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## School News

### Mission Offering

Pastor Unke from Shepherd of the Hills in Las Vegas, NV will be conducting a chapel service for our school via skype on October 11 at 12:45 PM. We are very excited to communicate with Pastor Unke! If you would like to be there for that special service, please stay for chapel with us! Since it is an afternoon chapel the PM 4's will be there already, but all other preschoolers and families are also welcome to attend! We would love to have everyone there!

So far this year, we have given \$58.85 in chapel offerings. We pray that you continue to display loving, generous hearts!

### Picture Day

Picture Day is coming up! I know I am planning ahead this year and have already started adding the extra beauty rest I will need, ha! For clarification, PreK-3 and Grades K-8 will have their pictures taken on **Monday, October 2**, and PreK-4 will get their pictures taken on **Tuesday, October 3**! Picture retakes will be scheduled only if needed.

### Background Checks

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to fill out a background check application! It is so awesome to have our St. Matthew

family so diligent about creating the safest atmosphere possible for our students!

### Field Trips

With October comes the field trips to the pumpkin patch! What a great time to get out and appreciate the beautiful fall season! PreK-4 will be headed to Hidden Acres on October 10, and PreK-3 on October 12! Then, Grades K-4 will go on their pumpkin patch field trip on October 15!

Also, Grades 5-8 will be going on a field trip October 4 to NWMAC!

Please speak with your child's teacher if you would like to chaperone, or if you have any questions about these trips!

### Singing

PreK-Grade 8 will be singing together in church on **this Sunday, September 30!** What an awesome Sunday it will be to see the whole school together singing praises to God! **The church service will be at 10:00AM.** Can't wait to see you there!

### Dads & Donuts

This year Dads & Donuts will take place on Thursday, October 11 from 6:30-7:30PM! We hope you are able to join us for this wonderful event! Any school family from PreK-Grade 8

## Upcoming Dates

### September

- 28 Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00
- 30 PreK-8 Sing 10:00AM

### October

- 1 Picture Day—PreK-3 & K-8
- 2 Picture Day—PreK-4
- 3 Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00PM
- 4 Soccer @ Summit 2:00PM
- 4 5-8 Field Trip—NWMAC 9:30AM-NOON
- 1 Soccer @ Christian Heritage 2:45PM
- 8-12 SPIRIT WEEK!**
- 9 Soccer @ CCA 4:00PM
- 10 PreK-4 Field Trip—Hidden Acres
- 11 Dads & Donuts 6:30-7:30PM
- 12 PreK-3 Field Trip—Hidden Acres
- 12 Soccer @ PCA 3:00PM
- 15 K-4 Field Trip—Pumpkin Patch
- 15 Soccer v. Christian Heritage 3:30PM DWIGHT MERKEL
- 16 Soccer v. Southside 3:30PM DWIGHT MERKEL
- 17-19 NO SCHOOL—TEACHER CONFERENCE**

is encouraged to attend! And we know that sometimes it is not possible for dad to attend! Don't let that stop you! Bring an uncle, grandpa, mom, grandma, etc. and join in on the fun! You will receive a note with a portion to fill out and return to your child's teacher! Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 9.

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**PREK—GRADE 8 SING  
THIS SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 30  
10:00AM**

## General School News – Continued

### Spirit Week

Spirit Week will be held October 8-12! Please stay tuned to get a list of each day's festivities!

### Piano Lessons

Piano lessons will be starting after the Teacher's Conference! Don't forget: each lesson is \$10. Mrs. Turner will be spending the first lesson getting to know your child, and figuring out where he/she is at. She will keep you posted about piano books you may need.

### Donna Lindsay Benefit Night

Donna's Benefit is TOMORROW!!! Don't forget: if you made a basket, it needs to be dropped today at the preschool!!!

There has been some trouble with the online registration. If you register in person, please give your \$15/adult and/or \$10/child registration to Miss Taasaas. Please also include how many adults and children will be in attendance.

Questions? Contact Kayla Biebert (715) 402-0114 or Holly Roberg (509)991-7411.

### Soccer Update

Our Mighty Timbers soccer team's record is at 1-3. The kids really look forward to the opportunity to learn and grow in the sport, and have extra time with their friends outside of school. Keep up the good work, team!

### Dutch Bros. Cards

The upper graders have more Dutch Bros. cards they would like to sell for the D.C. trip! Please see Mr. Biebert to get in contact with one of them!

### Teacher's Conference

Make sure to put October 17-19 on your calendar! There will be no school these days as the teachers will be away at conference.

### Book It!

Book It! starts in October! Your child will receive a calendar and sheet of paper explaining the rules for Book It! Each month that you return your calendar with

### 9/28 Cleaning

Upstairs: McLaughlin

Downstairs: McLaughlin

at least 580 minutes a day read, you will receive a coupon for a free personal pizza from Pizza Hut. Happy Reading!

### Soccer Tournament

The soccer tournament will begin on Thursday, November 1 and go through November 2. The schedule depends on wins and losses throughout the season.

### School Travel to Soccer Game

On October 4, the school will be cheering on our Mighty Timbers soccer team! The school will plan on leaving by 1:45 PM, with the game starting at 2:00 PM. If you would be willing to take a car full of kids to the field (8913 N Nettleton Lane), please speak with your child's teacher and let them know how many children you can take in your vehicle! Also, remember to copy your car insurance for us if you plan to drive!

### Mindfulness Skill Class

Calling all women! Bonnie Diaz (school mom and member at St. Matthew) will be leading a "mindfulness class with a bible base." This class will be starting on October 22 at 6:30PM in the church basement. If you have questions, please speak with Bonnie Diaz or Kayla Biebert!

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# AMIYAH COX

# SADIE HOLLANDER



GRADE: PreK-4 PM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Go swimming, play at the playground, and snuggle with my kitty "Sebastian" :)

SUPER POWER:

Super Strength because I love having super girl powers.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

A horse because horses "neigh."

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

My favorite thing about school is playing

IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT, WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO?

If I was President of the USA I would hold the flag.

YOUR FAMILY:

Dad, Mom, me, my brother Byron, and my kitty. We like to talk about funny stuff and then laugh.

GRADE: PreK-3 PM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Play Paw Patrol, watch Paw Patrol, play Thomas the Train, play Peppa Pig.

SUPER POWER:

I would be Owlette (PJ Masks) so I could fly.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

I would be Sweetie the dog because she has a race car and wings that come out.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

I like playing with Izzy, coloring, painting, making stuff, and doing my letters.

IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT, WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO?

Go to a trampoline park with James.

YOUR FAMILY:

Mommy, Jamesy, me, and Daddy. Oma and Opa, Uncle Dave, Grr, Izzy, Grandma, Noah, Grr-Papa, and Auntie. We like playing Paw Patrol and trains.

# Classroom News

## Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

Now that Autumn is officially here (so the calendar says), we have changed the preschool focus of learning from Apples to Fall. Our centers are full of beautiful fall colors and fun fall activities. The Art Center has celery stamping on the letter C (our letter of the week) with red, yellow, orange and brown paint. Our Science Center has magnifying glasses and fall leaves to look at. Our Sensory Center has pipe cleaner "trees" that the children get to decorate with colorful buttons. But the highlight so far of all centers is the Drama Center. We have our dress-up clothes in that area now. How fun for the children!!

We have had a busy week already. The 3 year olds had their Red Day on Monday. We all wore something red and even got to play hide 'n' seek with red circles . . . once even with the lights off! We all made a windsock and some were even able to sponge paint fall leaves for a craft.

I am currently evaluating the 4-year olds - sitting down with each one of them and determining what numbers, letters, shapes and colors they know right now. This way, I can get a good feel for "where they are at" and can focus our learning more precisely to get them Kindergarten-ready.

Our week has been fun and the children are all settling down into our school routine. So wonderful to see smiling faces each and every day. The excitement of "what are we going to do today?" is contagious!

Hope to see all of you in church on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. when all of our children will be singing praises to our Lord.

Have a beautiful weekend with your family!

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## K-1st Grade News

Miss Rachel Taasaas(360.271.5201)

### Homework

#### Kindergarten

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day.
- Focus letters for the week: Dd, Gg, Hh Review these letters with your child. What words begin with each letter? Have them point them out on signs, in books and around the house. What sound do they make? Have your child practice writing the letters.



#### First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day.
- Over the weekend your child needs to read their 3 reading stories to you. Please sign their bookmark and make sure your child brings the Reading book and the bookmark back to school on Monday morning.

#### Memory Work for Thursday, October 4:

Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you will honor me. Psalm 50:15

#### Microwave

Just a reminder: Kindergartners may not use the microwave until the end of October.

#### Book it!

The Book it program starts on Monday, October 1. More information will be going home tomorrow in your child's yellow folder.

#### Singing on Sunday, September 30

All students are asked to participate in the singing this Sunday. We have been practicing our song in class. Please come and hear the Preschool-8<sup>th</sup> graders sing in our 10 am service.

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## 2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Kelsey O' Haver (509.570.2023)

Thanks to all the families who have brought in postcards! As of right now, we have postcards from the following states: California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington! Just because we have a postcard from a state already doesn't mean we don't want more - the more the better! That way we can keep graphing and learning sweet facts about all the states.

Mrs. O'Haver's Classroom News  
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Our 2nd Regions Test will be Wednesday, October 3. We are currently studying the Southeast States. I am so impressed with how much the students know already. Please quiz your child to see how they are doing. If they need extra practice at home, please take the time to study with them! They all have a study guide and flashcards.

I am assigning every student to decorate their Writer's Notebook. This will be due on Monday. They can decorate it in any way that they would like, as long as it is appropriate! Stickers, pictures, designs...the possibilities are endless! I would just ask that we think long term here - these notebooks will be used all year and I would like their design to be able to last though the whole year! I am excited to see all of them on Monday!

Blessings on your week.

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## 5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Another week has come and gone. There are a lot of things going on in the 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom and a lot of things coming up for not only our classroom but the whole school.

We took quite a few tests this week. I have seen some improvement in our essay writing already this year. I was very pleased to see this. I saw it as an area of weakness last year. The 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders started a new chapter on early settlers in Washington. Our science class wrapped up acids, bases, and salts and will now be taking a look at matter in motion. The last test we took was on the South Western part of the United States. We will continue to study different regions with their states, capitals, and physical features.

The 5-6<sup>th</sup> graders wrapped up their study of government, citizenship, and various maps. They will be taking a test on this on Monday. Please ask your child if they have filled out their study guide. They will also be reporting on an event in either their life or a family member's life next Tuesday. I sent home some organizers to get the students thinking about primary and secondary sources they will use. Please check to see if your child has gotten underway with this mini project.

The 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders should have wrapped up interviewing someone about Mt. St. Helens this week. They were to interview someone who was around at the time of its eruption. We talked about asking good open ended questions and what proper interview etiquette looked like.

I hope to see all of you at church at 10:00 this Sunday. The song that PreK-8<sup>th</sup> has been working on sounds beautiful. It will make the song sound that much better to have full attendance. Thank you for taking the time to allow your children to beautify worship at St. Matthew.

## Weekly Message

### Wisdom

“Who is wise and understanding among you?” Well, that depends on your definition or standard of wisdom.

Are you wise?

There is a kind of wisdom that is fueled by selfish ambition and bitter envy. Such wisdom wants to get ahead in life; it wants to fulfill its desires at whatever cost. It is willing to deny the truth to do so, even to the point of resorting to evil practices. Though it leaves a trail of disorder in its wake, it boasts of the great things it has accomplished. The Bible calls this earthly wisdom. It also calls it unspiritual, even of the devil. It is wisdom which is characterized chiefly by a selfish focus on me.

There is, however, another kind of wisdom. It is never willing to sacrifice the truth; it is pure. Rather than seeking to get ahead of others, it is peace-loving and considerate. Rather than striving for personal gain, it is submissive and full of mercy. Instead of resorting to evil, it bears good fruit; it is impartial and sincere. Such wisdom

has no room for boasting; it is full of humility. The Bible calls this heavenly wisdom. It points out that it produces a harvest of righteousness. It is wisdom that is characterized chiefly by a loving focus on others.

Are you wise?

As you fight the temptation to be me-focused and strive to lovingly focus on others, remember where true wisdom comes from. It comes not from within or below. It comes from above, from God. It comes from the One who was and is wisdom personified. It comes from the Savior who never sinfully focused on himself and always lovingly focused on the spiritual and

eternal welfare of others. Remember that this wisdom is revealed in and fueled by the gospel.

“Who is wise and understanding among you?” The one who knows and trusts and walks with Jesus.

#### Prayer:

Lord God, forgive me for the times I have embraced earthly wisdom and left behind me a trail littered with hurt and hardship. With eyes focused on you and others, may my faith shine as I pursue and practice heavenly wisdom. Amen.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

**James 3:13-18**