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The Warrior World

Thursday, January 22nd, 2026

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar

January

1/26 - 1/30
Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday, 1/27
Talent Show 1:15 pm

Friday, 1/30
Staff vs. 8th Grade Volleyball Game

Saturday, 1/31
PFA Movie Night 6:00

Sunday, 2/1
CYO Boys Volleyball Evaluations

February

Tuesday, 2/3
PFA Speaker 6:30 pm
Café - Childcare for SMS Students only available at no cost

Friday, 2/6
Middle School Extravaganza
First Friday Spirit Day

Saturday, 2/7
CYO Music Contest
Bishop Chatard HS
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Thursday, 2/12
Science Fair
Warrior Showcase
6:00 - 7:00 pm

Friday, 2/13
Fund-a-Friend for Blood Cancer United

Monday, 2/16
No School
Presidents' Day

Wednesday, 2/18
Ash Wednesday
Soup and Bread Supper
7:00 pm Café

Friday, 2/20
8th Grade Musical
"Annie Jr."

Talent Show **Tuesday, 1/27 - 1:15 pm**

If you plan on attending the show, please park in carpool line. Students in K - 8 will be dismissed at 3:00 pm.

Reminders from PFA

Thursday, January 29

Open General PFA Meeting

6:00 - 8:00 pm



Attend anytime between 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Community Room. All school parents/guardians are welcome. Come ask questions, provide suggestions, and receive updates on upcoming plans and current projects!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nick McCallum, nicholas_mccallum@hotmail.com.

Saturday, January 31 **PFA Movie Night** **6:00 - 8:00 pm**



The movie, "The Bad Guys 2", will begin after 5 pm Mass. Free and fun for all! The movie will be shown in the Community Room. This is not a drop-off event. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Families are welcome to bring blankets and snacks. There will not be any concessions for sale.

Tuesday, February 3

Are you concerned about your child's technology use? Join us for a workshop & expert speaker on Safe Technology/Device Use, **6:00 - 8:00 pm** in the Community Room. All school and parish families are welcome to attend. Childcare will also be available at no charge. Please email kgray@saintmatt.org to reserve a spot for your child. See "St. Carlo's Corner" on page (7) for details.



Registration for the 2026-27 School Year

The registration fee will increase from \$100 to \$150 on February 1st. If you did not receive a re-enrollment email for your child, please contact Elizabeth Ellis at ellis@saintmatt.org.

If you have a child who will be new to St. Matthew School (Preschool, PreK or any other grade level) registration is available now. [Click here](#) for the registration page. Remember, this link is for NEW students only. Current families who register by 1/30 will receive priority enrollment.

Students in Preschool, PreK or K - 7 not returning to St. Matthew School, please email Elizabeth, ellis@saintmatt.org.

North Deanery Spell Bowl at Bishop Chatard HS

The annual North Deanery Spell Bowl is on Wed., Jan. 28 at 4:30 pm at Bishop Chatard. Good luck to SMS as they compete with the top spellers from the other North Deanery schools as they face off in an exciting competition.

SMS Spell Bowl Team

7th grade:

Colin Gale and Ethan Bishop

6th grade:

Jude Davis, Amelia Essig, Riley Kelly and Dixon Krug

5th grade:

Addy Caruso and JJ Hill

4th grade:

Gus Allen and Ellie McCallum

Thank you to our Spell Bowl Coach, Mr. Ditzler!

Monday, 2/16

No school - **Presidents' Day**

Social Media
Facebook:
@stmattschoolindy
Twitter:
@stmattschool
Instagram:
stmattschool

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

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

Monday, Jan. 26
• Chicken Nuggets
• PBJ
• Chicken Caesar Salad

Tuesday, Jan. 27
• Teriyaki Chicken and Rice
• Yogurt Parfait
• Chicken Caesar Salad

Wednesday, Jan. 28
• Chicken Parmesan
• PBJ
• Chicken Caesar Salad

Thursday, Jan. 29
• Breakfast Pizza
• Yogurt Parfait
• Chicken Caesar Salad

Friday, Jan. 30
• Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup
• PBJ
• Lunchie Munchie

Looking for your child's teacher or a staff member's favorite flower, cold drink or restaurant? 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.

To receive important text messages from St. Matthew School Messenger, [click here](#) for instruction on how to opt-in.

[Medical Authorization form](#)
[Extended Care Information](#)
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[Faculty and Staff Directory](#)

**[Click here](#) for
2026-27 Key Dates**

Outstanding Warriors and Honor Roll

Congratulations to our Outstanding Warriors for 2nd Quarter! The OWA is a long-standing tradition at St. Matthew School. This award is given to one student per grade each quarter who truly embodies the Warrior Way. These students were selected by their teachers for demonstrating the characteristics of kindness, leadership, compassion, and Christian behavior. We are Warrior Proud!

Kindergarten - Isa
1st Grade - George
2nd Grade - Dylan
3rd Grade - Julian
4th Grade - Olivia
5th Grade - Effie
6th Grade - Sterling
7th Grade - Connor
8th Grade - Maria

[Click here](#) to see the students who earned a place on the Honor Roll. Congratulations to our Warriors!



Lunch Policy

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

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

USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.

Sports

CYO Boys Volleyball Evaluations are Sunday, February 1

4th grade: 1:00 - 1:45 pm

5th and 6th: 2:00 - 2:45 pm

7th and 8th: 3:00 - 3:45 pm

If your son is unable to attend the evaluations, he will still be placed on a team. Please email Nicole Helton at helton.nicole@gmail.com to let her know if he cannot make it. We are in need of Coaches! Please reach out to Nicole if you would like to volunteer to coach a team. Go Warriors!

IMPORTANT CYO Sports News

We need to determine if there is sufficient interest in some spring sports to field a team. SPORTENGINE will be our source for this information, so please use the following links to let us know if your son/daughter is interested.

Soccer (Coed grade 5-8)

<https://stmatthewssportscommittee.sportngin.com/register/form/903527406>

Boys Volleyball (4-8) EVALUATIONS SUNDAY, 2/1

<https://stmatthewssportscommittee.sportngin.com/register/form/337274803>

Boys Baseball (7-8)

<https://stmatthewssportscommittee.sportngin.com/register/form/715841292>

Girls Softball (7-8)

<https://stmatthewssportscommittee.sportngin.com/register/form/995512056>

Track (Coed 3-8)

<https://stmatthewssportscommittee.sportngin.com/register/form/033942599>

A Volunteer is still needed to serve as coordinator of our CYO Track team

Please contact our Athletic Director, Eddie Keever, (317) 476-2848 or eddiekeever@hotmail.com if you can help or if you have any questions.

CYO Girls Basketball Home Schedule

Tuesday, January 27th

56A 6:00 pm

Cadet B 7:00 pm

Cadet A 8:00 pm



Thursday, January 29th

4th White 6:00 pm

56B 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 5th

PACK the HOUSE NIGHT!

Free Admission for SMS Students

4th White 6:00 pm

Cadet B 7:00 pm

8th Grade Recognition between games

Cadet A 8:00 pm

Tuesday, February 10th

56A 6:00 pm

Cadet A 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 11th

4th White 6:00 pm

4th Red 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 24th

4th Red 6:00 pm

56B 7:00 pm

Cadet B 8:00 pm

Sunday, March 1st

56A 3:00 pm

Cadet A 4:00 pm

56B 5:00 pm

TAKE A SHOT and Join the Catholic Lacrosse Club of Indianapolis!



Saints Lacrosse is now registering players for the Spring season! Boys and girls, grades K-8 are eligible. We offer a great environment to learn the fastest game on two feet! Please go to www.catholiclax.com to register!

Registration for Spring season closes at midnight on **Sun., 2/15**. Financial aid and scholarships are available to those that qualify!

[St. Matthew Athletics Facebook Page](#)

[St. Matthew Athletics Instagram Page](#)

SAVE the DATE! Catholic Schools Week - January 26th - January 30th

If your child doesn't want to participate or doesn't have something to match the theme, the student should wear their school uniform.

Monday, January 26:

"America Day"

USA spirit with red, white and blue - Students may wear red, white, and blue. **Please note that political shirts, slogans, or commentary are not permitted.**
Thank you for keeping the focus on our unified SMS school spirit!

Tuesday, January 27:

"Holiday Celebration Day"

Dress in your festive gear celebrating your favorite holiday (Ex.: Christmas, Halloween, Valentine's Day, etc.)

Talent Show at 1:15 pm

If you are attending the talent show, please park in carpool line.

(5th grade students must wear uniform until they return from their field trip to St. Simon)

Wednesday, January 28:

"Career Day"

What do you want to be when you grow up? Dress as your future self! (examples: doctor, teacher, firefighter, artist, etc.)

Student Council students must wear uniform until after field trip to SS Peter and Paul Cathedral)

Loud Speaker BINGO

Thursday January 29:

"Cartoon Character Day"

Dress as your favorite movie or tv cartoon character!

Friday, January 30:

"SMS Spirit Day"

Show your Warrior Pride! Students are encouraged to dress in SMS spirit wear/school colors (red/white/black)

8th Grade vs. Staff Volleyball Game - 2:00 pm in the Gym

If you are attending the game, please park in carpool line.

As we approach Catholic School's Week (CSW), we will be collecting items for the [Arthur and Ruth Browne St. Vincent House](#) to help them stock the house with some basic needs.

The hospitality house is a 20-bedroom house and provides a home-away-from-home to families with patients who are receiving care at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital. As a type of retreat, the facility is designed to convey a sense of peace and rest, a place for emotional and spiritual refreshment, and a place where a family can just be a family.

Below is a list of items per grade level that we are collecting. This great service project for our students is to show that we are a "Community of Service." Homerooms will be collecting items and will take donations **now** through **Friday, Feb. 6**. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Vincent House Donation Requests

Preschool/PreK: Individual Snacks (Pretzels, Chips, etc.)

Kindergarten: Individual Snacks (Pretzels, Chips, etc.)

1st Grade: Fruit Snacks and Individual Juice Boxes

2nd Grade: Granola Bars and Ramen Noodles

3rd Grade: Individual Snacks (Pretzels, Chips, etc.) and Individual Size Assorted Cereal Boxes

4th Grade: Microwavable Soup in a Bowl/Cup and Microwavable Macaroni & Cheese

5th Grade: Liquid Laundry Detergent and Dryer Sheets

6th Grade: Individual Tuna & Cracker Kits and Individual Snacks (Pretzels, Chips)

7th Grade: Liquid Hand Soap and Tissues

8th Grade: Paper Towels and Individual Fruit Cups

Volunteers

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.

Library Volunteers Needed

If you are willing to volunteer in our Library, please [click here](#) for the sign-up genius or contact Liz Lichtenberger, ehv1215@yahoo.com.



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!

Volunteer Service Hour Google Form

<https://forms.gle/atrNZWT8udMSaTH8>

Click on the above link to submit your hours of service.

We Still Need Volunteers for Annie Jr.!

Our *Annie Jr.* production is coming in February, and we need adult volunteers! All hours count toward service hours.

Ways to Help:

- **Costumes**
- **Set Pieces** - Build before 2/15 or help build/locate on Sunday, 2/15
- **Videographer** - Record the performance on Friday, 2/20

Important Dates:

- **Set Building Day:** Sunday, 2/15
- **Performance Night:** Friday, 2/20

Your help makes this production unforgettable for our students!

If interested, please email Mr. Arrowood at narrowood@saintmatt.org

We are still looking for an old looking couch approx. 5 feet long. This will be returned.

Fundraisers



Enroll Your Kroger Plus Card!

St. Matthew School just received a quarterly check from **Kroger** for **\$546** — all thanks to families who have registered their Kroger Plus Shopper's Card. We can earn even more at **no cost to you** if all of our families sign up! [Click here to register your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card](#). Our organization number is **RQ009** or simply search for **St. Matthew**. Thank you for supporting St. Matthew School every time you shop!

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 new and improved St. Matthew School sign on Forest Manor. The cost is \$10 per name. The funds will support Student Council. [Click here](#) for information.



Struggling with home projects? Treat yourself or gift a membership to Neighbor Serve, Indy's home service club. It's less than Netflix at \$96 / year, and **Neighbor Serve** will donate 50% back to our school for any new members in January!

- VIP access to the top 5% of Indy contractors.
- \$13k in member-offers (free HVAC tuneup, \$600 off closets, etc.).
- Get help on any home project in the app, or call, text, or email their local team!

Learn more and join the club [here](#).

6th – 12th grade students

Opportunities to interact in fun and spiritual ways with others
throughout the North Deanery and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis!

Click on the follow links for details:

[North Deanery 7th and 8th Grade Gathering](#)

[Ski Trip](#)
(Register by 1/27)

[Arch Indy Holy Fire](#)
(Register by 1/27)



CALLING All DADS!

Northside Fraternitas House: Saint Matthew's very own Mike Lopez will be our featured speaker. Next Friday, January 30th, from 6:30 AM to 8:15AM. Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 28th: tinyurl.com/FraternitasNorthside2026Jan.

Pray, learn, and discuss how to be a better father... and enjoy a delicious FREE breakfast! Hosted by Marian University's Franciscan Leadership Institute. Please RSVP TODAY by clicking on the following link: tinyurl.com/FraternitasNorthside2026Jan.

For more information contact Mark Bridenstine, Director of Fraternitas and St. Matthew Parishioner at mbridenstine@marian.edu or 317-361-8084. [Click here](#) for the flyer.



Mr. Arrowood teaching Pre-K about the organ for letter "O" week.

Fitness Center

The Fitness Center is open for parish and school families. Cost is \$100 per year. During the school year and the month of June, the hours are 5:00 am-7:45 am and 4:00 pm -10:00 pm Monday through Friday, and 5:00 am-10:00 pm on weekends. All of July it is open 5:00 am-10:00 pm.

To enroll and for more information, please [click here](#).

SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation
Bible School 2026

June 1 – 4

Jesus, Tell Us a Story



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 for donuts help support our 8th grade.



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 Sat., 2/7 at 9:00 am.**

High School Information

Wednesday Walk-Thru

Feb. 11 & 25, Apr. 8 & 22

Time: 8:15 – 10:00 am



Parents/Guardians of 7th and 8th-grade students, are invited to spend a morning getting to know Bishop Chatard High School. During the Wednesday Walk-Thru, parents/guardians will hear a brief presentation from school leadership and current students, followed by a tour of the school. Throughout the morning, there are opportunities to ask questions. [Click here](#) to register.

BCHS Summer Camp Registration Opens 1/26

It's a great time to start thinking about summer! We're excited to offer an awesome lineup of summer camps for students in grades 1–8, featuring several new options along with all of our longtime favorites. Registration opens Monday, January 26, at 9 am. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Boys Basketball - Wednesday, January 28

Come cheer on the BCHS Boys Basketball team on Wednesday, January 28 against Covenant Christian. Watch [@BCHSEnrollment on Instagram](#) for more details for this North Deanery Night



St. Carlo's Corner

Save the Date! Tuesday, February 3rd

Join us on the evening of Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30 pm for a special workshop for all school and parish families. Laura Weaver, a licensed mental health counselor from [The Cabin Counseling and Resources](#), will give a presentation on the science and best practices of safe technology usage. From dangers & devices to tools & tactics, Laura brings proven methods of how to manage technology use and keep kids safer online.

Childcare for SMS students will be available at no charge. So that we can have adequate staffing, please email [Kathy Gray](mailto:kgray@saintmatt.org), kgray@saintmatt.org if you will be bringing your student for childcare.

Did you know?

The more time an adolescent spends on social media, the more likely he/she is to subsequently use tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs.

(<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/38419151/>)

Missed a Corner? [Find previous ones here.](#)

VALENTINE'S DAY GRAMS FOR SALE!

Send a special Valentine's Day treat and note to your child for only \$1 and support your student council!

Valentine's Day Grams will be delivered on Friday, February 13th!

Grams can be purchased by sending in a message and money addressed to Mrs. Middleton or at the school office

Happy Valentine's Day!