



**FAMILY NEWSLETTER**  
**October 3, 2007 #6**  
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**TARGET DATES**

Thursday,	Oct. 4	* Blessing of the Animals
Friday,	Oct. 5	* Kindergarten & 1 <sup>st</sup> to Pumpkin Farm
Monday,	Oct. 8	* <b>Holiday</b> – Columbus Day
Thursday,	Oct. 11	* Emergency Preparedness Drill – 10:00 a.m. Yearbook meeting – 7:00 p.m. in Library
Friday,	Oct. 12	* 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade dance – here – 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Monday,	Oct. 15	* <b>Minimum Day – 12:45 Dismissal</b> Sports pictures – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade
Tuesday,	Oct. 16	* Coffee with Mr. Boegel – 8:30 a.m.
Thursday,	Oct. 18	* School Pictures – Volunteers needed – see below for information
Mon-Fri	Oct. 15-19	* 8th grade to Caritas
Sunday,	Oct. 21	* Family Mass 10:30, Pancake Breakfast to follow
Friday,	Oct. 26	* End of First Quarter Used Uniform Sale – Ward Hall – 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday,	Oct 31	* Halloween Parade
Thursday,	Nov.1	* All Saints Day – 10:30 Mass
Mon-Fri	Nov 5-9	* <b>12:45 Dismissal</b> – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conference Forms are in this week's envelope.  
 Please return by Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>  
 to your **oldest child's teacher.**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...**

Dear Parents,

WOW! I am spoiled rotten this week! Not only do I get to celebrate my birthday once in one week, but twice! Although the real "BIG day" isn't until Friday, the school celebrated with me yesterday at our morning assembly. I received creative cards from every class, and good wishes galore! 50 balloons (or was it 60?) and an incredible cake shaped and decorated like a Raiders jersey, my name and all, was waiting for me in the beautifully decorated Teacher's Room. Thank you so much to the children and the Parent's Association for setting up such a memorable day for me!

A couple small reminders: If you would like to speak with a teacher, PLEASE do not show up at his or her door in the morning or afternoon for an impromptu meeting. Please set up an appointment for a time that works best for both of you. Thank you! Also, as you know, the Blessing of the Animals is on Thursday. Please come to school with the animal(s) you and your child(ren) wish to have blessed, stay through the blessing, and then take the animal(s) home with you after the blessing. Animals are not to stay in the classrooms for the rest of the day. It would make for a bit of a zoo (no pun intended)!

Blessings,

Mr. B



Saturday December 1, 2007  
 Save this date to have Breakfast with Santa in Candy Land!

Are you interested in volunteering to help create Candy Land decor or be one of Santa's Helpers? Contact Phaedra Jeffries (650-242-8785) for decorating committee or Debbie Brown (650-342-9409) for Santa's Helpers and other volunteer opportunities.

## FYI...

**Carnival:** A HUGE THANK YOU to the key organizers and co-chairs of this year's carnival including Joan Claybrook, Cindy DeMartini, Dawn Navarrete, Kevin Santo and June Bruzzone. Also, thank you to Steven Johnson for his expertise with our electrical and power requirements, and Ann Olson and Carmen Lewis who secured and provided support staff for our 5 interactive equipment bouncers and rock climbing wall. This is a big commitment to take on and to provide a safe environment. We had great support from the Hispanic, Chinese, and Filipino Communities running specialty food booths. Also, the Mexican Food booth had all of their food on Saturday donated by Cecilia's and Charlie's Taqueria on Sunday. The Men of St. Matthew BBQ'd hot dogs and hamburgers all weekend long, and ended with the Tri-tip dinner on Sunday night. We had volunteers from both the school and parish community and thank everyone for their help and support.

The 2nd Annual St. Matt's Idol was another huge success, with the winners being:

K - 2nd Grades - Catherine Wall, Margaret Carroll, Gabriella Godoy, Ruby Lewis and Kiley O'Brien. Song - "All for One" by High School Musical 2

3rd - 5th Grades - Payton Cravalho & MarcAnthony Paz. Song - "Soul Man" by the Blues Brothers

6th - 8th Grades - Max Moriarty, Alex Richards, Brian Blankenhorn, Michael Campoverde, Michael Connelly & Bobbi Tiff. Song - "Whip It" by Divo

Best Overall (most votes) - Morgan Khoury, Kristina Cullinane & Regina Fitzpatrick - Danced to song - "Chelsea Degger" by The Fratellis

Each class category received a trophy and \$100 and the Best Overall received a trophy and \$200.

- The **Wrapping Paper** committee would like to thank everyone who participated, it was a great response. If you would still like to support your school and purchase wrapping paper you can go online to [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com), our school code is 887033, and your order will be shipped directly to your home. The school will receive credit until April 2008.

The winner of the Wii.....THE PENDOLINO FAMILY...congratulations Madeline and Zack with total sales of \$724.

- **School Pictures:** Volunteers are needed to help with school pictures on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office and speak with Karen or Kris if you are interested and what time frame you are available. We will confirm all assignments prior to picture day.
- The City of San Mateo Fire Department, is offering a training "Community Emergency Response Team" (CERT). This course is for training civilians to meet their immediate needs following a major disaster, taking care of themselves and their community. People should be trained to help, so that they do not become victims themselves. Recognizing that Fire and Police Department resources would be overwhelmed and may not be where they are most needed, this training is FREE. To learn more about this program go to [www.sanmateocert.org](http://www.sanmateocert.org) or register at the San Mateo Recreation Center. Flyers with additional information are available in the school office.

BE SURE TO REVIEW OUR EMERGENCY PICK-UP PROCEDURE ENCLOSED IN THIS WEEK'S ENVELOPE!!

### YARD DUTY SCHEDULE 11:15-12:45

#### Oct. 9

Ludovico  
Luna (Raul/Teresa)  
Luna (Robert/Sophie)  
Maciejewski (Peter)  
Mahoney

#### Oct. 10

Martin (Stephen/Amy)  
McCann  
McCarthy  
McDermott  
McEvoy

#### Oct. 11

Figueroa-Ojeda  
Monte  
Morris  
Moscaret  
Mullings  
Stauber

#### Oct. 12

Neumann  
Nicolopulos  
Nouaux  
O'Keefe  
Perez (Frank/Hilaria)

\*\*\*\*\* **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." \*\*\*\*\*



### TRAFFIC ASSIGNMENTS

Week of: Oct 9 7-2 Oct. 15 6-1 Oct. 22 6-2  
Oct. 29 4-1 Nov. 5 4-2 Nov. 12 3-1

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