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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 \$38.49. Our total is now up to \$129.96. We have a goal this quarter of \$300. Please consider learning more about the program [here](https://www.homeformothers.com/). (<https://www.homeformothers.com/>)

MAP Testing Next Week

Next week is our first round of MAP testing! Basically, this is a computer test to help get an idea of how the students will progress throughout the year. It is NOT the end all, be all of tests! We do not use these tests alone for placement or to gauge your child's learning, but they are a beneficial tool to use alongside regular classroom work. The kids are not supposed to get 100% on these tests. Because of testing, the students will be getting less homework next week. Please keep the kids especially well rested and well fed! If any student is feeling nerves due to testing, please reassure that they are nothing to worry about and will not be sent to colleges one day, HA :) Mr. Biebert can answer any other questions you may have!

No AM4 Preschool

We did not have the AM4 class today. Periodically, Miss Lindsay has a class off so she can use that time

for curriculum development. This time off is beneficial for both teachers and students, so the teachers can sharpen their skills and use new knowledge in the classroom!

Early Release—AFTERCARE CORRECTION

Next Friday, September 25 we have a half day with early release at NOON. Pick up will be from 12:00-12:15. **PLEASE NOTE—WE WILL BE HAVING AFTERCARE THAT DAY!** Aftercare will be from 12:15-6:00. If staying for aftercare, please pack a lunch for your child. Please let us know at the beginning of the week if your child will be staying. Thank you!

Hazy Days

As long as the poor air quality continues, we will continue to have recess inside. Additionally, soccer has been cancelled for the time being. We also will have check-in inside as much as possible as well, to minimize the time kids spend outdoors in the morning. We pray that all those affected by these wildfires will find peace and comfort during an incredibly scary and uncertain time.

Class During Smoke

As you are aware, we still plan to have school during the smoke advisories. We feel that school is a safe environment with a properly equipped ventilation system. However, if you are not comfortable sending your kids to school—please let us know. The absence will be excused. We ask that you schedule a time to pick up

9/18 Cleaning

Taasaas/Church: Danns
Most/Downstairs: Benson

Upcoming Dates

September

- 17 **NO AM4 SCHOOL**
- 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

your child's work. Hopefully this weather passes quickly!

Art

This year for art we are focusing on the Elements of Art. Every few weeks we will create a work of art using an element. Our first element was **line**. The past two weeks the K-2nd graders decorated pineapples using different types of lines. The 3rd and 4th graders used lines to cover owls and the 5th – 8th graders created a desert scene. Take some time to check out your child's art! Tomorrow the kids are in for a sweet treat as we create a color wheel!

Espresso Truck

Next Thursday morning the espresso truck will be here from 8:00-10:00AM! Remember to get to know the other parents and fill out your bingo cards for a free

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FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED

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coffee! Entirely completed cards will be entered in a raffle to win a special prize!

Spanish

Hola! We are having a great time learning greetings in Spanish. Please ask your child to demonstrate for you how to say, "Good Morning/Afternoon/Evening" or "Hello and Good-bye". We've had fun playing "Loteria" and "Matamoscas" and just having fun singing songs and dancing around the classroom. La clase de español es muy divertida!

Cold Season

If you haven't noticed, it seems cold season has started here. The smoke has probably compounded the issue, but there

is something going around. Most children are congested and some also have a cough. Please continue to monitor your children and do everything you can to keep them healthy. It is important they have plenty of water and rest, and healthy snacks and meals to fuel their bodies and keep the sickness to a minimum.

Dads and Donuts

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 2. We are having an outdoor movie night for Dads and Donuts this year! We will have hot dogs for dinner and a popcorn machine! Additionally, it wouldn't be Dads and Donuts without some DONUTS! We plan to watch the movie

"Megamind." You can view the trailer for "Megamind" [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJtot_f-snU). (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJtot_f-snU). Although Dads and Donuts is specifically designed for dads, moms are certainly welcome to join if they would like! Please RSVP using the note sent home today.

Baby Pictures!

Ashlianne Mjelde was the sweet baby pictured last week! Who can guess this week's baby?!

Student Interviews

Laura West is our interviewee this week! She is another 8th grader here at St. Matthew.

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

We are off to such a great start in preschool - and this is only our second week!! We introduced our new theme: Apples!! All of our centers have an activity that focuses on apples. Our Reading Center is chocked full of apple-themed books, our Science Center has some apple sorting by shape and color, and our Sensory Center has some pom-poms that the children can pick up with tweezers and sort in jars. Our crafts have been all about apples, too! We made an apple tree with painted fingerprint apples and had fun with an apple poem. We also covered a paper apple with tissue paper squares. "A little dot does a lot!"

Our four year old classes started show 'n' tell this week. They each bring an item to school that starts with our letter of the week. This week is letter "A". We have seen an airplane, an apple, an alligator, Agnes, of course, Anna, and SO much more. What a beautiful introduction to public speaking for these little ones!!

Our bible story this week is "God Creates our Beautiful World". The children learned that God made the whole world in 6 – 24 hour days and all with three words: "Let there be." God made our beautiful world PERFECT!!

Next week is "B" Week.

Our bible verse next week: "I am . . . wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14

Have a blessed weekend. Stay healthy and safe!!

K-1st Grade News

Miss Rachel Taasaas(360.271.5201)

Homework

Kindergarten

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day.
- We have been working on ordering number (0-20) Make flashcards for your child and help them practice.
- Practice Memory Work for September 24.

First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day.
- Practice Memory Work for September 24.

Memory Work for September 24:

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Galatians 6:10

2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Word of God - This week we have been learning about Abraham and that through the gift of faith, believers are able to trust God completely. We made a list of ways that we show our faith and trust in the Lord, such as prayer, giving offerings, and helping others. Our hymn for the week, #221 - Blessed Jesus at Your Word teaches us that we are asking the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts and minds to hear God's Word without distractions.

Memory Work - Please see the calendar sent home last week or 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 - We have had our first fact, written, and oral assessments this week. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know. Please help your child study their addition math facts at home. Some brush up on those could help them be ready to move on and to excel at their multiplication and division facts.

Social Studies - We have begun learning the communities are places where people live, work, and play. We will be looking at our community and comparing it to others around the US and the world.

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 sorting rocks and minerals and vocabulary to help us identify different rocks and minerals that make up the surface of Earth.

Reading/Phonics - We are continuing our work with Making Predictions in our new books and novels. Second grade is reading Miss Nelson is Missing and working on reviewing the short a sound. We really had fun with our predictions on what would happen in the book based on the cover and title. Third grade is reading Stone Fox. They predicted it would take place in Alaska since there is snow and dog sleds on the cover. Ask one of them where the setting of the book really is. Fourth grade is working hard at reading The Mouse and the Motorcycle. They are eagerly awaiting the moment when Ralph the mouse will actually ride the motorcycle and what adventures ensue.

English/Writing - Homophones are tricky words. It can be tough to know which one to use, but we are rockin' it!

EXTRA NOTES

Please ensure that your child has **3 masks** in their backpacks each day. Some of us only have the one we come to school wearing. Masks go missing or get dirty throughout the day and need replacing.

There are 20 of us in our classroom, please make sure that if you send an item that needs to be heated up for lunch that it is a minute or less for cook time. We only have 25 minutes to eat lunch. There are an average of 7 children a day that use the microwave and some items have been up to 5 minutes of time needed! No bueno!

Please swing by the classroom to check out our newest art projects hanging in the hallway!

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Welcome to Friday Everyone!!! Time for your bodies to slide into R and R mode.

Here is next week's memory work:

Monday (9/21): 5-8: Psalm 27:1, Psalm 27:14, Romans 8:28; Tuesday (9/22): 1st Article-up to "all my abilities"; Thursday (9/24): 5-6: Hymn 369:1-2/7-8; Hymn 369:3-4 in addition; Friday (9/25): Psalm 46:1, Psalm 46:10, Ephesians 6:10

The 7-8th graders will be taking a France and surrounding areas map test next Thursday. They will continue to look at Europe's transition from the Dark Ages into the Middle Ages.

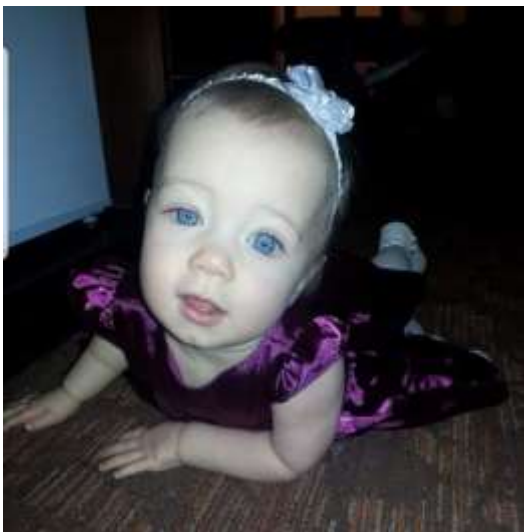
The 5-6th grade history class wrapped up learning some introductory map skills this week. We will be taking a test on this material next week Tuesday. A short study guide will be sent home Monday.

Our science class has spent the last few days exploring how much electricity our mini wind turbines can produce. We will be finishing this up and moving forward with looking at circuits next week.

Please note: MAP testing is next week. This testing is simply to help us see where your children are at in terms of English Language Arts and Math. We will be spending three days on this next week so the homework load should be lighter next week. Please make sure your children get a good breakfast and good night sleep every day next week.

God's blessings on your weekend! Enjoy the fall weather!!

GUESS THAT BABY!



ASHLIANNE MJELDE



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: Laura West / Grade 8

Favorite food?

Anything spicy or sushi

Favorite hobbies?

I like to do calligraphy, draw, read, and act.

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

I would want to go everywhere! I would start with New York City and end with Hong Kong. I would want to go to those places and others to learn more about the history and cultures of those areas.

What job will you have as an adult?

I want to be an interior designer.

What do you love most about school?

I love all my friends at school.

Who do you admire? Why?

I admire my sister, Lead, because she is a hard worker, funny, kind, and compassionate.

What is your favorite bible passage?

Romans 5:20b — “Where sin increased, grace increased all the more.”



Weekly Message

Pleasing God

Ginny looked up from her chai tea and smiled when she saw Nancy approach her at their usual table. The two of them had been meeting Wednesday mornings outside a local coffee shop for conversation and encouragement.

“Hey, friend! How’s your day going?” Nancy asked as she sat down across the table from Ginny.

“Well, I keep thinking about our discussion at the end of Sunday morning Bible class,” Ginny answered. “Pastor explained to us that the ‘true and proper worship’ of Romans 12:1—or ‘spiritual worship’ of some Bible translations—means that we want to please God in everything we do because of his mercy for us. I get that, and I want to do that. I still can’t get over how patient God has been with me, despite all of my wrong turns in life. How Jesus was willing to give his life for me. But I still struggle. There are so many times I just don’t know what the right and ‘God-pleasing’ thing to do is. Remember, I’ve only been coming to church for a little over a year now.”

Nancy sipped her latte and

thought for a moment. “Pretty heavy thoughts for a Wednesday morning!” she finally said. “But I know how you feel. Every Christian struggles that way. Even the apostle Paul described his own inner fight between right and wrong in Romans chapter 7.”

“That’s true,” said Ginny.

Nancy continued, “But you are on the right path. You’re coming to church; you’re coming to Bible study, and you’re doing your best to put all that into practice in your life. I’ve learned to trust the Holy Spirit to transform my heart and mind through his Word and sacraments. He start-

ed it when we were baptized, and he continues to work in us whenever we’re reading or talking about his Word. Believe me, I know from experience that it’s a life-long process, full of ups and downs. That’s what makes me so grateful for his forgiveness!”

Prayer:

Dear God, you called me to be your child. Keep me from sin and teach me to know and do what is pleasing to you. Amen.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2