



February 1, 2012

## SCHOOL NEWS

Good afternoon,

This week has been a busy one, chock-full of events to celebrate Catholic School's Week. The Open House and Family Mass on Sunday were beautiful, and it was so nice to see parents and students alike visiting classrooms and the Science and Art Fairs to view student work. Monday's "Someone Special Day" was a great success, as well. A very *special* "Thank you" to Alison Affrunti and Dana Pulley who coordinated the beautiful event. Our guests complimented the students and they had wonderful things to say about the school in general!

With flu season in full swing, the Faculty, Staff and students have been asked to take proactive measures to keep from spreading viruses around the classroom and school. Please speak with your child about washing his/her hands with soap and water or using an antibacterial liquid prior to and after going out to recess or lunch and eating food. We will be wiping down student desks at the end of each day with antibacterial agents, as well. Get plenty of sleep, "eat right", and hopefully we will stave off these nasty bugs!

### Did you Know...

- In addition to our local guests, we were blessed with visitors from locations as far away as the Philippines, New York, Connecticut and Southern California at Someone Special Day on Monday?
- In January alone, there were 16,413 visits to our school web site?
- The 100<sup>th</sup> day of school was yesterday?

## Crab Bash - February 4th

Time is running out to purchase your tickets for the 8th annual St. Matthew Crab Bash for this Saturday, February 4th. Join us for a pirate-themed night filled with delicious crab and then dance the night away to your favorite tunes.



Don't delay, purchase your tickets now:

<http://www.stmatthewcath.org/parents/crabBash.php>

Here's your last chance to submit your online song requests:

<http://stmatthewcath.org/parents/crabBashSongs.php>

Hope to see you there me mateys!!

**Breaking news...**For the first time, the Crab Bash will feature live music from the local hot band Explorer. You're not going to want to miss this band, featuring one of our own St. Matthew's dads, Paul Bevilacqua!!

## AT A GLANCE

Crab Bash  
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### Target Dates

Thurs., Feb. 2  
Special order Scrip due

Fri., Feb. 3  
NO SCHOOL  
Student Holiday

Sat., Feb. 4  
Crab Bash

Tues., Feb. 7  
8th grade graduation  
pictures  
Open PA meeting

Feb. 8 - 10  
Kindergarten screening  
No Kindergarten classes

## LINKS

School Website

Calendar

Newsletter Archive

Forms & Flyers

Get your tickets now before time runs out.

## AUCTION NEWS

### Donations - Donations - Donations!

**We need your help!** Do you have a service or product you could donate to the auction? Perhaps a connection to someone who could donate?

Would you like to advertise in the auction program? Or would you like to be an auction sponsor? If so, click on the form below:

<http://stmatthewcath.org/auction/sponsorship-donation-form.pdf>



## Parents' Association News

### PA Newsletter - *St. Matthew Times*

Don't miss the latest edition of the *ST. MATTHEW TIMES*, your Parents' Association newsletter. Read it here:

[http://www.stmatthewcath.org/news/paArchive/flyer2012-02-01\\_PA\\_Newsletter\\_February\\_2012.pdf](http://www.stmatthewcath.org/news/paArchive/flyer2012-02-01_PA_Newsletter_February_2012.pdf)

### Open PA Meeting - February 7

8:15am in Cronin Center

We've listened to your feedback and we'll be hosting a morning Open PA Meeting! Join us at 8:15am, in the Cronin Center, where we will be hearing from Athletics and the Auction committee. Enjoy a cup of coffee and hear the latest news!

### Coffee with Resource - February 29

#### "Did You Know?"

"Did You Know" there's an app to help students keep track of their homework? Check out MyHomework by Rodrigo Neri @

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/myhomework/id303490844?mt=8>. Your kids will think this is so cool and encourages responsibility. It's a win-win!!

## Box Tops

### It's Time for Another Box Tops Collection!

This collection period will run through FEBRUARY 10th. Clip those box tops and turn them in -- collection and raffle drawing is done by family -- so make it a family thing. All box tops submitted during the period will count for your family. Simply place in a bag -- make sure you indicate your family name and at least one child and their classroom -- and bring to the collection box in the office or in the classroom.

## OUTREACH

### "CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET, BRING IN ONE WARM COAT"

Bring in new or *almost new* coats or outer coverings to your classroom now through February 10th. Please make sure that coats are in excellent condition. (Clean and gently worn, no holes or stains). All sizes are appreciated. See flyer:

[http://www.stmatthewcath.org/news/eventsFlyersArchive/flyer2012-01-09\\_January\\_Outreach\\_-\\_One\\_Warm\\_Coat.pdf](http://www.stmatthewcath.org/news/eventsFlyersArchive/flyer2012-01-09_January_Outreach_-_One_Warm_Coat.pdf)

