



FAMILY NEWSLETTER
November 14, 2007 #12
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TARGET DATES

Thursday,	Nov. 15	* Men of St. Matthew meeting, NEW LOCATION – see below
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, <u>NO CASA</u> 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
Saturday,	Dec. 1	* Breakfast with Santa
Thursday,	Dec. 6	* Coffee with Mr. Boegel
Sunday,	Dec. 9	* Donation Deadline for Giving Tree
Monday,	Dec. 10	* 12:45 Dismissal
Wednesday,	Dec. 19	* 12:45 Dismissal
Thursday,	Dec 20-Jan 2	* Christmas Vacation
Thursday,	Jan. 3	* Classes Resume

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents,

Happy Thanksgiving! I realize that I am about a week early, but we will not have a Wednesday envelope next week, so I am sending you my wishes now! We all have obstacles to overcome, but overall, we are so blessed here in the St. Matthew's Community. I wish you a day full of love and recognition of all that we have for which to be thankful! Have a wonderful day!

Next year, St. Matthew will be undergoing an assessment called the WCEA/WASC process for school improvement for catholic elementary schools. Our last "WASC" was in 2003 and we are scheduled to be reassessed next year. Throughout this year, we will be consulting the parents via surveys to attain information that will help us in our school assessment. We look forward to working with you throughout this process.

Finally, I wanted to tell you how proud I am of your children. Whether they are playing sports and have made it to the playoff rounds, or playing guitar in the after school instrumental program, I am so pleased to hear and see the successes of the students here both in and outside of the classroom. I am so pleased to be their Principal.

Have a great week.

Mr. B.

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. Ahlbach's food closet. Collection boxes will be in the foyer outside the office.

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 **Sunday, December 9th**. 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: Friday, November 30th, 6:30pm-10:00pm. Come mix and mingle with other St. Matthew's parents at this elegant holiday event and support our school! It's not too late to respond; please return your rsvp ASAP to the school office.

Baseball and Volleyball News: **North/South Division Champions!** Congratulations to the 6th grade Eagles and 7th grade Junior Varsity Baseball teams. What a great season!

Congratulations to the Volleyball Teams that played in the **Divisional Championship** this weekend! St. Matthew had amazing performances by their volleyball teams with four teams winning the DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP! Lions 6th (Coach Gaul) & Sharks 7th (Coach Levaggi) are the North Divisional Champs! Sharks 7th (Coach Sale) & Sharks 8th (Coach Holley) are the South Divisional Champs! Congratulations to all teams, players, coaches, and parents for your support and enthusiasm. Go Saints!

These teams will play in the **LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP** next **Saturday, November 17th at Red Morton Gym** with the times as follows:

Lions 6th -St. Matthew vs. St. Pius @ 9:00 am

Sharks 7th- St. Matthew (Coach Levaggi) vs. St. Matthew (Coach Sale) @ 11:00 am

Sharks 8th- St. Matthew vs. All Souls @ 1:00 pm

Please come show your support and arrive early as the games can begin before the scheduled start time.

Men of St. Matthew Meeting: Thursday, November 16th, 7p.m., at
Original Nicks Pizzeria and Pub, 1214 S El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA 94402
(NOTE OUR NEW LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING)

Come have dinner and learn about our upcoming events. Any questions, please email James O'Keefe at rustysfpleating@comcast.net or Tony Villanueva at tvillanueva@lakinspears.com.

Mr. Downey's Christmas Sports Camp: Mr. Downey's Sports Camp will be held on:

Wednesday, Dec. 19th from 12:50 – 3:00 pm (after care until 5:00pm)

8-9am drop off

Thurs, Dec. 20th, Fri, Dec. 21st 9am-12 noon (Half Day)

Thurs, Dec 27th, Fri, Dec. 28th 9am – 3pm (Full Day)

After care until 5:00 pm each day

For more details, there are flyers outside the school office or contact Alan at riktrak@rcn.com or visit the website at www.downeyssportscamp.com

YARD DUTY SCHEDULE 11:15-12:45

<u>Nov. 20</u>	<u>Nov. 26</u>	<u>Nov. 27</u>	<u>Nov. 28</u>	<u>Nov. 29</u>	<u>Nov. 30</u>
Garcia/	Haddad	Hirano	Jadallah (C&J)	Jow	Kish
Villagomez	Harper	Ho	Jadallah (S&C)	Kalife	Krabbenschmidt
Giotinis (M&A)	Healy (R&L)	Hom	Johnson (D&L)	Kaye	Lee (W&D)
Glazer	Herminghaus	Honey	Johnson/Ruiz	Kelleher	Levaggi
Godoy	Herrera	Hughes	Jory	Kelly (P&P)	Lobacz
Goldberg	Hess	Huskins		Kilty	

***** **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

Thur., Nov. 15 – 8:15 a.m. – Alex and Allan Esclamado, Justin and Alexander Lee

Sat, Nov. 17 – 5:30 p.m. – Stephen Woodworth, Nicole O'Keefe, J. DeMartini, Cori Martin, J. LaHerran

Sun., Nov. 11 – 7:30 a.m. – Michael & Robbie Foiles

10:30 a.m. – Nicholas Sy, Eva Zakula, Alex Griffin, Vanessa Neumann, Andrew Kelleher

12:30 p.m. – Maria Mapua, Rachel Yan, Matthew Maniquis, Raizel Luna, Abigail Leus