



FAMILY NEWSLETTER
September 19, 2007 #4
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TARGET DATES

Mon - Fri	Sept. 17 - 21	* Iowa Testing
Wednesday,	Sept. 19	* Instrumental program begins 3:10 p.m.
Thursday,	Sept. 20	* Wrapping paper deadline
Friday,	Sept. 21	* Feast of St. Matthew - Minimum Day – 12:45 Dismissal Altar Server Forms are Due
Sat, Sun	Sept.22-23	* Parish Carnival
Friday,	Sept. 28	* Student Holiday – Staff Professional Development Day
Monday,	Oct. 1-5	* Sixth Grade Outdoor Ed to Mt. Hermon Sports pictures for grades 4,5,7,8
Thursday,	Oct. 4	* Blessing of the Animals
Monday,	Oct. 8	* Holiday – Columbus Day
Thursday,	Oct. 11	* Emergency Preparedness Drill Yearbook meeting – 7:00 p.m. in Library
Friday,	Oct. 12	* 7 th and 8 th grade dance – here
Monday,	Oct. 15	* Minimum Day – 12:45 Dismissal Sports pictures – 6 th grade
Tuesday,	Oct. 16	* Coffee with Mr. Boegel – 8:30 a.m.
Thursday,	Oct. 18	* School Pictures
Mon-Fri	Oct. 15-19	* 8th grade to Caritas

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thursday, October 11th - From 9:15am - 12:15pm
 Please call Beckie Caldwell at 650-620-9236
 Or
 Email beckie.canfield@macys.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents,

Over the last couple of weeks we have been collecting the Handbook Contracts that you and your child(ren) have signed. I send out a **HUGE** “thank you” for your support of the school and its rules. In signing the contract, you and your children are committing yourselves to our school philosophy and mission statement. You are saying that, as a family, you are prepared to adhere to the rules set forth in the Handbook. You are saying, “yes” to St. Matthew’s, the staff, and administration here. We say, “YES!” to you, too, and vow to be the best we can be for you and your children.

I look forward to seeing you this weekend at the Carnival. I can’t wait to see what fun and excitement is in store for us this year!

Blessings,

Mr. Boegel



TRAFFIC ASSIGNMENTS

Week of:	Sept. 24	8-2	Oct. 1	7-1	Oct 9	7-2
	Oct. 15	6-1	Oct. 22	6-2	Oct. 29	4-1

** Visit the school website to view future dates**

FYI...

- We need all recipes by September 21st. **Recipes** submitted after Sept. 21st will miss the printing deadline. So hurry we're looking for your family favorites!!! It's easy to enter online at www.stmatthewcath.org/cookbook
- **Cub Scouts** - The first meeting of the year for Pack #133 will be tomorrow evening- Wed. Sept. 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Serra High School (in the cafeteria next to the gym). All returning, new and interested Cubs, and families, are encouraged to attend. Due to the number of interested first graders, another Den Leader is needed for the Tiger Cubs. If you are interested, please talk to Jim Akeyson at the meeting or contact him at (650)356-1084/Akeyson1@pacbell.net.
- **Yearbook** - Volleyball and baseball pictures will be taken in Ward Hall on Monday, Oct. 1st, starting at 3:15 for all 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th grade teams. Monday, Oct. 15th, sports pictures will be taken for all 6th grade teams and Steve Sirianni's 4th grade volleyball team starting at 3:30. The specific picture time slots will be given along with an order form for team pictures in next weeks Wednesday envelope. If you have any questions please contact Cindy Moscaret at cmoscaret@gmail.com.
- **Girl Scout Open House** - Come and find out what fun and exciting opportunities Girl Scouting has to offer! Friday, Sept., 28th, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Foster City Community Center Wind Room (above the Foster City Library) on East Hillsdale Blvd. If you have any questions, please call Brenda Walsh @ 347-1363.
- **CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL:** THE CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL IS HERE ---This Weekend, Saturday, September 22nd (noon to 10pm) and Sunday, September 23rd (10am to 6pm)! Wear your rastaman and tie-dye gear and come out to have a Jammin' Good Time! Second Annual St. Matt's Idol—Saturday, 3 – 7pm, Tri-tip Dinner—Sunday, 3:30 -6pm. Live entertainment throughout—fun for the whole family! Don't forget to turn in your soda and wine donations to the school office and pre-sale ticket orders by Thursday, September 20 (through the Wed. envelope or to the school office). This is the last week for RAFFLE TICKET SALES—Make sure YOUR class wins the prize for selling the most tickets. Turn in tickets to the classroom, school office or through the Wed.envelope (marked with your class name). Additional tickets and pre-sale ticket forms are available in the school office. Special parking and traffic rules will be enforced—see enclosed map. Limited on-site parking will be available (accessed from Notre Dame Avenue), and off-site parking will be available at Borel Estate (1700 El Camino Real) with continuous shuttle van service. See the website for more details or contact Joan at jzatopek@portoakland.com or Dawn at tita882001@yahoo.com. SEE YOU AT THE CARNIVAL!
- Please remember **WRAPPING PAPER** forms and checks are due NO LATER THAN SEPT. 21st. Your paper will arrive November 13th, perfect time for all your Christmas wrapping. The gifts and candies are a great way to thank people for their work throughout the year (teachers, staff, mail person, garbage men, and gardeners, just to name a few)!!!
- **It's Time to Rock the Casbah!** The St. Matthews 2008 Auction Gala is our major fundraiser. The auction makes a significant financial contribution to the school. This evening is made possible by a score of volunteers. St. Matthews School/Parish families, faculty, staff and friends enjoy a live and silent auction, dinner and dancing in support of their favorite cause – their children! Join us for our kick off meeting Tuesday, September 25 in the school library at 7:pm. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact:

2008 Auction Co-Chairs: Kim Cresci & Carrie Pendolino.
Kim Cresci kimcresci@rcn.com / #343-2527
Carrie Pendolino cpendo@earthlink.net / #347-2015

YARD DUTY SCHEDULE 11:15-12:45

Sept. 24

Cinelli
Cook
Cullinane
DeMartini (Cyndi)
DeMartini(Rich/Chris)

Sept. 25

D'Anna
Diamos
Dickerson
Echevarria
Elchinoff

Sept. 26

Engo
Erdie
Fahrer
Fell

Sept. 27

Fitzpatrick
Foiles
Gaul
Giotinis (Ernie/Andria)
Hebert



***** **Reminder: Please make sure you report to Yard Duty on your specified date. The updated schedule is printed here in the newsletter and is posted on the St. Matthew website under the heading, "Parent Life."** *****

ALTAR SERVERS

Fri., Sept. 21 - Alessandro Engo, Kelsey Yee, Allan Esclamado

Sat, Sept. 22 – 5:30 p.m. – Stephen Woodworth, Christian Villanueva, Julia Villanueva, Joseph LaHerren, Tyler Jones

Sun., Sept. 23 – 7:30 a.m. – Michael McEvoy, Matthew Perez

10:30 a.m. – Eva Zakula, Nicholas Sy, Vaneza Morris, Danielle Jow, Jennifer Valladares

12:30 p.m. – Raizel Luna, Rachel Yan



A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR...

Dear Parents,

This is the weekend of the Carnival, the weekend closest to our patronal feast, the Feast of St. Matthew, September 21st. It is the weekend in which we celebrate our unity as a multicultural family, joined together by a common faith in the Lord Jesus. We rejoice in our togetherness and we work in community to do “Something Beautiful for God” as Mother Teresa would say.

The Carnival is meant for all the parishioners: for school families and families in the catechetical program, for pre-schoolers and for Seniors, for all the ethnic groups of the parish, for people from the neighboring parishes and for extended family. I always try to invite members of my family to join in the Tri-tip dinner and to enjoy the wonderful camaraderie provided by the parish community. It is always a very joyful reunion for all of us.

We also have taken pains to invite the neighbors in a special way. On a separate sheet you will find instructions on how to park off campus and take shuttles to the campus. We also gave the close neighbors a \$5.00 credit for food or beverage.

Speaking of neighbors, we had a meeting with neighbors on Monday, September 10th. This meeting was required by the San Mateo City Planning Commission as part of the process for approval of the new building. It turned out that the neighbors on Capistrano had not been informed of the previous meeting by the City. So they were incensed that they had not been informed. As the meeting unfolded, Mike Jones and Joel Wine fielded all the questions with poise and patience. It is not clear what more has to be done with the neighbors, but Joel and Mike detailed all the ways in which the school and parish have responded to the requests of the neighbors. They explained very clearly that we are trying to be good neighbors and to do what is reasonable. As I explained at the beginning of the meeting, we will do what is reasonable but we should not be expected to do what is unreasonable.

After that meeting, the architect, Ron Case, sent all the material to the commission, including about ten items which the Commission had requested. (It was interesting that in the meeting there was only one question about the building). So everything is now in the hands of the Planning Commission. We should hear something from them soon, hopefully in October. Stay tuned!

See you at the Carnival!!!

Fr. Anthony E. McGuire