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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 \$95.01. Our total is now up to \$224.97. We have a goal this quarter of \$300. Here is a [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15KXeJm0SIo) that the kids watched after chapel today about New Beginnings. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15KXeJm0SIo>)

MAP Testing

This week the students have been completing the first round of MAP testing. These are computer tests in reading, math, and language. We generally share the results of this testing at parent/teacher conferences after first quarter. If you have any questions regarding the tests or results, please speak with Mr. Biebert.

Early Release!

Just a reminder that we have an early release day tomorrow! School will be getting out at NOON. The teachers will be using the half day to begin a curriculum study on math.

Early Release— AFTERCARE

Tomorrow is a half day: early release at NOON. If you need after-care, TODAY is the last day to let a

teacher know, so we can plan accordingly. Also, if aftercare is needed, be sure to pack a lunch! Thank you!

School Apparel Flash Sale

Spirit Week is coming up in October! In order to really show your school spirit, you will need some St. Matt's swag! Check out our online flash sale [here \(https://stmatthew.itemorder.com/\)](https://stmatthew.itemorder.com/) to place your orders! Orders must be placed by Friday, October 2 to be here before spirit week!

Diaper Drive

Someone in our St. Matthew family is having a baby!!! Kiersten and JT Emerson have a baby boy due October 5! They have two daughters here at St. Matt's already—Lydia (K) and Adaline (AM3). They also have a younger son as well—Grayson. We would like to shower them with some love, in the form of diapers and wipes, ha ha! 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!

Book It! starts next week on October 1! The teachers will be sending home

9/25 Cleaning

Taasaas/Church: Lee
Most/Downstairs: Lee

Upcoming Dates

September

21-25 MAP Testing
24 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM
25 **EARLY RELEASE**—Noon
29 Soccer Practice 3:45-4:45PM

calendars that you can fill out with your reading times. At the end of the month, turn in your calendars to receive a pizza coupon! More detailed information will be sent home with the Book It! calendar.

Dads & Donuts

Today is the last day to RSVP for our Dads & Donuts event! Please join us October 2 at 5:30PM for a fun movie night watching Megamind outdoors! Although this is a "dad" focused event, uncles, brothers, grandpas, moms, etc. are also welcomed!

Camping Weekend

Our church and school family is planning a camping outing during our longer break in October. We plan to stay Beaver Lodge Resort and Campground! More detailed information will be sent home today. Please contact Mrs. Biebert if you have any questions! This will be such a fun bonding time!

ME FOR THE NEXT
3 MONTHS



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← ANYONE ELSE?!



School News Continued

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 \(if looking online\)](#) or attached to the newsletter (paper copy).

Picture Day

Wow! Picture Day seems like it has snuck up on us! It is already next Thursday (AM/PM 4 and K-8) and Friday (AM/PM 3), October 1 & 2. Please fill out the envelope that was sent home to order pictures and return it by Thursday, October 1 to your child's teacher. *****Even if you are not ordering pictures, please still fill out top portion of envelope and return to teacher*****



Baby Pictures!

Liliy Rowland was the sweet baby pictured last week! Who can guess this week's baby?!

Student Interviews

Ella Diaz is our interviewee this week! She is our final 8th grader at St. Matthew this year!

Preschool Fall Walk

Miss Lindsay took her preschoolers on a fall walk to Linwood Park this week! Take a look at some of the fun they had!



Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

This was another amazing week in preschool!! And SO many activities, too! On Monday and Tuesday, the preschool classes had their first field trip!! We took a Fall Walk to Linwood Park. We were looking for green, yellow and red leaves, rocks, sticks, birds, squirrels, pinecones, ants, acorns and so much more. We were able to play at the park AND have our snack there, too. God gave us two beautiful days to be outside and enjoy His beautiful world. A HUGE thank you to all of the parents that joined us!! You guys are the best!! I think you had just as much fun as the children!!

On Thursday and Friday, we celebrated RED Day. Everyone wore or brought something red to school. We played hide 'n' seek with red circles and some of the classes even had a "red" snack. Every month we celebrate a different color and shape. Who knows what it will be next month!!!

We are talking about apples again this week. The children were able to taste 3 different kinds of apples and choose which one was their favorite. You will see the graph we made in our classroom. You might be surprised as to which apple was YOUR child's favorite.

Next week we will focus on letter Cc.

Our bible verse for next week: "All have sinned." Romans 3:23

Have a fantastic weekend and enjoy the blue sky!!

K-1st Grade News

Miss Rachel Taasaas(360.271.5201)

Homework

Kindergarten

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day.
- Last week our letters were Bb, Ss, Mm. We worked on beginning sounds. This week our letters were Tt, Ff, Kk. Please review these beginning sounds with your child. Look for things that start with each letter and review the sounds with your child.
- Practice Memory Work for October 1.

First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day.
- Practice Memory Work for October 1.
- Lightning Words are due on Friday, September 25.
- 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 for full credit.

Memory Work for October 1:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Matthew 22:37

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.

Picture Day

An envelope will be sent home in your child's yellow folder. If you would like to order pictures please fill it out and return it on Monday. Even if you are not going to order pictures we still need the envelope with your child's name on it.

2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Word of God - This week we have been learning about Abraham and that God keeps His promises and answers prayers. We will be making a prayer journal in Writing to go along with our lesson. Our hymn for the week, #369 - "Beautiful Savior" teaches us that because our Savior is true God and true man our salvation is possible.

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 - 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 testing our rocks.

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.

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 next Thursday. Please stay tuned for details. I will also be sending out a new memory work calendar for October next week.

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

I keep having to double check my calendar. Can you believe this is last full week in September already? Where has the time gone? This in person school stuff sure makes time fly by!

Here is next week's memory work:

Monday (9/28): 5-8: Psalm 100:1-2, Psalm 122:1/7-8: Romans 12:1 in addition; Tuesday (9/29): 1st Article-up to "protecting me from all evil"; Thursday (10/1): 5-6: Hymn 436:1-3/7-8: Hymn 436: 4-5 in addition; Friday (10/2): Psalm 103:1-2,12, Luke 18:13b

This was a pretty slow week at school as far as history and science was concerned due to MAP testing. Next week we will get back to our normal school schedules. But, that is not to say we didn't get some history and science in! J

The 7-8th graders identified how guilds affected the economy in Middle Age Europe. We discussed both the positives and negatives to guilds and why they could or why they couldn't work in our economy today. The students also took their France map tests this week.

The 5-6th grade history class took their first history test this week. So, many of us learned the importance of studying and asking questions if we don't understand. The students were given the opportunity to fix up their tests so that they could improve their grade and show understanding. The understanding is what is most important to me, so that is why they are given the second chance to fix up their test.

MAP testing went well this week. We will share these results with you at the first parent teacher conference of the year. However, please talk with your child's teacher if you are curious about how they did before that conference.

God's Blessings on your weekend!!

GUESS THAT BABY!



LILY ROWLAND



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: Ella Diaz / Grade 8

Favorite food?

Sushi

Favorite hobbies?

Any sports

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

If I could go anywhere I would go to Wisconsin because I want to meet my mom's side of the family that I've never seen.

What job will you have as an adult?

I want to be an ER doctor.

What do you love most about school?

I love learning new things.

Who do you admire? Why?

I admire my brother because he has been in my life since I was four and has always been there for me.

What is your favorite bible passage?

Isaiah 40:11— “He tends to his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those who have young.”



Weekly Message

The Way Home

There's only one road into Wabush. It also happens to be the only road out.

Wabush is a remote town in the middle of the Canadian wilderness with a population of about two thousand people. You'll find friendly people there. You'll find all the basic amenities, along with a post office, bank, barbershop, bowling alley, gymnasium, swimming pool, library, and hotel.

But if you find yourself in Wabush because you took a wrong turn, you cannot simply drive through it and keep going. Remember, Wabush is the end of the road. If you're lost, and you want to get back to where you need to be, you're just going to have to turn around. In Wabush, it's that simple.

Left to ourselves, you and I are lost. We are lost in a wilderness of our own making. Our sinfulness makes us natural at isolating ourselves from each other and isolating ourselves from the God who made us.

And so God marched into our wilderness to rescue us. He did so in the Person

of Jesus Christ. Through the sinless life, he lived on our behalf, and through the death, he died on the cross to wash us clean, Jesus is the way out. Jesus is the way home.

Where do you find yourself in your life right now? Could it be that, for some time, you have been making a series of turns—reckless turns, distracted turns, rebellious turns, selfish turns—a series of turns where you now find yourself isolated, alone, despairing?

God does not want you to despair. As we heard him say in our Bible reading for today, he wants you to turn

from your sins and live. He loves you. He proved this when he sent his Son to save you from those sins. So, don't delay! Turn to him and live!

Prayer:

Many times, Lord Jesus, I've gotten so lost. Thank you for coming to find me. Remind me of your love and forgiveness and empower me to turn from my sins to you. Amen.

“As surely as I live,” declares the Sovereign LORD, “I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn!”

Ezekiel 33:11