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## School News

### Mission Offering

Our mission offering is going toward "New Beginnings," which is a Christian program that services women to help them break cycles of poverty while creating a safe place to raise and nurture children. Today, our offerings totaled \$38.37. This brings our total for the quarter to \$91.47. We have a goal this quarter of \$300. Please consider learning more about the program [here](https://www.homeformothers.com/).

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### Labor Day

Now that Labor Day has come and come, it really is sinking in that the school year is underway! We hope you were able to get out and enjoy the beautiful weekend!

### No AM4 Preschool

Next Thursday, September 17 the morning 4 year old class will be out of school, so please plan accordingly!

### Early Release

Still a couple weeks away, but never too early to plan! Please remember that Friday, September 25 will be an early release day at **NOON** for K-8. If you have questions about this please ask a teacher. There will be no aftercare on half days.

### Grades 5-8 Headphones

Mrs. Schultz is requesting that all students in grades 5-8 remember to bring headphones to school. The students use these headphones for their reading and language arts classes on occasion.

If you do not have headphones at school yet, be sure to bring them as soon as you can!

### Sickness Reminder

There have been several kids out of school recently who have not been feeling well, so be sure to keep an eye out for any symptoms in your children. Please play things safely—if any symptoms arise, please keep kids home. Please also remember that is not uncommon for kids to get sick once they return to school, and this year even more so, as they have been away from other children for at least five months.

### Preschool Begins

On Tuesday, Miss Lindsay started preschool with her 4 year old classes! Tomorrow marks the beginning of the year for her 3 year old classes! Miss Lindsay's 4's go to school Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Her 3 year old's go to school on Monday and Friday. If you see Miss Lindsay or any of her aides—Mrs. Karen Henthall, Miss Jenna Swenson, and Mrs. Christina Tapscott—wish them well! I am sure this an exciting and exhausting week for all!

### Lost and Found

The lost and found has cleared up quite a bit, but please double check to see if you have any missing items there. \*\*Any unclaimed items will be donated to the thrift store at the end of the month.\*\*

### Espresso Truck

Get your coffee orders ready! Over

## 9/11 Cleaning

Taasaas/Church: Landrus

Most/Downstairs: Landrus

## Upcoming Dates

### September

- 10 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 11 AM3/PM3 Preschool Starts!
- 15 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 17 **NO AM4 SCHOOL**
- 17 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 21-25 MAP Testing
- 22 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 24 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
- 25 **EARLY RELEASE—Noon**
- 29 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM

the next couple of weeks, we are giving parents the chance to have a little fun during drop off and pick up! Fill out a "get to know you" bingo card (handed out today or extra in the office), and turn it into the office, and on September 24 redeem a free coffee from the espresso truck in our parking lot! Also, fill out the entire card to be entered in to a special raffle!

### Baby Pictures!

Take a look on page 5 at the baby pictures! Can you guess which student that is?!?! If you think you know, come find Mrs. Biebert in the office before school starts! First correct guesser wins a prize! Also, see who was the baby from last week!

### Student Interviews

Kyndra Hallauer is our second interview. She is another 8th grader here at St. Matthew!



## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

What an amazing first week of school the four year old classes had!! And what an amazing first DAY of school the three year old classes had!! What a HUGE blessing to be face-to-face IN our classroom!! Your children are doing a wonderful job of listening and obeying all the new rules. My aides and I are having fun getting to know each of your children. Please get to know our aides, also. Miss Karen is in our AM 4's, Miss Christina is in our PM 4's and Miss Jenna is in our AM 3's. I sure love working side by side with each of them. They are fantastic!!

Our theme for this week was Frogs. Our centers had Frog activities that the children had fun with. Our Art Center had bingo dotting frogs, our Science Center had a matching frog game and our Math Center had a page with frog counting. Some of the classes had fun making a frog craft that had the words "I'm hoppy to be in preschool". I am so hoppy that we are ALL in preschool!! This is going to be an amazing school year!!

The four year old classes will begin show'n'tell next week. Be sure and check the schedule that was sent home so that your child can bring their show'n'tell item on their assigned day. Next week will be "A" week. The bible verse we focused on this week is Psalm 115:3 "God is in heaven". Next week it will be Genesis 1:1 "God made the heavens and the earth." We work on these verses in class, but I would love for you to review them at home, also.

Please be sure to sign up for Remind – this will be an easy way for me to stay in touch with each class very efficiently. Please let me know if you need the classroom code again. Have a beautiful weekend!! Be safe and stay healthy!!

### K-1st Grade News

Miss Rachel Taasaas(360.271.5201)

#### Homework

#### Kindergarten

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day.
- Tying shoes. If your child is not able to tie their shoes yet it would be best that they have slip on shoes or shoes with Velcro.
- Practice Memory Work for September 17.

#### First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day.
- Practice Memory Work for September 17.

#### Memory Work for September 17:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

#### Hand sanitizer

Everyone is doing a great job to sanitize their hands but sometimes a little too much comes out. Please check your child's sanitizer bottle and replace it if they are running low.

#### Growth Mindset

One of our classroom rules is "We have a growth mindset". All year the kids will be reminded that when things are hard I still want them to try. I don't expect perfection but I expect they try their best. Each week we have a growth mindset affirmation I put on our main bulletin board. Last week's affirmation was "I can do hard things!" This week's was "My mistakes make me better!" I try as often as I can to point out when I make a mistake and how I fix it. I want them to see that not just kids make mistakes. There is no sense of trying to be perfect because Jesus already did that for us. Please feel free to use these affirmations or others throughout the year. I won't always put them in the newsletter but you can always ask your child what it is.

#### Book Orders

Book orders will be sent home tomorrow in your child's yellow folder. If you would like to order books please do so online at [scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://scholastic.com/bookclubs). Our class code is: **J9F3K**. If you would prefer to order through the catalog please make sure you write a check payable to "**Scholastic Books Clubs**". Book orders will be submitted on Wednesday, September 16.

Ordering books through Scholastic is a great way to introduce your child to new books as well as earn books for our classroom library and our class prize box.

## 2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

We are really working hard on learning all the routines and procedures to make our classroom run smoothly. Our biggest problem is listening to directions the first few times they are spoken, or reading them from the board or paper, if they missed something from what I said. I can see improvement everyday, so thanks for all your assistance at home.

In Reading class we are all working on 'Making Predictions' at the beginning, middle, and end of the story we are reading. You can help them learn even more by stopping them in the middle of the book during nightly reading and ask, "What do you think will happen next?", "What will the main character do to solve the problem?", or "What would you see, taste, hear, or feel if you were a character in the story?"

I made some changes to Math for second and third grade. They are no longer bringing home the daily worksheet. Instead, they should be bringing home the fact sheet (when there is one), and they are to do the backside at home and then have you correct it for them. It can then be handed in the next day.

Also, if your child ever receives a "C" or lower on any math paper (this is for all grades, 2-4) they are more than welcome to make corrections to earn ½ credit back. I would rather them know how to do the material, so I know they will do much better on the test, than have them fail the test which is worth more than the daily homework.

Please ask your child if they are in need of more hand sanitizer. Many of us are running low or are out. You may also want to reinforce with them how much is truly necessary each time. I was told that a dime size amount is more than enough for their little hands.

Have a blessed week in the Lord,  
Mrs. Most

## 5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Happy Friday Everyone! I hope all of you had a wonderful short week and are looking forward to the weekend. Here is all you need to know about the rad stuff the 5-8<sup>th</sup> graders will be doing next week.

Here is next week's memory work:

Monday (9/14): 5-8: Psalm 119:105, Romans 10:17/7-8: 2 Timothy 3:15 in addition; Tuesday (9/15): The Conclusion to the Ten Commandments; Thursday (9/17): 5-6: Hymn 221:1,3/7-8: Hymn 200:4 in addition; Friday (9/18): Psalm 23

The 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders have been looking at how Europe moved out of the Dark Ages into the Middle Ages in history class. We are identifying how 6 different areas of culture were affected by this movement. We also discussed how the fall of the Roman Empire and The Crusades affected this movement. We will be continuing to look at this Middle Age period around France next week.

The 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade history class spent this week continuing to discuss latitude and longitude. This is a tough skill that many students struggle with. We will be finishing up some basic map skills next week before we move on to looking at regions.

Our science class is continuing to explore electricity and how it is created. We played around with a generator this week and discussed different resources that could turn a turbine to generate electricity. We also began building our own windmills. We will be designing and constructing windmills next week as well.

A couple notes: I am sending home your child Jupitered login. Jupitered is the grading program that our school uses. This login will allow you to look at your child's grades and get alerts anytime. This can help keep your child accountable and give us another form of contact. I will also be sending home the first book orders of the year. If your child wants to order any books, then please return the order to school with your child.

I hope all of you having a relaxing weekend. Football starts this weekend! Go Bears!!!

# GUESS THAT BABY!

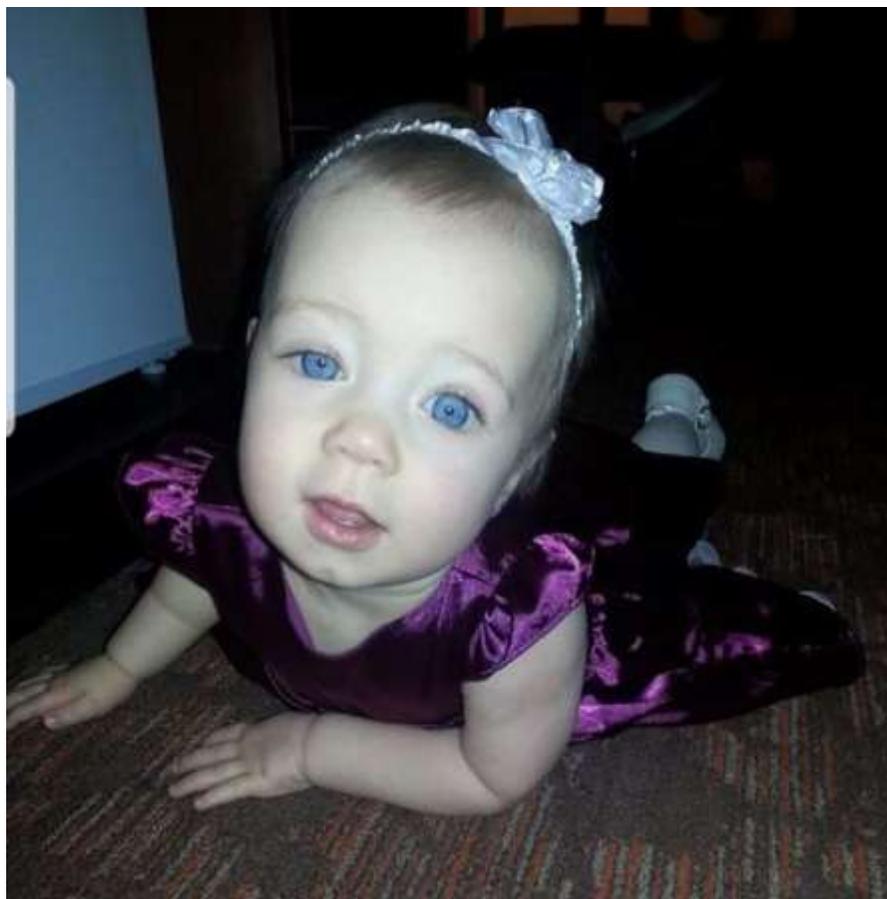
This sweet baby is none other than. . .



**DAITEN CREWDSON!!!**



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: **Kyndra Hallauer / Grade 8**

Favorite food?

**Egg Roll in a Bowl**

Favorite hobbies?

**Playing Sports and Doing Crafts**

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

**I would go to Hawaii because I want to go to the beaches there.**

What job will you have as an adult?

**I want to be a teacher.**

What do you love most about school?

**I love doing science experiments and art.**

Who do you admire? Why?

**I admire my dad because he pushes me to succeed in life.**

What is your favorite bible passage?

**Psalms 50:15**

*“Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you will honor me.”*

*Psalms 50:15*



## Weekly Message

### The Big Picture

We live in a crazy, chaotic world. ‘What is God doing?’ Perhaps you have heard that question asked a few times. Maybe you are wondering: ‘If God really cared about us, wouldn’t he stop this pandemic? Wouldn’t he bring an end to all this inequality? Wouldn’t he stop the violence?’

It certainly can be difficult to understand what God is doing. The Bible often reminds us that God’s thoughts and ways are so much higher than our own. We do not always see the big picture of things. This can lead to frustration and anger when we do not understand why God allows certain things to happen. This, in turn, leads us to blame God or turn away from God.

“Who has known the mind of the Lord?” God may be tough to figure out at times, but just because we do not understand his plan does not mean that we can assume he does not love us. Quite the opposite, actually. When God sent Jesus into this world to die on the cross to pay for our sins, nobody understood that either. Even Jesus’ closest

followers tried to stop it or to talk Jesus out of it. Yet, even though they could not understand what God was planning, it ended up being a huge blessing for them and the whole world. In sending Jesus to die on the cross, God made sure that there was a way for us all to be saved. Through faith in Jesus, we are forgiven, and on the way to heaven.

We cannot always understand God’s plan or know the mind of the Lord. But as we see his plan for saving us through Jesus, we can be assured of his love for us and his intent to bless us. This means we can trust him. As events around us seem to spin out of

control, trust that God has a plan. He loves you and has saved you and will continue to carry out his will with you in mind.

#### Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you for salvation in Jesus. While I do not always understand your plan, help me to trust you and your love for me. Help me to know that you will always take care of me. Amen.

“Who has known the mind of the Lord.”

**Romans 11:34**