Phone: (317) 251-3997 Ext. Care: (317) 457-3165

# The Warrior World



Thursday, September 25th, 2025

### **Upcoming Events**

Click here for the School Calendar

### September

### Friday, 9/26

Fund-a-Friend for Haiti Christmas

### Saturday, 9/27

Oktoberfest 6 -10 pm - Back Lot

### October

### Wednesday, 10/1

Picture Retakes

### **Friday**, 10/3

First Friday Spirit Day

### Friday, 10/10

End of 1st Quarter

### Mon. 10/13 - Fri. 10/17

Fall Break

### Wednesday, 10/22

Honor Roll Mass 8:15 am

### Friday, 10/24

PFA Chili Supper 5:00 - 9:00 pm - Gym

### Saturday, 10/25

Trunk or Treat 6:00 pm in Back Lot

### Wednesday, 10/29 Home Learning Day

for **K-8** - Parent
Teacher Conferences

Teacher Conferences 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

### November Mon.- Fri., 11/3 - 11/7

Disability Awareness Week

### Wednesday, 11/5

All Saints' Day
Presentation by 4th
Grade 8:30 am during
All-School Mass

### Thursday, 11/6

First Reconciliation 6:30 pm Church

# School Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, 10/1

Photo packets were sent home with your student yesterday. If you are not satisfied with the pictures, please return the entire packet on Retake Day, which will be held on Wednesday, October 1st, between 9:15 am and 10:00 am. Students who were absent on the original Picture Day will also have their photos taken on October 1st. Please note:

Students getting their pictures retaken **do not need to wear school uniforms** on Retake Day. If you ordered a **class photo**, it will be delivered a few weeks after Retake Day.

# Friendly Reminder: Label Your Child's Sweatshirt

With cooler mornings and warmer afternoons, many students are wearing sweatshirts to school—and then taking them off and leaving them on the playground. To help us return lost items quickly, please make sure your child's name is clearly written on the label of their sweatshirt.

Thank you for your help in keeping our lost-and-found pile small!

### **MealTime Low Balance Alert**

To set up a low balance alert on My Meal Time, follow these steps:

- 1. Log into your My Meal Time account.
- 2. Navigate to the settings or account management section
- 3. Look for the option to set up low balance alerts.
- 4. Adjust the alert settings according to your preferences.
- 5. Save your changes to activate the alerts. This will ensure that you are notified when your meal account balance falls below a specified threshold, allowing you to take action before running out of funds.

Fall Break: October 13 –17 No school for Preschool through 8th Grade



Wednesday, October 29th Kindergarten through 8th Grade: Home Learning Day Preschool/PreK: Regular in-person schedule

Parent-Teacher Conferences Wednesday, October 29th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Conference sign-up links will be shared in next week's Warrior World.

Hey Warrior Fans! St. Matthew Athletics has a new Facebook and Instagram page all its own.

https://www.facebook.com/ profile.php?id=61580649914166

St. Matthew Athletics
(@stmatt\_athletics) • Instagram pho-

### **FUND-A-FRIEND Tomorrow!**

Students are invited to participate in our first Fund-a-Friend by donating at least \$2 to support this worthy cause. In return, students may come to school in casual (non-uniform) clothes! Donations will be collected by homeroom teachers at the start of the day. The funds raised will support our sister school in Haiti for their annual Christmas Celebration.

\*Please note: If a student chooses not to participate in Fund-a-Friend, they may wear their regular school uniform instead.

### Warrior World Article Submission Deadline

Please note that I will be out of the office the week of **October 6th**. As a result, next week's **Warrior World** will be a **two-week edition**. The **deadline for article submissions** is: **Tuesday, September 30th**Thank you!

— Kathy Gray

### **Attendance Line**

When a student is absent or will be late due to an appointment, please call (317)251-3997 ext. 3910 by 8:30 am. If you email your child's teacher to report an absence, please also copy Elizabeth Ellis, eellis@saintmatt.org.

### Lunch Schedule

K-1 11:00-11:25 2-3 11:30-11:55

4-5 12:00-12:25

MS 12:25-12:55

### Social Media

Facebook: @stmattschoolindy Twitter: @stmattschool Instagram: stmattschool

Medical Authorization form

**Extended Care Information** 

Parent Handbook 2025-26

School Calendar

Faculty and Staff Directory

# Looking for your child's teacher or a staff member's favorite flower, cold drink or res-

taurant? Many parents ask for a Favorite Things list for our school and parish staff — it's a great way to learn more about our staff! Click here for the list.

### Snacks Offered in Café - Grades 4th - 8th

Grades 4 – 8 have the ability to purchase a la carte snacks along with their lunch. All snacks are \$1.00 and follow the smart snack guidelines outlined in our Health and Wellness policy. We will introduce the ability to purchase snacks in the lower grades at a later date.

### Alumni Spotlight

Please help us fill the "Alumni Spotlight" bulletin board. This is an awesome example for our younger Warriors to see the great things our Warrior alumni have accomplished.

Please send a picture with the student's name, year of SMS graduation, and a short description of the accomplishment to Colleen Middleton, <a href="mailto:cmiddleton@saintmatt.org">cmiddleton@saintmatt.org</a>.









One of St. Matthew's nicest traditions is our 8th Grade Leaders presenting St. Matthew medals to the Kindergarten students - SMS Class of 2033! These are presented as a reminder to live the Warrior Way each and every day in all they do and all they say. Fr. Bill blessed these special medals, and then the 8th graders took turns presenting them to the Kindergarteners. Congratulations to our current and future Warrior leaders!

Milk Only: \$0.50 Student Lunch: \$4.50 Adult Lunch: \$5.50

### Monday, Sept. 29

- Hot Dog with Cucumber Dill Salad
- Pinwheels with Hummus
- Summer Berry Salad

### Tuesday, Sept. 30

- Chicken Tinga
   Tostada
- PB Banana Quesadilla, Yogurt
- Summer Berry Salad

### Wednesday, Oct. 1

- Hamburger with Broccoli Salad
- Pinwheels with Hummus
- Summer Berry Salad

### Thursday, Oct. 2

- Grilled Cheese & Chicken Noodle Soup
- PB Banana Quesadilla, Yogurt
- Summer Berry Salad

### Friday, Oct. 3

- Bosco Cheese Stick with Marinara
- Pinwheels with Hummus
- Summer Berry Salad

### **Lunch Policy**

Free/Reduced Lunch Application in English Free/Reduced Lunch Application in Spanish

USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.

# **Sports**

### **CYO Season Passes on Sale Now!**

Purchase a family season pass for all home volleyball and basketball games for \$50. This includes admission for parents, grandparents and siblings of the player. Payment can be cash or a check made payable to St. Matthew School and dropped off at the school office.

### Cross Country Meets

Saturday, Sept. 27th at 2:00 pm

Location: Blue River Cross Country

Course Shelbyville

Saturday, October 4th at 9:30 am

Location: St. Malachy

Saturday, Oct. 11th at 9:00 am

CYO Championship Meet

Location: Blue River Cross Country Course

### CYO Boys Basketball Evaluations

Evaluations will be in the St. Matthew Gym

4th Grade – Monday, 9/29

5:30 - 6:30 pm

**5th and 6th Grade – Monday, 9/29** 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**7th and 8th Grade – Monday, 9/29** 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Parents, if you have any questions or if your son is unable to be at the evaluations, please contact Jarrett Hamilton.

jarrett.hamilton22@gmail.com.

Practices start in early November, and games begin after Thanksgiving, but teams need to be submitted by the beginning of October. The fee is \$85 and can be paid with cash or check made payable to St. Matthew School and dropped off at the school office.

### Please register via Sports Engine:

https://st-matthews-sportscommittee.sportngin.com/register/ form/305878932

You will have to create an account for each child. You can sign them up for all the sports at once or wait for each season to sign up. Please contact Eddie Keever, <a href="mailto:eddiekeever@hotmail.com">eddiekeever@hotmail.com</a> if you have any questions about registering.

### Home Football Games

### Thursday, 9/25

4th Grade Eastside Catholic vs. St. Barnabas 5:30 pm (2 of SMS 4th graders play on Eastside Catholic)

Sunday, 9/28

### **HOMECOMING**

Cadet vs. Johnson Co. Catholic 1:00 pm 56 vs. South Central 2:30 pm

Saturday, 10/4

3rd Grade vs. St. Jude 9:00 am

Saturday, 10/11

3rd Grade vs. St. Louis de Montfort 9:00 am

### Home Girls Volleyball Games



### Thursday, 10/2

Cadet B Red vs. St. Maria Goretti 7:00 pm Cadet A vs. Cardinal Ritter Jr. High 8:00 pm

### Saturday, 10/4

56A vs. St. Maria Goretti 9:00 am 56B vs. Christ the King 10:00 am Cadet B Black vs. Our Lady of Grace 11:00 am Cadet C vs. St. Pius X 12:00 pm

### Thursday, 10/9

4th Grade vs. St. Malachy 6:00 pm 56A Red vs. Our Lady of Grace 7:00 pm Cadet A vs. IHM 8:00 pm

### Wednesday, 10/22

Cadet C vs. Holy Spirit Indy
Cadet B Black vs. Holy Name
Cadet B Red vs. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

6:00 pm
7:00 pm
8:00 pm

### CYO High School Boys Basketball

Team Rosters are due Oct. 20th. If your high school son is interested in playing, please email Brad Ford, <a href="mailto:b.radford1@yahoo.com">b.radford1@yahoo.com</a> before 10/20. Please include the student's name, grade and contact information.

# **Fundraisers**

### TRASH BAG SALE - 7th and 8th Grade Only

The 7th and 8th grade classes will be selling everyone's favorite trash bags this year. The trash bag sale has been a fundraiser for St. Matthew School and Parent Faculty Association (PFA) for the past 30+ years and the 2025-26 school year will be the last year for this fundraiser. The school and PFA greatly appreciate your time and effort in making this a successful fundraiser for our school and community.

**DO I NEED TO SELL TRASH BAGS?** The trash bag sale is **ONLY open to 7th and 8th grade** families this year, as a way to raise funds for the beloved 8th grade Washington DC trip. This fundraising opportunity is OPTIONAL, so there is no buy-out option. See a 7th or 8th grade family if you need to stock up on trash bag - or stop by the school office! You can also buy trash bags straight from the Bus Barn and Wednesday, 10/1 (7:00 - 9:00 am & 2:00 - 4:00 pm). Thanks to Carly Brenner and Susie Vannice for manning the Bus Barn! Click here for additional information.

Please note we are out of white kitchen trash bags.





Homecoming Fun! 90's Dress Day! Thank you to our Student Council who planned a fun week to celebrate Homecoming!

Tomorrow is our Pep Rally at 2:00 pm in the gym. If you plan on attending, please park in carpool line.

### **Raise Right Gift Card Fundraiser**

The Saint Matthew Raise Right fundraising program (formerly Scrip) is an ALL-online gift card program in which you can purchase gift cards, not just as gifts but also for everyday expenses (gas, groceries, restaurants, clothing and so much more), and a rebate is provided back to St. Matthew. It's easy and convenient! The amount of rebate varies by brand, and there are over 700 brands who participate.

If you are new to the program or have been inactive, please contact <a href="RaiseRight@saintmatt.org">RaiseRight@saintmatt.org</a> to request a registration form (which must be completed to tie your rebates to St. Matthew) and/or to learn more about the program. We're happy to help!

- Your Saint Matthew Raise Right Committee

# **Enroll Your Kroger Plus Card!**

<u>Click here to register your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card.</u> Our number is RQ009 or search for St. Matthew. Contact <u>Kathy Gray</u> with questions.





# Box Tops for Education

Click here to read more on how you can help SMS earn money!

Wish your student Happy Birthday with a message on the St. Matthew School sign on Forest Manor. The cost is \$10 per name. The funds will support Student Council Click here for information.



# Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering in our First Aid Office, please click here to sign-up. On the job training will be provided. You can work for a few hours or all day! We are flexible! Thank you for your time!

Library Volunteers Needed
If you are willing to volunteer in our
Library, please <u>click here</u> for the
sign-up genius or contact Liz Lichtenberger,
<u>ehv1215@yahoo.com</u>.



### Oktoberfest Volunteers Needed! Earn Family Service Hours by Volunteering at Oktoberfest!

Join the fun and fulfill your family service hour requirements by helping out at our annual **Oktoberfest** on **Saturday, September 27, from 6:00–10:00 PM.** Click here to sign up to volunteer! We appreciate your support in making this event a success!

### Volunteer Information

Volunteer involvement is a key part of what makes St. Matthew a well-rounded and vibrant place, with lots of options to contribute and support both our school and parish communities!

All St. Matthew School families are expected to contribute at least 12 hours of volunteer service to the school and/or parish, and this year we're adding some new <u>special incentives</u> to make it even more worth your while to lend your time and talents! <u>Click here</u> for more info on our volunteer service program, as well as a <u>detailed list</u> of different ways you can contribute depending on your availability, skills, and what speaks to your interests!

Please reach out to Nick McCallum, St. Matthew PFA President, with any additional questions not addressed in the attached documents. (<u>nicholas mccallum@hotmail.com</u>)

We so appreciate our dedicated families who help make St. Matthew a wonderful place for both our children AND adults!

Volunteer Service Hour Google Form <a href="https://forms.gle/atrsNZWT8udMSaTH8">https://forms.gle/atrsNZWT8udMSaTH8</a>
Click on the above link to submit your hours of service. If you already submitted on paper, those have been entered on the google form.

# SAFE PARISH Training Program Required for Volunteers

St. Matthew Catholic Church and School and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis utilize Safe Parish as part of our ongoing commitment to the care and protection of children.

All employees and volunteers who have contact with children (including but not limited to coaches, classroom volunteers, field trip chaperones, nurses, and café workers) are required to complete the training prior to their first day of employment, service, or ministry, even if they have taken Virtus, Safe & Sacred, or other child protection programs. The course takes about 45 minutes to one hour to complete and includes video training and quizzes, a background check, and acknowledgement of a Code of Conduct. Click here for details and the link to Safe Parish.

# Other Information



St. Matthew Men's Club Golf Outing

Wednesday, 10/1

Ironwood Golf Club

<u>Click here</u> for the flyer and information on how to register.

### Fall Festival at the Jordan YMCA

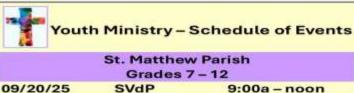
Saturday, Oct. 4 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Trunk or Treat presented by The Sanctuary
Kid's Zumba Demonstrations
Pumpkin Decorating
Family Gaga Ball
Haunted Fairytale Trail
Facepainting
Games
Festive Food

### Weekend Mass Schedule

- Saturday at 5:00 pm
- Sunday at 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am

Coffee and Donuts in the Café after 9:30 Mass on Sundays. Meet other families and donations help support our 8th grade.



09/20/25 SVdP 9:00a - noon 11/15/25 SVdP 9:00a - noon 02/21/26 SVdP 9:00a - noon

For more information regarding SVdP, contact Kara Tappel at 317-914-7028.

7th & 8th Grade Gatherings - NDYM

09/26/25 @CTK 7:00p - 9:00p 11/07/25 @SPX 7:00p - 9:00p 01/23/26 @St. Luke 7:00p - 9:00p

High School - NDYM

01/11/26 @St. Simon blacklight volleyball

### **ARCH INDY**

01/22/26

Indiana Youth Rally & Mass for Life

Grades 7-12

02/28/26

Holy Fire

Grades 6 - 8

For more information, please contact Pam Fleming at pfleming@saintmatt.org.

Do you want your companions to respect you?

Always think well of everyone and be ready to help others.

Do this and you will be happy.

St. John Bosco

### **Project Outdoor Nativity Scene**

We are pleased to cooperate with the Catholic Business Exchange and Front Yard Originals



(www.frontyardoriginals.com) in offering St. Matthew parishioners and school families an opportunity to purchase an Outdoor Nativity Scene for display this Advent and Christmas.

The price for the Outdoor Nativity Scene is \$110.00. A portion of the proceeds will be contributed to St. Matthew Catholic Church. Orders must be received and paid for by Tuesday, October 7th (firm deadline).

To purchase an Outdoor Nativity Scene, please complete an order form (available in the Parish Office, School Office, and Narthex) and submit a check, payable to St. Matthew Catholic Church. Alternatively, you may complete the order form online by **clicking here**. Please be advised that you must still pay via check even if you complete the online version of the order form.

Thank you for your support! God bless! Already have a Nativity Scene? You can purchase additional pieces online by <u>clicking here.</u> Receive a small discount on additional pieces by typing **PONS10** in the discount box.



Parents and kids of all ages are invited to join us for the Children's Rosary. Meetings are held in the Chapel on the first Saturday of every month at 9:00 am. Donuts and fellowship follow the Rosary. Please direct any questions

to Kara and Tim Tappel at (317) 914-7028. The next meeting is Saturday, Oct. 4th at 9:00 am.

# High School Info

### Cathedral High School

### Open House October 2nd

Visit <u>gocathedral.com/admissions</u> to sign up for all events and more!

Class of 2030 - Applications are OPEN!

Application deadline:

October 15th

Decisions sent December 1st

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Dates and Events to Remember:

- High School Placement Test (HSPT)
- September 20th
- October 25th
- Cathedral Coffee/Campus tour/Q & A
- October 8th
- November 5th

### **Open House**

When: Thursday, October 23 Time: 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm



### **Key BCHS Enrollment Dates**

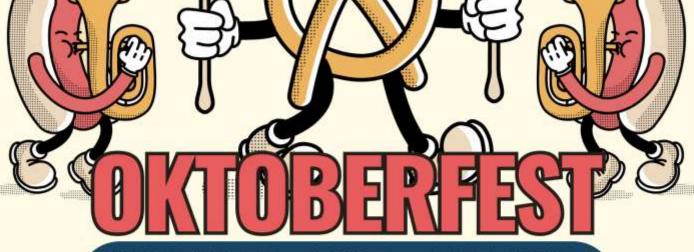
Future Trojan families! Interested in becoming a part of the next class of Trojans? Bishop Chatard High School is now accepting applications and welcoming shadow students for the Class of 2030.

### **Key Enrollment Events:**

NOW-JANUARY - Schedule a Shadow Day NOW-APRIL - Attend a Wednesday Walk-Thru OCTOBER 23 - Join us at Open House NOVEMBER 15 - High School Placement Test NOVEMBER 25 - Admissions Application Deadline DECEMBER 1 - Financial Aid Application Deadline DECEMBER - Watch for your Big Blue Envelope! FEBRUARY 9 - Deadline to submit Trojan Intent Forms/ Deposit

To learn more or register for enrollment events, visit **BishopChatard.org/enrollment**.





BIERGARTEN - FOOD - LIVE MUSIC -KINDER AREA-SEPTEMBER 27TH

SEPTEMBER 27TH 6-10 P.M.

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!!



























Claus' Specialty Sausage Meal Deal Knackwurst or Bratwurst from Claus' Meat Market with Potato Salad & a Bag of Chips	. 9 Tickets
Regular Bratwurst Meal Deal	7 Tickets
Claus' Specialty Sausage	7 Tickets
Regular Bratwurst	5 Tickets
Pretzel with Cheese	5 Tickets
Potato Salad	. 2 Tickets
Chips	1 Tickets

# **DRINKS**

Water 2 tickets

Canned Drinks 3 tickets
Soda, Lemonade, Sparkling Water

Gatorade 4 tickets

# ADULT BEVS

St. Joseph Brews 6 tickets

Domestic Brew 5 tickets

Seltzers 6 tickets

Wine 5 tickets





Please Note: Only Cash Accepted for Tickets!







# Gala Class Basket Raffle Tickets available at Oktoberfest on 9-27!

TICKET PRICES: 1 ticket for \$10/6 tickets for \$50/13 tickets for \$100

The homeroom that sells the most tickets wins an Urban Air party!\*
\*includes free entrance to Urban Air on Nov. 14th from 4-6 pm (transportation not provided by SMS)
Winning homeroom to be announced at the Gala on November 8th.
How does a homeroom get 'credit' for a ticket sale?

In the highlighted space on the raffle ticket, include the grade level and teacher's last name initial For 8th grade, Mr. Moyer is 8B and Mrs. Moore is 8A.

Basket winners do not need to be present at the Gala to win.

Gala Class Basket Raffle
BASKET NUMBER:
FULL NAME:
PHONE #:
CLASS CREDIT to SELLER/ BUYER (ie:3H)
DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

INDIANA GAMING LICENSE #002563

Sneak peek of the class basket themes!

Preschool TBD PreK **Local Favorites** Kindergarten Cozy Reading Family Fun Night 1st 2nd Camping 3rd Tailgate 4th Winter Wonderland 5th Man Cave Puzzles & Snacks 6th Lottery 7th 8th TBD





PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL ST. MATTHEW STUDENTS AND PARISHIONERS, PRESCHOOL/PRE-K - 8TH GRADE

1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE PRIZES FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL.

CUT & ATTACH NAME TAG BELOW TO PUMPKIN.

PLEASE PICK UP PUMPKINS BY THE END OF THE CHILI SUPPER.

ANY PUMPKINS LEFT BEHIND WILL BE THROWN AWAY.

PRIZES AWARDED BASED ON AGE-APPROPRIATE DESIGNS AND MUST BE STUDENT'S OWN WORK.

PUMPKINS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE GYM BY 9:00 AM ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH.

Student's	Name:	

Grade:

<u>Click here</u> for the form for sponsorship and silent auction donations. Sponsorship donations can also be made <u>online</u>.

GALA 2025
Sponsorship
Opportunities
11.8.25



 VIP table and tickets for 8 guests

- Prominently featured individual or company logo at the casino table or bar
- Plus benefits of all lower levels

007 Elite Sponsor

\$3,500

# High Roller Sponsor

- Logo and Tagline featured on new LCD sign along Binford Bivd for 2 months & 56th Street banner for 2
- Verbal Recognition during the event
- · 6 tickets to the event
- Reserved sign and logo at your table
- Plus benefits of all lower levels

\$2,000

# Jackpot Sponsor

- Logo advertised on banner in entryway
- 4 tickets to the event
- Plus benefits of all lower levels

\$1,500

# Ace of Hearts Sponsor

- Recognition on posters, publications and social media
- 2 tickets to the event
- Plus benefits of all lower levels

Double or Nothing Sponsor

- Logo featured on online auction website and guest's mobile devices
- Recognition in Parish Bulletin and weekly E-newsletter
- 2 Tickets to the event

\$750

\$350

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Questions: Contact- crystalann25@gmail.com

## Family and Friends

\$100

Each donation in this category will sponsor one St. Matthew faculty or staff member to attend the Gala!
Recognition during the event and Thank You Ads offered.



Early Bird Discount <u>Tickets</u> on Sale! \$80 until Oct 12th

NOVEMBER 8, 2025



# CASINO ROYALE

SAINT MATTHEW GALA

NORTHSIDE EVENTS AND SOCIAL CLUB 6:00pm to 11:00pm

DRESS TO KILL- NO TUXEDO REQUIRED

LIVE MUSIC BY ONE VOICE INDY
OPEN BAR AND HEAVY APPETIZERS
LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS
ALUMNI TRIBUTE
CASINO GAMES



Tickets and reserved tables on sale starting August 1, 2025!

# INDIANAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

# SHOWCASE AND FALL FIRE SAFETY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 IFD TRAINING ACADEMY 9020 E 33<sup>RD</sup> ST INDIANAPOLIS, IN

10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Free Food, Fun & Giveaways! Live Rescue Demonstrations! Safety Fun for Your Family!



