



FAMILY NEWSLETTER
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TARGET DATES

Thursday,	Nov. 29	* School picture re-takes
Friday,	Nov. 30	* Home For The Holidays; Last day to purchase Panoramic pictures; Cost of Yearbooks are now \$25.00 (Dec. 1 st through Feb. 29 th)
Saturday,	Dec. 1	* Breakfast with Santa
Thursday,	Dec. 6	* Coffee with Mr. Boegel
Friday,	Dec. 7	* 2 nd grade to Nutcracker – Redwood City
Monday,	Dec. 10	* 12:45 Dismissal - Donation Deadline for Giving Tree
Wednesday,	Dec. 12	* Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service –2:00 pm
Wednesday,	Dec. 19	* 12:45 Dismissal
Thursday,	Dec 20-Jan 2	* Christmas Vacation
Thursday,	Jan. 3	* Classes Resume
Tue-Wed,	Jan. 8-9	* Hearing and Vision Screening – grades K,2,5,7 and all new students

School Picture Retakes are this Thursday, November 29th.

All 8th graders will have a school picture taken in their **blue polo shirt**.
Any child who was absent will have their picture taken and needs to wear
their **polo shirt and blue sweatshirt**.
If your child is having their picture redone, they must bring the **complete**
packet of original pictures with them on Thursday.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from Thanksgiving vacation! I hope you had a relaxing break and got a chance to spend some quality time with your family. We are now in Advent, and are asked to embrace the spirit of the season with open hearts and minds. I have found a prayer that I would ask that you please read thoughtfully.

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

Have a good day,

Mr. B.



St. Matthew's Giving Tree Program

Get into the Christmas spirit by picking up a tag or two from the Christmas tree that is located in the back of the Church. Each tag lists a parishioner and a particular item that he or she is in need of which you are asked to purchase as a 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) or Tracy Jones at [401-8864](tel:401-8864).

Home for the Holidays: You are invited to attend an elegant and festive evening with fine wines and scrumptious hor d'oeuvres. Let's celebrate the holiday season with fellow St. Matthew parents and teachers! There will be a Silent Auction featuring personalized, hand-made ornaments from your children's classrooms, a private wine tasting lounge experience from 750 ml and much more.

**** This Friday, November 30th!!! 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm**

** At the lovely home of Mark and Rhonda Fitzpatrick, 315 West Poplar, San Mateo.

** Tickets will still be available for sale at the door....come mingle and support your school!

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)

Thurs, Dec. 20 th , Fri, Dec. 21 st	}	8-9am drop off
		9am-12 noon (Half Day)
Thurs, Dec 27 th , Fri, Dec. 28 th	}	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 rikarak@rcn.com or visit the website at www.downeyssportscamp.com

Cub Scouts:

Cub Scout Pack #133 would like to thank all the families who supported the November Food Drive. The amount of contributions to the food barrels, and other related causes, was wonderful. The Cubs are very appreciative! The next Pack Meeting is Sunday, December 9th. The Cubs will be singing Christmas Carols at a Senior Residence and then they are going bowling. The first half of the Cub Year is going great. All the Den Leaders are providing great care and leadership to the Cubs.

Happy Holidays to the St. Matthew's family from Cub Scout Pack #133!

FYI:

- The student traffic and safety team schedule is now posted on our school website.
- Directory Update for Peter and Marie Martin - The email address, mpmartin@rcn.com has been closed. Our new email, mepmartin@gmail.com is the only valid email address.
- Shop at Talbots Toy Store until Dec. 6th and St. Matt's will receive 10%.
- SAVE THE DATE: The Crab Bash is coming February 2, 2008!!
- Lost and Found is now located next to Room 7-2 in the Main Building.

YARD DUTY SCHEDULE 11:15-12:45

<u>Dec. 3</u>	<u>Dec. 4</u>	<u>Dec. 5</u>	<u>Dec. 6</u>	<u>Dec.7</u>
Lock	Akeyson	Mapua	Franco	Mercurio
Loera	Maciejewski	Marchand	McVey	Meredith
Lopez (Alejandro)	Madera	Mason	Mejasich	Mesaros
Lotz	Mallos (Erin)	McCormick	Mellberg	Milliken
Lynch	Mallos (Peter)	McEnery	Menjivar	Modena
Rosales	Mangual		Rossetti	

******* 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." *******