Weekly Mailer – December 1st

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Principal Article

It is hard to believe that the first trimester is done and report cards are going home. Every child, grades 1st-8th, is bringing home the report card today. The report card envelope needs to be signed and returned. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

The K4 and K5 students will use the new Archdiocesan report card. This report card is only done by semester. Parents of K4 and K5 students will receive the report card in January.

Our master calendar for the school year had Photos with Santa scheduled this Sunday. Unfortunately, we will not be doing that this year.

A week of Out of Uniform for a homeroom was raffled off at the Holiday Social. Mrs. Carrie Ahler won. Both of her children's homerooms will have next week, December 5th-9th, as Out of Uniform. These are Ms. Roth's third grade class and Mrs. L'Empereur's sixth grade class. Congratulations!

Next week will be our Jammie Night for our K4-1st grade students. I hope to see you there!

Parking Lot Reminders

Parents/Guardians, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure our parking lot is safe.

- Always park so you can pull forward to leave – never back up your vehicle in the parking lot.
- Walk within the yellow pathway in the middle of the lot – never drive through the middle of the lot.
- The lot can get backed up – please be patient – we have 260 students leaving at the same time.
- Watch your speed – please drive cautiously – there are small children everywhere.
- If you enter via Oklahoma Avenue – you should exit via Oklahoma Avenue.
- If you enter via Euclid – you should exit via Beloit Road.
- Drop off all children in the parking lot – **Beloit Road should not be used for drop off.**

Winter Weather

It may seem like a long way off, but we need to be aware of winter weather.

- Please double check for uniform sweatshirts and sweaters. The school can be drafty in areas and we want the students to be comfortable.
- If there is inclement weather, St. Matthias Parish School will close if Milwaukee Public Schools close. Please watch the news/radio stations for that information. Please do not call the school or teachers at home.
- Please be aware that the St. Matthias Parish may close outside of Milwaukee Public Schools. The parish has many parishioners who should not be out during inclement weather. They will close if they feel it best serves their clientele.

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Fundraiser Updates from Home & School

Current Fundraisers

Our fundraising season is in full swing. In the past week your child should have brought home information on the Marcus Ticket fundraiser and the annual Calendar Raffle. The Marcus Ticket fundraiser is in place of Club's Choice from last year, and the tickets will arrive before Christmas, so gift cards would make a great gift. I know a few of our family members will be receiving them (and unknowingly helping St. Matthias)! Also, the Calendar Raffle is back again, and these are also great gift choices for your friends and family. Please keep these two fundraisers in the front of your mind these next few weeks to help raise funds for the school.

January 5th - Parental Input Needed

Please mark your calendars to join us Thursday, January 5th at 6:30pm. Home & School will be re-evaluating its fundraisers and fundraiser calendar for the 2017-2018 school year and would like all the parental input and help we can get! At the Home & School meeting on January 5th, Home & School will be reviewing several new fundraisers as well as re-evaluating timing of each fundraisers to ensure we are able to have the most successful year to help support our school, students, and teachers.

We invite all parents to join us to help improve our fundraisers. Want to see a new fundraiser? Heard of a great idea another school has done? We need your input!

Art Class Help

The Art Room is in need of yogurt cups with lids (any size). Thank You!

Ski Club

We are ready for our first Ski Club outing next week. Alpine Valley will be open with plenty of snow on the hills. It will be a good night especially for our beginners to take their free lesson with their student card. Be sure to get all necessary paperwork filled out, and purchase your student cards from Mrs. Caporale in room 204. **All checks must be made out to "Seton Schools."**

See the flyer in this week's mailer or contact Mrs. Caporale at jcaporale@stmatthias-milw.org

MEC

MEC will be closed for Christmas break. Thursday, December 22nd starting at 11:30am through Monday, January 2, 2017. **MEC will be open only in the morning of Thursday, December 22nd**

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Family Athletic Pass

The **"Family Athletic Pass"** will admit your immediate family (parents, grandparents, and siblings) to all home volleyball and basketball games. As well, home tournament games for the 2016-2017 school year. The price of the pass is $60.00.

To purchase the pass:

Go online via the St Matthias Parish School Athletic Page, www.stmatthiasathletics.org. Click "Register" this will take you the "Family Athletic Pass 2016-2017." Complete registration page and pay via credit card or electronic check.

A list of the Athletic Family Pass holders will be kept at the admission table. To use your Family Pass, simply give your name at the table when entering the gym. It's that easy!!

Communication Committee

The Communications Committee is looking for working members. This is an active ministry that works with our web site, Facebook page and E-Newsletter. The committee meets in the parish office conference room the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm we are usually finished by 8:30pm. You don't have to be a techno wiz; if you love to write and report on parish activities we welcome you. We need you to help bring the story of St. Matthias Parish forward. If you are interested, please call the parish office at (414) 321-0893 or e-mail info@stmatthias-milw.org

Catholic Memorial Musical Kids Cast Auditions

Auditions for the grade/middle school cast will be held Saturday, December 3rd from 8:00-11:00am in the CMH Auditorium. Check in is from 7:30-8:00am, with students being released at 12:00pm. The show runs the weekends of February 10th-12th, 17th-19th and 23rd-26th. 601 East College Ave., Waukesha.

About You Girls

This class is for all girls on the threshold of puberty. Girls must attend with a mother or another adult female. Class will be held Wednesday, December 7th from 6:00-7:30pm at the Aurora West Allis Medical Center located at1 West Lincoln Avenue, West Allis.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

12/02 – 1st Grade sings at Village of Manor Park

12/05 – 1st – 8th Grade Hour of Code

12/07 – 1st Quarter Awards Assembly at 2:00pm

Jammie Night at 6:00pm

12/08 – Mass at 8:15am

12/09 – 2nd Grade visits First Stage

12/13 – **Spirit Day**

12/14 – **Dismissal at 2:00pm**

12/15 – Mass at 8:15am

12/19 – SAC Meeting at 6:30pm

12/20 – 1st-4th Grade Christmas Program at 1:00pm & 6:30pm

12/21 – Kindergarten Christmas Program at 1:30pm

4th Grades Candy Cane Lane

12/22 – Mass at 8:15am

Wear Christmas Attire

Dismissal at 11:30am – See special notes in the mailer about MEC hours

12/23 – 1/02/17 – No School

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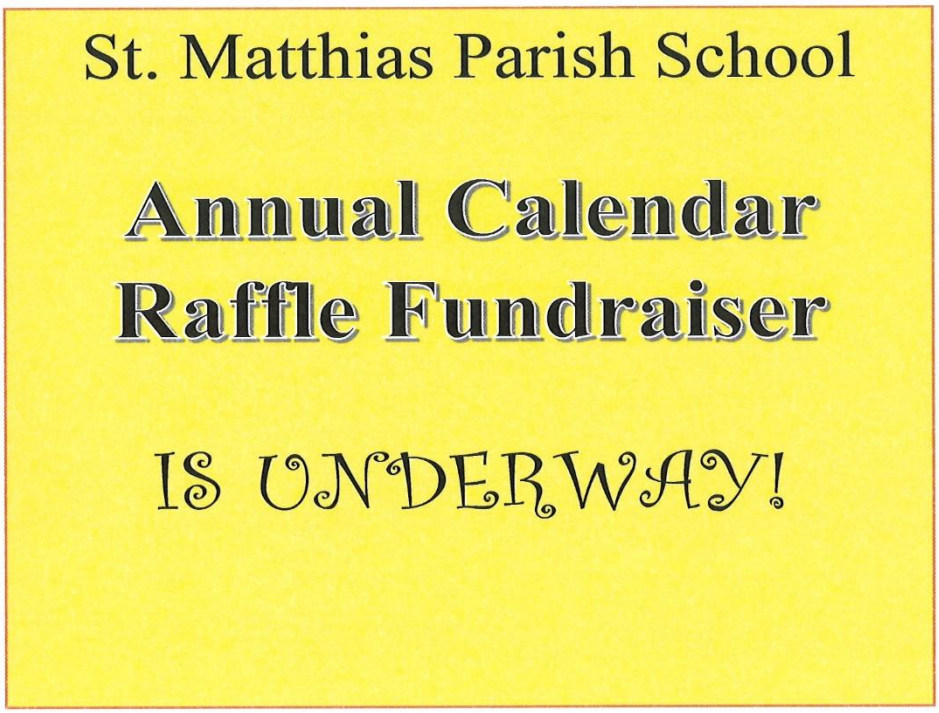
EARLY BIRD SALES INCENTIVE DRAWING – 12/2/16

The first of two $100 Target Gift Card sales incentive drawings is occurring on 12/2/16. Please turn in the calendars you have sold to be eligible to win the first prize!



Here's how it works!

1. The packet sent home in your child's backpack last week included 3 Raffle Calendars and 2 gift tags. We are asking each school family to sell a minimum of 3 Raffle Calendars. *If you are unable to sell the calendars, please return to the school office as soon as possible.*
2. Each calendar is $20. Cash or checks are accepted and the payment is due at time the calendars are turned in. Please make checks out to:
   St. Matthias Home & School Association
3. Purchasers should clearly enter the information at the bottom of each Raffle e Calendar. Make sure to complete the section TICKET SOLD BY with your family's name. Fold the ticket at the perforation line and gently tear off.
4. School families should return the cash or check along with the completed ticket portion of the calendar to the school office.
5. ***A $100 Target gift card drawing will be held on December 2nd. An entry will be placed in the drawing for each calendar a student has officially sold. Officially sold means that the student has turned in the completed ticket portion along with cash or check to the school office on or before drawing dates. A second drawing will be held on December 22nd.***

All tickets and payments are due to the school office no later than December 22, 2016.

Proceeds from this sale will help support St. Matthias Parish School

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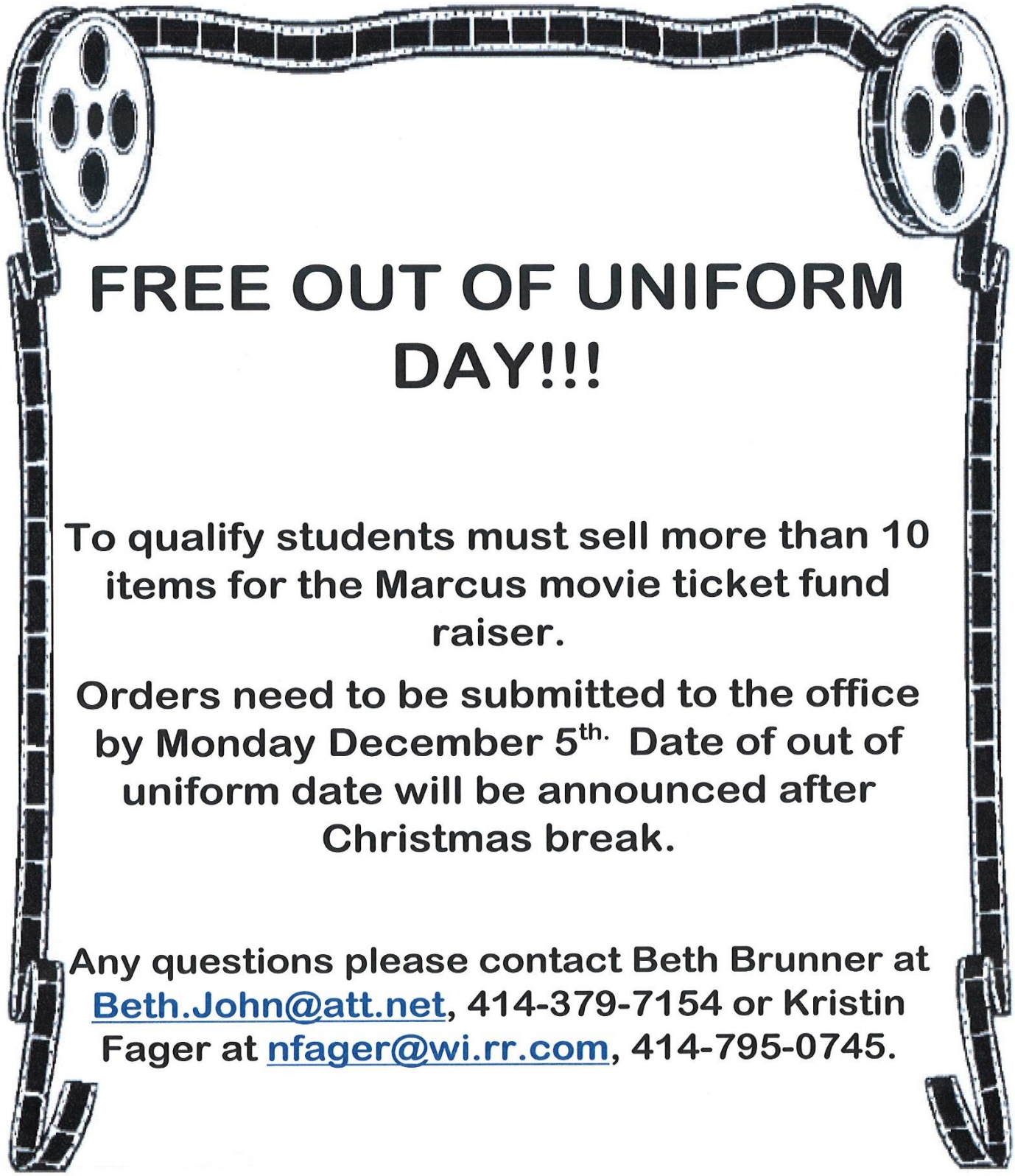

FREE OUT OF UNIFORM DAY!!!

To qualify students must sell more than 10 items for the Marcus movie ticket fund raiser.

Orders need to be submitted to the office by Monday December 5th. Date of out of uniform date will be announced after Christmas break.

Any questions please contact Beth Brunner at Beth.John@att.net, 414-379-7154 or Kristin Fager at nfager@wi.rr.com, 414-795-0745.

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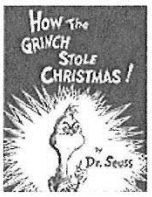
Faith First SAINT MATTHIAS Parish School

YOU'RE INVITED TO



JAMMIE NIGHT!

WHO:
4, 5, and 6 year olds and their families

WHAT:
St. Matthias Parish School
Is hosting a special Christmas-themed Jammie Night
Join us and our guest readers for a fun-filled bedtime story hour.

WHEN:
Wednesday, December 7rd, 2016 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM

WHERE:
St. Matthias Parish School
Stories will be read in various rooms in the hall. After you RSVP, the room you will be starting in will be sent home with your child.

WHAT TO BRING:
Come in your PJs and bring along your family and your favorite reading buddy (stuffed animal). Cookies and milk will be provided!

IF your family will be attending Jammie Night, please fill out the form below and return it with your child to school by Friday, December 2, 2016.

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YES, my family and I will be coming to Jammie Night on Wednesday, December 7th!

_____
(Student first and last name)

_____
(Teacher and room number)

Number of people will be attending _____

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The Hour is coming…

Yes, once again St. Matthias Parish School will be conducting an "Hour of Code" event. This special time for all 1st through 8th grade students will focus on Computer Science, specifically coding.

During their designated hour (45 minutes for the younger ones) students will be able to select from a number of activities that challenge them to solve problems and find solutions.

Who- *All 1st – 8th grade students*

What- *the international* ***Hour of Code***

When- *Monday, December 5th throughout the school day*

Where- *the St. Matthias computer & tech labs*

Why- *to promote* ***Computer Science*** *in our school*

Sound interesting? Well, if you would be interested in helping out, we can use several adult volunteers (Safeguarding trained only) to help supervise anywhere from 60 minutes to the full day. No previous experience is needed- in fact; you will be able to learn right along with the students. If you can volunteer some time, please send an email with your availability to Mr. Heinzen at the following email address… dheinzen@stmatthias-milw.org. We'd be happy to have you on board for our event.

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Ski Club 2016-2017

The Ski (and Snowboard) Club is open to all students who are in 5th-12th grades, however, younger students may ski provided they are accompanied by an adult. Lessons are required for all beginners. A student card, which includes 1 free lesson, must be purchased for $18.00 per student. This card allows evaluation for the advanced hills' lifts and also offers a discounted rate on Sunday-Friday (after 3:00) at the club rate.

We ski at Alpine Valley Ski Resort on Friday nights. The student rate is $18.00 for lift ticket and $18.00 for rentals; helmet rentals are $10. Parents/ guests are welcome to ski with us at the same rate offered to the ski club members. We meet at Alpine Valley Ski Resort in East Troy at approximately 4:00 p.m., and ski until 9:00. Due to the cost of buses, we do not provide transportation. Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from Alpine Valley. We meet in the main lodge in the cafeteria area by the fireplace.

Our outing ends at 9:00. All students must check in by 9:00 in order to verify that everyone has a parent/ guardian present. Families are welcome to stay until 10:00 when the hill closes, however, parents/guardians are responsible for their children after 9:00.

We are looking forward to skiing the following dates:

- ✓ **December 9th and 16th**
- ✓ **January 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th**
- ✓ **Subject to change due to inclement weather/ conditions**
- ✓ **We commit to 6 outings, so we may need to extend the season if necessary to make up for cancellations due to weather!**

We will need to have advance notice for anyone who will ski.
Please email Mrs. Caporale (jcaporale@stmatthias-milw.org) or Mr. Kilps (nathan.kilps@yahoo.com) to let us know if you plan to attend and approximate number of lift and rentals you will need.

Please Note:
Because we need to return unused lift tickets and submit payment by 7:00 each night, be sure that you arrive by then, or make arrangements with us. We will be charged for any tickets or rentals that are not returned at 7:00.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Caporale or Mr. Kilps at the email addresses above or stop in after school.

In the event that you need to reach either of the ski club advisors, you may call Mrs. Caporale at (262) 391-9683 or Mr. Kilps at (262) 302-0518.

Emergency forms are required prior to receiving club card or attending your first outing. Forms are available from Mrs. Caporale.

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A Tree Lot Christmas
Christmas Musical
December 20, 2016
Grades 1-4

November 30, 2016

Dear 1st through 4th grade families,

Hello! This letter is to inform you about the upcoming Christmas program. This year, students in grades 1st through 4th will be presenting the Christmas musical *A Tree Lot Christmas.* Our musical takes place in a parking lot next to Carmichael's Toy Store. In the story, a local youth group is use the parking lot to sell Christmas trees in order to raise funds to buy toys for needy kids. Mr. Carmichael has agreed to let the youth group use the lot but only under the condition that all the toys are purchased at his toy store. Though Mr. Carmichael wants nothing to do with Jesus or Christmas, the kindness of the youth group eventually softens his heart.

The St. Matthias Band will open the evening with their selections of holiday favorites. Band students from grades 4-8 are excited to share their talents with you.

A Tree Lot Christmas will take place on Tuesday, December 20th at 1:00 PM and 6:30 PM. Please mark your calendars now; student participation in the musical is required. Students receive a grade for these performances. Please communicate with me prior to the day of the performance if your student will be absent due to special circumstances. You can email me at aturner@stmatthias-milw.org or call the school office 321-0894.

Our afternoon performance will take place at 1:00 PM in the school gym on December 20th. Family, friends and the student body are invited to attend. **This will be a special dress up day for the first through fourth graders only.** Students in grades 1-4 should wear dress-up Christmas clothes to school so that they look nice for the afternoon performance. Attire for the afternoon show should be the same or similar to the evening performance. Please note that several 4th grade students with special parts will have ADDITIONAL costumes. A separate letter will be coming home with more details for these 4th grade students. Students performing with the band will receive instructions about band attire from Dr. Baylen.

Students should wear their Sunday best clothes for the musical. It is acceptable for students to wear their "Christmas outfit" as long as it's on the dressier side. Girls should be in dresses, skirts or nice pants with a nice top. Boys should be in nice pants, khakis or dress pants and a nice top. Uniform pants are acceptable. No jeans please! Please remember that the stage gets hot so you may want to avoid heavy layers of clothing.

Our evening show is on December 20th at 6:30 PM. Unless your student is in 4th grade and has a special costume, students should arrive dressed for the show. Students should report to their classroom no earlier than 6:00 PM. Supervision will not be available for your student until this time. The doors to the gym will open at 6:00 PM as well. Please plan accordingly.

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Music Department Bake Sale

The St. Matthias Handbell and Youth Choirs will be selling baked goods before and after the both performances. Please stop by and buy a treat. All proceeds go towards music department purchases (such as musical expenses and classroom materials) and Handbell and Choir expenses.

If you have any other questions or concerns please email at aturner@stmatthias-milw.org. Thank you in advance for all your support and dedication to our Christmas program!

For His glory,
Mrs. Alissa Turner
Music Specialist

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Festival Donations Needed By December 22, 2016

November 28, 2016

Dear Parents:

Last year's Basket Raffle was a financial success, about 15 families contributed money and we raised just under $6,000 for the Home and School Association. This year's raffle will again take place at the parish festival in August and with your help we can continue that record of success.

As we did last year, we are asking for monetary donations so we can pool the money to purchase basket items such as an iPod, Kindle Fire, and Brewer and Packer merchandize. Our goal is to raise $1,500 and if every family gives at least $5.00 per child we would be able to come close to our $1,500 goal. We will also accept brand new or unused items for the baskets. As in the past all proceeds from the raffle will go to the Home and School Association to benefit St. Matthias Parish School.

We also need volunteers to plan, shop, and assemble theme baskets. If you would like to be in charge of one or more theme baskets, please let us know by contacting Julie or Daryl Webb at jstachnik@wi.rr.com or 414-861-6750. We would welcome your help. (e-mail, call or text)

Please return the form (found below) to your child's classroom with your donation by December 22, 2016. Please make checks payable to the St. Matthias Home and School Association. If you have any questions or wish to help, please contact Julie or Daryl Webb at jstachnik@wi.rr.com or 414-861-6750.

Thanks for your cooperation,

Julie and Daryl Webb,
Coordinators

Basket Donation

Family Name_____

Grade(s) of Children_____

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Spark your Christmas Spirit

Join St. Thomas More High School for

Breakfast (with Santa) and a Show ("A Christmas Carol")

Sponsored by St. Thomas More High School Fine Arts Booster Club

All Funds Raised will benefit the STM Fine Arts Programs

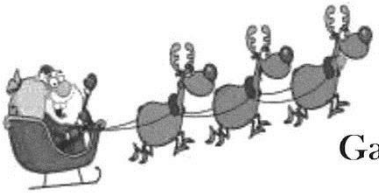
When: December 4, 2016

Breakfast at 11:00am, Show at 1:00pm

Where: St .Thomas More High School, 2601 E. Morgan Avenue

Cost: $20.00 for Adults $15.00 for Seniors $10.00 for Kids

Includes: **All You Can Eat Breakfast and Tickets to the Show**



Special Guest Appearance by Santa!

Games and Photo Booth for minimal charge

To Reserve Your Seats Return below form with check to:

STM Attention FAB by 11/28/16

Family Name: _____

Number of Adults Attending: _____ Number of Children Attending _____

Email Address for Confirmation: _____

Amount of Check Enclosed: _____

Make Checks Payable to Saint Thomas More High School – FAB

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Mass 8:15 Report Cards 1st Grade Field Trip H&S Board Meeting	**2** 1st Grade visits Village at Manor Park	**3**
4	**5** 1-8 Grade Hour of Code	**6**	**7** 2:00pm Awards Assembly 6:00pm Jammie Night	**8** Mass 8:15 AM	**9** 2nd Grade visits First Stage	**10**
11	**12**	**13** Spirit Day	**14** Early Dismissal 2:00	**15** Mass 8:15 AM	**16**	**17**
18	**19** SAC Meeting	**20** Christmas Program at 1:00pm & 6:30pm	**21** K4/K5 Christmas Program at 1:30pm 4th Grade Candy Cane Lane	**22** Mass 8:15 Christmas Dress Day Half Day Dismissal 11:30	**23** No School	**24**
25 Christmas	**26** No School	**27** No School	**28** No School	**29** No School	**30** No School	**31**

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