



FAMILY NEWSLETTER
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TARGET DATES

Mon-Fri	Nov 5-9	* 12:45 Dismissal all week – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Sunday,	Nov. 11	* Family Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Monday,	Nov. 12	* School Panoramic Picture – ALL students MUST have their blue sweatshirt for the picture.
Tuesday,	Nov. 13	* Wrapping Paper Pick Up in Ward Hall- 11:00-12:00 and 2:00–4:00 Parent Association Open Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Cronin Center
Friday,	Nov. 16	* 4-2 to Mission Dolores / Fort Point
Monday,	Nov. 19	* 12:45 Dismissal
Wednesday,	Nov. 21	* 12:15 Dismissal , Someone Special Day, NO CASA after school
Thur-Fri	Nov.22-23	* Thanksgiving Holidays
Sunday,	Nov. 25	* Giving Tree begins – See information below
Thursday,	Nov. 29	* School picture re-takes
Friday,	Nov. 30	* Home For The Holidays fundraiser

No Homework Club this week – during Conferences. Beginning the week of Nov. 12th, Homework Club will **only** be offered on Tuesday’s **and** Thursday’s.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents,

Conference week is halfway finished! Hopefully your meetings have gone well and you have had the opportunity to work with your child’s teacher to identify areas of strength and areas for growth for this academic year. Please continue to work closely with your child’s teacher to ensure a successful school year.

Speaking of successful...our baseball and volleyball teams are in the playoffs! I would love to see you showing your support at one or several of the games this weekend. A full schedule can be found below in the newsletter. Go Saints!

Family Mass is this Sunday at 10:30. After that, we will not have a Family Mass until the end of January, so I hope you will be in attendance this Sunday. Two months of no Family Mass is a loooong time!

Have a good afternoon,

Mr. B.

Wrapping Paper Pick up is Tuesday, November 13th, in Ward Hall from 11:00 – 12:00 and 2:00 – 4:00. Please be sure to get your orders!!

St. Matthew's Giving Tree Program: After you've eaten your turkey, jump start the Christmas season by picking up a tag or two from the Christmas tree that will be placed in the Church on **Saturday, November 24th**. Each tag lists a parishioner and a particular item that he or she needs. We ask that you purchase this item as your Christmas gift. Once the gift is purchased, wrap it in Christmas paper and bring the gift to the parish office. **IMPORTANT:** Attach the tag you removed from the tree to the gift you purchased. Please note that gift cards/certificates are greatly appreciated. The gifts will be delivered to the needy families of our parish in time for Christmas. This program allows all of us to help make Christmas a little merrier for our fellow parishioners. Deadline for gift submission is **Monday, December 10th**. Please be responsible and ensure that the gift is returned by the deadline so the families have gifts to open on Christmas. In some cases this may be the only gift an individual receives. For questions, please contact Carla Cravalho at [348-5150](tel:348-5150)/gmccac@aol.com or Tracy Jones at [401-8864](tel:401-8864)/tcjoneski@aol.com.

Home for the Holidays: We are so excited to kick-off the holiday season with our special upcoming event! RSVP is due today, November 7th! Please return your RSVP card to the school office as soon as possible. This event is expected to sell out....so you do not want to miss it!

Be a Saint... This is such a festive time of year. Everyone is making plans and preparations for their Thanksgiving feasts. It is also a time to think of those less fortunate than ourselves. We will be collecting cans of chicken and tuna for the St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Help Center and Fr. Ahlback's food closet. Collection boxes will be in the foyer outside the office.

Baseball and Volleyball News: CONGRATULATIONS to the 6th and 7th grade Baseball teams who each won the Southern Division Championship. Both teams will compete for the North/South Championship, Sunday, at Red Morton Center (McGarvey & Kiwanis Fields) at 12:30 p.m. Good Luck to both teams!!

Congratulations to the EIGHT St. Matthews' Volleyball Teams who made the PLAYOFFS! Please come show your support for the St. Matthews' Volleyball teams in the playoffs on Saturday. The athletes and coaches have had the most successful season in recent history! Go Saints!

Saturday, November 10th South Divisional Playoffs at St. Gregor's:

St. Matts 6th Grade Eagles (Coach Hom) vs IHM @ 11:00am
 St. Matts 7th Grade Sharks (Coach Sale) vs Notre Dame @ 2:00pm
 St. Matts 7th Junior Varsity (Coach Rice) vs St. Pius @ 4:00pm
 St. Matts 8th Sharks (Coach Holley) vs St. Raymond @ 5:00pm
 St. Matts 8th Varsity (Coach Brandt) vs IHM @ 8:00pm

Saturday, November 10th North Divisional Playoffs at OLA:

St. Matts 6th Grade Lions (Coach Gaul) vs St.Dunstan @ 9:00am
 St. Matts 7th Grade Sharks (Coach Levaggi) vs St. Veronica @ 2:00pm
 St. Matts 8th Grade Sharks (Coach Haket) vs St.Dunstan @ 5:00pm

*Teams that win on Saturday will play in the ***Divisional Championship*** on Sunday at either St. Gregs or OLA as follows; Lions 6th @ 12:30, Eagles @ 1:30, Sharks 7th @ 2:30, JV @ 3:30, Sharks 8th @ 4:30, Varsity @ 5:30

YARD DUTY SCHEDULE 11:15-12:45

<u>Nov. 12</u>	<u>Nov. 13</u>	<u>Nov. 14</u>	<u>Nov. 15</u>	<u>Nov. 16</u>
Cravalho	Del Castillo	Devincenzi	Elvir	Fitzgerald (Joe/Marina)
Craviotto	Della Bordella	Di Santo (Marty/Cyndi)	Ervin	Fotinos
Cresci	Delos Santos	Di Santo (Mike/Lizzie)	Fahy	Frankel
Davis	Delzio	Dy	Fayet-Faber	French
deCossio	Devcich	Ellman	Feliciano	Gamberdella

***** **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., Nov. 9 – 8:15 a.m. – Claire and Kelly McCarthy, Cori Martin, Tyler Jones
Sat., Nov. 10 – 5:30 p.m. – Alexander and Justin Lee, Jenna McCormick, Jennifer Valladares, Jack Sheedy
Sun., Nov. 11 – 7:30 a.m. – Scott and Greg Singer
 10:30 a.m. – Rachel Yan, Conor McCann, Nicholas Arnold, Katie French, Richard Padula
 12:30 p.m. – Allan and Alex Esclamado, Patrick Razon, Alessandro Engo
Thur., Nov. 15 – 8:15 a.m. – Alex and Allan Esclamado, Justin and Alexander Lee