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## School News

### Welcome Back!!!

Yesterday was the day we have spent months preparing for!!! It is seriously SO WONDERFUL to see everyone at school again! And so special to see so many amazing new faces! We will NEVER take school for granted again!! :)

### School Theme

Our theme for this school year is: **Here I Stand.** The theme is derived from 1 Corinthians 15:1-2 which says, "Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you have received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain." This is a powerful reminder that we can find strength in the gospel. We know the gospel is an unshakeable truth. Despite trying to navigate through this life with so many faulty or wavering ideas, we know we can cling firmly to the truth of the gospel. That same gospel tells us that we are undoubtedly saved from our sins through faith in Christ Jesus! With a focus like that, how can we not have an amazing year?!

### Cleaning Dates

If you have not yet signed up, please sign up to clean for your number of assigned dates. You can sign up for dates [here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daaae22aafcc34-school). (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daaae22aafcc34-school> )

### Textbook Order Forms

Also, please fill out your textbook order form and return that to the office with attached payment as soon as possible! Your child needs the books on that list for schoolwork.

### Stay in Touch

This newsletter is the best way to get a snapshot of what is going on at school each week. Please make sure to read it through to know what's happening. Chances are, if you have a question, it can most likely be answered here. Additionally, email and the remind app are the two primary forms of communication here at St. Matthew. If you haven't signed up for remind yet, please do so today!

### Aftercare

Aftercare is available for those who are in need every day until 6:00PM. This does not apply to days we have early release or no school, so be sure to mark your calendar for those days.

### Chapel

Every Thursday (not including today) we have a chapel service to start our day. Pastor West leads the service. We will sing a hymn, listen to Pastor's message, pray, and have a blessing. During the service, we also take time to give mission offerings. Each week your child will be sent home an envelope that you can put a mission offering in if you choose. For first quarter, our mission offerings will be going to a place called "New Beginnings." This is a Christian program designed to provide a safe home and environment to raise and nurture children.

## Upcoming Dates

### September

- 7 **NO SCHOOL**—Labor Day
- 8 AM4/PM4 Preschool Starts!
- 11 AM3/PM3 Preschool Starts!
- 17 **NO AM4 SCHOOL**
- 21-25 MAP Testing
- 25 **EARLY RELEASE**—Noon

You can read more in depth about the program [here](http://homeformothers.com). ([homeformothers.com](http://homeformothers.com))

### Covid Reminder

I know I sound like a broken record, but please PLEASE stay home from school if you are unwell. It is so important that we are being cautious about sickness these days.

### Preschool Graduation

Better late than never—we will be having our 2019-2020 preschool graduation services next Tuesday, September 1 at 5:30PM for the 3's, and 6:15PM for the 4's. Congratulations graduates!!!

### Newsletter Fun

We will be having a couple of fun activities in the newsletter each week, but I need your help for one! **Please send in baby pictures of your children!!!** I will be adding one picture per week, and the first person to guess the baby correctly to Mrs. Biebert in the office will get a prize! (Children can't guess themselves, haha!)

### Get to Know You

Each week, I will also be interviewing students to put in the newsletter, so we can all get to know each other a little better!





## Weekly Message

### The Value of Knowing Jesus

In 1991, Teri Horton was looking for a gift for a friend. In a thrift store, she came across a large canvas covered with colorful drips and splatters. Even though Teri thought it was ugly, she bought it for five dollars. Her friend thought it was ugly too and gave it back to Teri. So, Teri tried selling the painting at a garage sale. An art teacher spotted the painting and suggested that it might be the work of the famous artist, Jackson Pollock. Teri responded, "Who is Jackson Pollock?" She had no idea that her five-dollar painting might be worth millions of dollars.

Many of the Jewish people living in the first century were in a similar situation. They had something extremely valuable but did not realize it. God had given the Jewish people a special place in his fami-

ly and had promised that the Savior of the world would come from them. But when the Savior came, they saw no value in him. They rejected him and hung him on a cross. Even though Jesus proved that he was the Messiah, they doubted.

But the apostle Paul, a Jewish man by birth, knew the value of Jesus. His heart broke because his people rejected Jesus. They were rejecting God's gift of undeserved love, free forgiveness, and eternal life. Paul loved his people so much that he was willing to give up those incomparable gifts if it would save them from eternal death.

But only One can save and has saved us. He is Jesus Christ. We are saved because of Jesus' sinless life and his death for our sins.

Trust him! His splattered blood beautifully covers over the sin-stained canvas of humanity. Don't underestimate the value of Jesus. Believe it and celebrate it.

#### Prayer:

Lord Jesus, help me to know you and the value of your salvation. Amen.

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.