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# The Warrior World



Thursday, May 1st, 2025

## Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the  
School Calendar

### Key Dates 2025-26

#### May

##### Thursday, 5/1

Walk-a-thon 1:45 pm

##### Friday, 5/2

May Crowning 1:30 pm

##### Saturday, 5/3

First Communion

##### Mon., 5/5-Fri., 5/9

8th grade to DC

##### Thursday, 5/15

Last Day of Preschool

##### Friday, 5/16

1:00 Dismissal  
No Extended Care  
Field Day  
Last Day of PreK

##### Wednesday, 5/21

Graduation 6:00 pm  
Church  
8th Grade Honors at  
9:45 am in the church  
No All-School Mass

##### Thursday, 5/22

Last All-School Mass  
8:30 am

##### Friday, 5/23

Last Day of School  
K-7th  
1:00 Dismissal  
No Extended Care

#### June

##### Mon., 6/2 - Thurs., 6/5

Vacation Bible School



### Choice Scholarship

**WE NEED YOUR 2024  
TAX RETURN ASAP!**

If you are applying for a school voucher for 2025-26 school year, please turn in the first two pages of your federal tax return to the school office. [Click here](#) for FAQs and [click here](#) for the eligibility requirements for 25-26.

## May Crowning

Join us for May Crowning TOMORROW May 2 at 1:30 pm in church. Our 8th grade will crown Mary and lead us in praying the rosary. This is a long-standing tradition at St. Matthew School.

### Upcoming Early Dismissals

Friday, May 16th - Field Day  
Last Day PreK

1:00 pm Dismissal (K-8)  
No Extended Care

Friday, May 23 - Last Day (K-7)

1:00 pm Dismissal  
No Extended Care

### Summer Care 2025

May 27th to June 27th  
7:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Register before May 16th**

with the \$35 registration fee  
and receive a free camp shirt.

[Click here](#) for the registration form and details. If you have any questions, please contact our Summer Care Director, Sam Padgett, [spadgett@saintmatt.org](mailto:spadgett@saintmatt.org).

## Walk-a-thon - TODAY at 1:45 pm

Thank you to all who have donated so far!  
We also want to thank our corporate and family sponsors - listed on page 3.

St. Matthew School families are welcome to join us as our students walk around our campus as we raise money for continued technology improvements! **(We will walk inside if the weather doesn't cooperate!)**

[Click here](#) to register on PledgeStar or you can send in cash or a check made payable to St. Matthew School. We will be collecting donations until Friday, May 9th.

A BIG thank you goes out to Jen Hurrle and Shannon Everly for co-chairing this event! We appreciate your time and efforts!



## 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, please also copy Elizabeth Ellis, [eellis@saintmatt.org](mailto:eellis@saintmatt.org).

## Social Media

Facebook: @stmattschoolindy  
Twitter: @stmattschool  
Instagram: stmattschool

## Parent Handbook

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar

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## Lunch Schedule

K-111:00-11:25  
2-311:30-11:55  
4-512:00-12:25  
MS12:25-12:55

[Click here](#) for the faculty and staff directory and email addresses.

[Click here](#) to review the policy on when a student should stay home or return to school after an illness.

## Medications

If your student needs medication (prescription or over-the-counter) at school, please complete the [Medical Authorization form](#) and drop off at the school office. All medication must be in its original bottle.

Please [click here](#) for our Extended Care Policies.

## Attendance Clarification

Per Archdiocese of Indianapolis guidance, students who are more than 45 minutes late OR leave more than 45 minutes early will be recorded as a half day of attendance.

## School Supplies 2025-26 School Year

### SMS Families: Don't Wait!

Have you seen the price of eggs lately? Everything is going up, even school supplies at Walmart, Target, and Amazon. But not at 1st Day School Supplies. We locked in the lowest price months ago!

👉 Order Here: [1stDay.sale/38235](https://1stDay.sale/38235)

Get everything your child needs hassle-free! Why spend more when you don't have to? [Click here](#) to place your order! Deadline is July 1st.

This program is optional. If you don't purchase the kit through 1st Day School Supplies, the supplies listed for your student's grade level will need to be purchased and brought to school on the first day of school. See the 2025-26 list by [clicking here](#).



Order your 2024-25 yearbook now! The cost is \$15 if ordered before May 9th or \$20 if ordered between May 10th - May 31st. Last day to order is May 31st. A limited number are available, so get yours now!

You can purchase online at:

<https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/SMS25>

Yearbooks will be delivered the first part of August.

**All non-uniform passes will expire at the end of this school year.**

Milk Only: \$0.50  
Student Lunch: \$4.10

### Monday, May 5

- Chicken Tinga Tostada
- PBJ
- Chef Salad

### Tuesday, May 6

- Walking Taco
- Chicken Wrap
- Chef Salad

### Wednesday, May 7

- Mandarin Chicken
- PBJ
- Chef Salad

### Thursday, May 8

- Pretzel Dog
- Chicken Wrap
- Chef Salad

### Friday, May 9

- Mac and Cheese
- PBJ
- Lunchie Munchie

If your student owes money on their lunch account, they will not be allowed to buy extras.

## Lunch Policy

[Free/Reduced Lunch Application in English](#)

[Free/Reduced Lunch Application in Spanish](#)

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# Thank you to our Walk-a-thon Sponsors!

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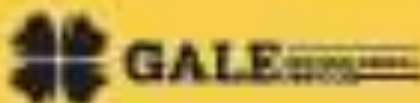
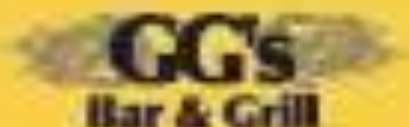
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Field Day - Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 pm Dismissal  
No Extended Care

Our goal is to make the day fun, inclusive, and memorable for all students. To that end, we're refreshing a few aspects of Field Day to promote leadership, teamwork, and celebration.

What's Changing:

- **Student Leadership Focus:** This year, we're proud to introduce a student-led format! Our 8th graders will lead the activity stations, while 7th graders will serve as team "coaches"—motivating and supporting their peers throughout the day. This shift gives students meaningful leadership roles and helps them contribute to the day's success.
- **New Rotations & Challenges:** We're adding new, creative activities—from water relays to bounce houses to team-based problem-solving games—while keeping some traditional favorites. These rotations are designed to encourage movement, collaboration, and lots of smiles.
- **Celebration Over Competition:** While friendly games remain, the emphasis is shifting from prizes to recognizing effort, spirit, and participation—reflecting *The Warrior Way*! Everyone's contribution matters.

**Lunch / Snack:** A sack lunch will be available for purchase from the cafeteria on Field Day or students can bring their lunch from home. Every student will receive a refreshing treat at one station during the morning – no need to bring money.

**How You Can Help:** While I won't be asking parents to run stations this year, I would still love to have you join us as spectators and cheerleaders! Your presence adds so much energy and joy to the day. I feel this allows you to truly be a part of your child's day without the stress of being responsible for a station.

**Field Day is scheduled for May 16, 2025, with a Superhero theme  
a fun way to celebrate the everyday heroes in all of us!**

- Students should wear their Field Day/Walkathon t-shirts, school-appropriate shorts or sweats and sneakers. Please bring a water bottle. Because of some water activities, students may want to bring an extra set of clothes. Students may also wear a Superhero cape or accessories (no weapons, please) – Label with their name; they are responsible for keeping track of their items throughout the day.
- **Please apply sunscreen at home** before school. Students will be outside for extended periods, and we want everyone to stay safe and comfortable.
- **In case of inclement weather,** information about a Rain Out plan will be communicated in advance to homeroom teachers. We will enjoy modified activities, but we will not reschedule our day. The first Field Day event will begin at 8:30am and end at 11:00am. Lunch will be from 11:10-11:50 with the 7th Grade Kickball game starting at 11:55am.
- **Dismissal is at 1:00pm with No Extended Care.**

As this will be my first Field Day at SMS, I'm truly looking forward to making it a fun, uplifting day with your support. Thank you for helping us create a Field Day that celebrates leadership, community, and joy for every student.

Miss Sawyer  
Physical Education Teacher



# Sports

## CYO Girls' Softball

### Cadet

Thurs., 5/1 6:00 pm at Bishop Chatard  
Thurs., 5/8 6:00 pm at Bishop Chatard

## CYO Track Meets

**Sunday, May 4 - 1:00 pm**  
at Clark Pleasant Middle School

### CYO Championship Meets

**Friday, May 16 - 5:00 pm**  
Field Events at Guerin Catholic

**Saturday, May 17 - 9:00 am**  
Prelims for Running Events at Guerin Catholic

**Wednesday, May 21 - 5:30 pm**  
Finals for Running Events and Relays  
at Marian University

## Summer Tennis

In cooperation with the City of Indianapolis, Indy Parks, and area schools, National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) will operate a six-week recreational tennis program for youth ages 5 - 18 at 15 locations throughout Marion County. The classes are June 2 - July 18. [Click here](#) to view the flyer in English and [click here](#) to view the flyer in Spanish. Scholarships available.



CYO Cadet Softball  
8th Grade Recognition Night

## CYO Boys' Baseball

### 7th Grade

Mon., 5/5 - 5:30 pm at Midwest Sports #1

### 8th Grade

Mon., 5/12 - 6:00 pm at Optimist Park

## CYO Physicals Scheduled at SMS

Physicals are a requirement for CYO athletics and need to be updated every year. Don't delay and get your child taken care for the upcoming 25/26 school year. Please have your child registered with the [link](#) provided and contact [Renee Miller](#) with any questions or if you would like to volunteer! We are in need of any nurses, PTs, ATCs or medical professionals able to take vitals. Volunteers please email [warriorkb123@outlook.com](mailto:warriorkb123@outlook.com) if you can help.

**\$35**

**St. Matthew CYO Sports Physicals**

with Ashley Mahin FNP-C

**Wednesday May 28th**

**6-8 pm**

**Register Online**

**www.NursesDirectConnect.com**



# Volunteers

Volunteer Service Hour Form  
[Click here](#) for the form that can be completed and dropped off at the school office.



Kylie was "Principal for the Day" last Thursday. This opportunity was a silent auction item from Trivia Night.


## Middle School Field Trip to Adrenaline Action Park



### SAFE PARISH Training Program

**Required for Volunteers and Coaches**

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. [www.Archindysafeaparish.org](http://www.Archindysafeaparish.org) Passcode: Archindy2021



A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Cristina Aparicio and her team of Lisa Lecher, Palak Effinger and Sarah Zurschmeide for organizing and running our Teacher Appreciation Week. Also, a special thank you goes out to YOU for all your donations and support this past week in recognizing our faculty and staff. The lunches and treats were amazing!





# Fundraisers



**RaiseRight!** It is a gift certificate fundraiser. For more information on how to enroll, please email: [raiseright@saintmatt.org](mailto:raiseright@saintmatt.org) or stop by the school office.

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 info.

**haulstr** Spring is here! If you purchase mulch from Haulstr, they will donate back to St. Matthew! Haulstr also has other services. Click on the following link.  
[Saint Matthew Indianapolis - Haulstr](#)



**Box Tops for Education**  
[Click here](#) to read more on how you can help SMS earn money!

**Enroll Your Kroger Plus Card!**  
[Click here to register your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card.](#) Our number is RQ009 or search for St. Matthew. Contact [Kathy Gray](#) with questions.



# Community

VBS 2025

## Mama Mary: Holy & Blessed

REGISTER NOW!

VOLUNTEERS (\$0)

PARTICIPANTS (Ages 3 - completed Gr. 2)

MARCH 1 - APRIL 20 (\$25 per child)

APRIL 21 - MAY 23 (\$30 per child)



[Click here](#) for VBS registration form.

### Weekend Mass Schedule

- Saturday at 5:00 pm
  - Sunday at 7:30, \*9:30, 11:30 am
- \*Coffee and donuts in the Café following 9:30 Mass.

### YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT SCHEDULE

**Friday, 5/2** Youth Gathering  
Gr 6 – 8 at St. Joan of Arc

**Nov. 20-23** NCYC at Lucas Oil  
High School Students

For more information, contact  
Pam Fleming, [pfleming@saintmatt.org](mailto:pfleming@saintmatt.org).

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul--Twin Bedding Urgently Needed

We have recently been informed by our friends at SVdP that they are extremely short on twin-sized bedding. If you are able, please donate new (or gently used) twin-sized bedding to SVdP. Donations can be left in the large wooden bins in the rear of the Narthex. We--and everyone at SVdP--appreciates your dedication and support for those in need. Thank you.

**6th, 7th & 8th Grade Gathering**  
**Friday, May 2**  
**7:00 - 9:00 pm at St. Joan of Arc**



### \$10.00 admission AND donation for Birthline

Items needed: Diaper Cream, Baby Wash, Sippy Cups, Pacifiers, Teethers, Bottles, Diapers: size newborn to 6, Clothes: newborn to 2T, Formula - Gerber Good Start

### Sports Themed Games, Music, Prizes, and Fun!

Come dressed as a favorite athlete or in your favorite sports apparel.

**All participants, including guests, must fill out a Permission Form.**

[Click here](#) for the permission form.