

SAINT MATTHEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

JUNE 4, 2009

www.st-matts.com

VOLUME 7, ISSUE 33

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of age." Matthew

READINGS FOR SUNDAY...

Deuteronomy 4:32-40, Romans 8:14-17, Matthew 28:16-20.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE...

Fri., June 5th ~ Last Day of School!

Yippee! Early dismissal—**1:00 & 1:15pm.**

Mon., Aug. 17th ~ Open House for new school year—9:00-11:00am.

Wed., Aug. 19th ~ First Day of School

WEEKLY MASS...The final all school Mass of the school year will be on Friday, June 5th at 11:45am.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE...There will be no After School Care the last day of school, Friday, June 5th. All students must be picked up in our early dismissal carpools ~ either **1:00 or 1:15pm.**

AFTERNOON CARPOOL...On Thurs., June 4th Holy Trinity is graduating their 8th grade at St. Matthew Church. If the ceremony runs over, there may be increased traffic as you park for afternoon carpool. Please be aware of this as you come to pick up your carpool.

MACS SUMMER CAMP...Registration deadline is just around the corner. Limited space is still available at all locations. Camp will be held at St. Mark, St. Matthew, and St. Patrick Catholic Schools. Camp information is available on-line at www.charlottediocese.org/programs, from the After School Enrichment Programs, or from Suzanne Beasley, Summer Camp Director. Please direct any questions to Suzanne Beasley at 704-370-3397 or e-mail MACScamp@aol.com

YEARBOOKS...Extra copies are available for sale in the office beginning Thursday, June 4th while supplies last. The cost is \$14.25.

Thank You Volunteers 

As a token of our appreciation for all of your dedication and support this past school year, the PTO board members will be distributing a thank you gift to all committee chairs and co-chairs, grade parents, and SMSN Chairs. We will be outside during afternoon carpool this Thursday and Friday.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL...As the school year comes to a close, we want to remind you to pick up your child's medication from the Health Room. In the interest of safety, controlled medications will not be send home with students. Medications can be picked up on the following dates, Mon.-Thurs., June 1-4, 7:30am-3:00pm, and Friday, June 5th 7:30am-1:00pm. All remaining medications will be discarded **Monday, June 8th.**

GRANDPARENT GARDEN...The new bricks have been placed in the Grandparent Garden. If you have purchased a brick, please walk the beautiful garden to locate your brick. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Stiegler at 704-814-0225.

FROM THE COMPUTER LAB...Students in fourth and fifth grade burned their PowerPoint projects to a CD for you to view and keep. If you do not have PowerPoint on your home computer, you can download a PowerPoint Viewer from Microsoft's web site for your Windows Operating System. Check the following link for details. Enjoy!

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=428D5727-43AB-4F24-90B7-A94784AF71A4&displaylang=en>

FROM THE LIBRARY...If you can not locate your child's books that need to be returned, please contact Mrs. Lee in the library. Thank you and have a great summer!

LUNCH ROOM UPDATE...The lunchroom will be closed on Friday, June 5th due to early dismissal.

EARLY DISMISSAL ON JUNE 5TH!

DON'T FORGET...The last day of school, Friday, June 5th, is an early dismissal ~ 1:00 & 1:15pm. There will be no after school care so

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP BY 1:15PM.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN...

All volunteers that work with children at the school are required to complete the following 4 volunteer forms/workshop:

1. **Protecting God's Children** (workshop)
2. **Volunteer Profile** (form)
3. **Sexual Misconduct Policy**, (form)
4. **Notification and Release** (background check form). If you have not already done so, please complete the above forms (on the school website) and return them to the office ASAP. ***All of these must be completed and on file in the school office.*** To register for a class, complete the registration process at www.virtus.org. When you have attended the class, please bring a copy of your certificate for us to keep on file. Check the above website for dates of scheduled workshops.

Have a Blessed, Safe and Resful Summer!!!



Look What's New Wildcats.....



We are excited to announce that our PE uniforms are going to have a new look starting with the 2009-2010 school year. For a sneak peek at the new design - check out the display located outside the front office. The new PE uniforms will be available to purchase starting with the order form that is on the school website. The current PE uniforms will be grandfathered for the 09-10 school year and may be worn for that year only. Starting with the 2010-2011 school year all students must wear the new PE uniforms.

SCRIP... Look for details on ordering and purchasing scrip over the summer on the Scrip webpage (under the fund-raising tab) on the school website. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Burg at 704-843-7946 or stmatts_scrip@yahoo.com. Happy Shopping!

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS... Thanks to all who turned in labels this year! Please keep collecting labels, UPCs and lids over the summer and we will get a good start toward earning more free PE equipment for the next school year. Any questions, please contact Christine Montione at montione@mindspring.com or Karen Sheldon at klsheldon@bell-south.net.

INKJET/LASER CARTRIDGE PROGRAM..

In an effort to raise money for our school, we are asking that you please donate all empty/used inkjet and laser cartridges as well as old cell phones. Cartridges and phones can be collected from home, work, friends, or neighbors. This will allow our school to raise much needed funds as well as protect the environment. Cartridges should be placed in a zip lock bag to prevent leakage. Thank you for your support.

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION...

Make sure to put your child's name on at least one label, or on a bag containing your labels, and drop in the box in the school lobby. Please visit www.btfe.com for more information on ways Box Tops for Education can help earn cash for St. Matthew School.

**ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL
2009 SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

- June 8-128:30-3:30, Mon.-Fri.
- June 15-268:30-11:30, Mon.-Thurs. (Closed Fridays)
- June 29-July 3CLOSED (4th of July Week)
- July 6-Aug 78:30-11:30, Mon.-Thurs. (Closed Fridays)
- Aug. 10-148:30-3:30, Mon.-Fri. (Open Friday)
- Aug. 17-188:30-3:30, Mon-Tues.
- Aug. 19First Day of School for 09-10, (7:00am-3:30pm)

Regular School Office Hours are 7:00am-3:30pm when school is in session.

*Please Keep This for Reference Over the Summer
Have a Happy, Safe, and Blessed Summer!*



St. Matthew Catholic School
11525 Elm Lane
Charlotte, NC 28277
(704) 544-2070 Fax (704) 544-2184



Kevin O'Herron
Principal

June 4, 2009

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow marks the closing day of our seventeenth year for the St. Matthew Catholic School Community. It has been such a terrific year. Our students have grown in so many ways, thanks to the hard work of our teachers and you, our parents.

Much has been accomplished during the 2008-09 school year. Taking that giant step into the next grade seemed like an overwhelming task for some of our students back in August. They have met the challenge and here we are ready for a new grade at the end of this long awaited summer vacation.

I am extremely thankful for our parents. We have the most supportive, giving, understanding, and patient parents anywhere. I know that you have supported your children through projects, homework, test preparation, and just the daily keeping up with school events. You also have given countless hours of your time volunteering throughout the school. You make everything possible from liturgy support to driving on field trips and from helping in the cafeteria to baking for our infamous bake sales. Thank you for lending your smiles, your sense of humor, and especially your children to us this year. This kind of support is what makes St. Matthew a school that we should all be proud of.

On behalf of the entire St. Matthew community we extend a farewell to all who will be leaving us. The fifth graders will be heading to middle school. Some of our families are moving to new communities. We will certainly miss all of you who have become such a part of our lives.

One of our teachers is also moving on. Please join me in thanking one of our second grade teachers, Mrs. Dedrick, for all of the gifts she has shared with the St. Matthew community. I wish her the best in her future endeavors. Please also join me in welcoming Mrs. Hess to the second grade team. Mrs. Hess has been the long-term sub for Mrs. Dedrick. The transition with her coming on board should be a smooth one.

Spending the day with each of your children is a gift for which I continually thank God. It's so quiet in the summer without them. I will look forward to the sounds of their voices and the sight of those incredible smiles on August 19th. May God bless you in your vocation of parenting His most precious gifts.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin O'Herron". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin O'Herron

PTO BOARD 2009-2010

CONTACT INFORMATION



President

Jenn Cramer

(h) 704-542-6840

© 704-763-1651

bcramer0515@hotmail.com

Vice President

Bruce Sciotto

(h) 704-752-3778

© 704-968-8145

bruce-sciotto@carolina.rr.com

Secretary

Cami Tepper

(h) 704-846-4141

© 704-996-4703

ctepper@carolina.rr.com

Treasurer

Audrey Lavelle

(h) 704-843-1011

© 704-904-1925

audreylavelle@gmail.com