert about your options, please do so. We pray that all of you choose to continue your child's Christian education at St. Matthew!

Auction Helpers

In your email, you should see an attachment with all the help we need for the upcoming auction. Please consider signing up to help in one of the ways listed. If you have questions, please contact Kayla Biebert (715)402-0114.

Basketball

Please make sure to turn in your uniforms by TOMORROW to Miss Rosenbaum. 7th-8th graders who are on the DC trip, please return your uniform when you return from your trip! The end of the season party is planned for February 24 3:45-5:30. Pizza will be provided following a parent vs. player scrimmage!

Free Pass Activity

If your child is eligible to participate in the free pass activity, please be sure to return the permission form that was handed out earlier this week!

2/18 Cleaning

Biebert/Taasaas/Boys:

Most/Rosenbaum/Girls: Velikanov

Career Day

Career Day is coming up next Thursday, February 24! We are very excited to have several speakers from our St. Matthew community share their careers with the students. This event is a great way to pique our students' interests in the future!

Book Week

Our Book Week is coming up February 28-March 4. We will be having a book sale all week long — please start looking through your collection, and bring in any gently used books you are no longer reading! All books will be sold for \$0.50 daily from 8AM-4PM!

We also have some fun dress up days & events for the week. Check them out below:

Tuesday — PJ Day & Zoom Teacher Book Reading (7PM). Wear your PJ's to school in preparation for a bedtime story reading that night!

Wednesday — Hat Day. In honor of Seuss' birthday, wear your favorite Seuss hat! Don't have a Seuss hat? No worries — wear any hat you like!

Thursday — Book Character Day. Dress like your favorite book character! This is a competition!!! The winner from each class will receive a **PRIZE!!**

Grades 3-8 Sing

Mrs. Most & Mr. Biebert's classes are singing in church on February 27 at 10AM! Please plan to attend this service; the kids have been working every day to master their song!

1st Grade Teacher

Reminder that we are having a call meeting for a new 1st grade teacher after church on Sunday, February 27.



MONDAY & TUESDAY

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

What an amazing week of fun events for preschool!! The week started off with a bang - Valentine's Day parties!! Monday and Tuesday were filled with so much fun, laughter, food, gifts and a great time with friends. On Wednesday, the four year old classes had fun visiting Miss Taasaas and the Kindergarten class. She read us a story and we created a great craft with the help of the "big kids". Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we learned about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln – 2 outstanding presidents of the United States. Fun facts: George used to put powder in his hair to make it look fancy and Abraham used to hide important papers under his stovepipe top hat. SO much learning and SO much fun!!!

Can you believe our centers are the same for a second week? WHAT??? We still have our Valentine's Theme in our classroom. But, guess what – our Drama Center has nothing to do with the theme!! We have three different sets of trains and their tracks that the children can assemble. What a fun activity!! We still have our water gel beads in our Sensory Center – always a favorite!! And the book, Yes, We Can, is in our Listening Center.

Some of the classes had fun sorting and counting candy hearts this week as a project – and yes, they could eat them AFTER the schoolwork was completed! All of the classes were able to give George some cool white hair using cotton balls and some had a great time dressing up as Abraham with his tall black hat and short black beard. What a great week!!

NO SCHOOL – MONDAY AND TUESDAY!!!

Our letter of the week next week is "Ss". Four year old classes, please bring something from home for show 'n' tell that starts with "Ss". Tuesday children, bring your show 'n' tell on Wednesday.

Our bible verse that we will focus on next week is the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer: "Give us today our daily bread."

Have a LONG and beautiful weekend with your family. God's blessings to all of you!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

- Read 20 minutes each night with your child. They need to hear what a fluent reader sounds like as well as be reading to you. Add minutes to the Book it calendar.
- This week we are reviewing the –en word family and starting on the –et word family. Our new sight word is: this. Please review the words from last week: saw, said, eat, have, want
- Math/Art: We have been finding and drawing symmetrical shapes.
- Growth Mindset Affirmation of the Week: I get smarter when I practice!

Memory Work

February 24- For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

Auction

I sent home a note the other day with the item that you signed up to bring for the auction (or that I assigned you) please bring those items in as soon as possible, especially the flower pots so we can paint them.

Mrs. Biebert needs lots of help to make the auction a success! Please consider signing up to help.

Books!

Check your home libraries and if you have any books you would like to get rid of we will gladly take them for our book fair at the end of the month. I will have a box that you can put your books in. This is a great way to make room for all of the new books your child will find at the book fair.

1st-2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Memory Work/ Christlight

- 2/24 - The Seventh Commandment
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child this weekend and sign and return the YELLOW sheet. Please note that the dates are wrong on the yellow sheet, please read the stories that are in the pink folder!

1st Grade Homework

- Purple bookmark (Theme 6 Week 3) will be due February 23.
- Lightning Words (Theme 7-1) will be due February 25. Please return or a free pass will be used.
- No Spelling next week due to the short week!
- Math flashcards will be sent home in their pink folder. Please work with your child on their math facts!
- Read 20 minutes a day. Make sure to be adding your minutes to the Book It calendar.

2nd Grade Homework

- No Spelling next week due to the short week!
- Read 20 minutes a day. Make sure to be adding your minutes to the Book It calendar.
- Math flashcards will be sent home in their pink folder. Please work with your child on their math facts!

Extra Notes

- We have been going through a lot of plastic/paper cups. Please remember that your child has a water bottle everyday!
- There is no need for snow gear anymore unless we get fresh snow. Winter boots/rain boots are still recommended to bring as the play area at recess is becoming very muddy. Thank you!
- Our class is going to be putting together a movie night and game night themed basket. In order to put those baskets together, we need a few things donated. Please see the church entryway for a sign-up list. If you have something you think would be a good addition to either of the baskets please let me know!
- The free pass activity for the 2nd quarter is ice skating. This will take place on February 28. A permission slip was handed out to those who are able to attend on Monday. Please return this slip as soon as possible! Thank you.
- The kids and I had a blast at the Valentine's party! Thank you to everyone who donated something. Thanks especially to Heidi Ferre who planned the party.
- I wanted to say thank you to everyone that wrote me a special note. Each and every note brought joy and smiles! I am blessed to be a part of St. Matthew.

3rd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

*****Read for 20 minutes at home** - I've changed up how we are doing the Read for 20 minutes. Two days a week (Monday and Wednesday) we are having D.E.A.R. time (Drop Everything And Read) in class and three days a week (Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday) the reading will be coming home along with a summary form to fill out and hand in on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Extra Notes

- **Mark your Calendars - Grades 3-8 sing for church on Sunday, February 27 @ 10 AM.** This is a great opportunity to join us for worship and say thank you to the congregation for supporting your child's education here at St. Matthew.
- **Assignment Notebook/Planner** - Please, please, please be sure you are checking and signing/initial your child's planner each night! This informs me that you saw what they had for homework and that it was finished and you saw it! This is one of the best ways to communicate with me also if something is taking too long with your child's homework or if there is a problem with an assignment if you can't speak with me in person the next day.
- **Used Book Sale** - Does your child have a few books they don't read anymore or aren't interested in? If so, send your gently used books with your child to school. I have a box to place them outside the classroom. We will have a used book sale the week of February 28-March 4.
- **Jackets & Snow Gear** - Please remind your child to have a jacket or sweatshirt to wear during recess. First recess is still pretty chilly and if any recess doesn't have the sun shining, it is a bit cold. Do not pack snow gear for your child unless it snows again.
- **Extra clothes** - With the melting snow and the construction that is taking place, our playground field is a bit wet and muddy. I would suggest having your child place an extra pair of clothes (pants for sure) in a ziploc bag in their backpack.

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Mr. Biebert is away on the Washington DC trip—so no update this week! He will fill everyone in next week. God's Blessings on your long weekend!



Joy Uncovered

A teacher had a memorable way of reminding his students what joy looks like in the life of a Christian. He had the word “JOY” hanging vertically on one of the classroom walls. After the letter “J,” he hung the phrase, “Jesus first.” After the “O,” it said, “others second.” After the “Y,” he put, “yourself last.” Jesus first. Others second. Yourself last.

What that looks like is easy enough to understand.

Putting “Jesus first” means that having Jesus guiding our entire life by his Word means more to us than anything. It means that the forgiveness he earned has a bigger impact on our self-esteem than even our worst sin. And that his gracious promises have a bigger impact on our mood than our fears, worries, or frustrations.

Putting “others second” means caring about meeting the needs of others more than we care about meeting our own. It means being patient and kind with those who so far have only given us reason to feel frustration.

And finally, considering “yourself last” means that whatever happens to us on

earth and whatever anyone else thinks of us really is the least important thing our heart is ever considering.

The basic principles are easy enough to understand. They aren’t so easy to put into practice.

Jesus himself made it clear to the whole world exactly what place he considered himself to be in—last. The humble Son of God, who guided his entire life according to God’s will perfectly, was persecuted on a cross and insulted in ways that we cannot imagine, really did not consider what happened to him on earth to be as important as the one thing his heart wanted

more than anything—YOU—completely forgiven for every sin that would keep you from the place where you will never again mourn, your heart will always be whole, nothing important will ever be missing, and your joy will be everlasting.

The secret to joy rests entirely on what Jesus has already done for us. We help others find that joy by letting the heart of Jesus shine through us.

Prayer:

Gracious Savior, fill me with joy that comes from your perfect work on my behalf, and give me all I need to faithfully share the joy of the Gospel with others. Amen.

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy,
because great is your reward in
heaven.

Luke 6:23