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The Warrior World



Thursday, January 8th, 2026

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the
School Calendar

January

Wednesday, 1/14

1:00 pm Dismissal
K-8 Ext. Care Available
Preschool/PreK regular
schedule

Monday, 1/19

No School - MLK Day

Tuesday, 1/20

Open House for
Prospective Warriors
5:00 - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 1/21

Honor Roll and Out-
standing Warrior Mass
8:15 am

1/25 - 1/30

Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday, 1/27

Talent Show 1:15 pm

Friday, 1/30

Staff vs. 8th Grade
Volleyball Game

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

Monday, 2/16

No School
Presidents' Day

Wednesday, 1/14

1:00 Dismissal (K-8)

Extended Care Available

Preschool/PreK regular schedule

Monday, 1/19

No school - MLK Day

Monday, 2/16

No school - **Presidents' Day**

Registration for the 2026-27 School Year

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year for **current students** began on Monday, Jan. 5. The registration fee is \$100 per student until Friday, Jan. 30 then it will increase to \$150 per student on Sunday, Feb. 1st. On Monday, Jan. 5, parents should have received an email with a specific link for each child's reenrollment. Only one parent has access to complete the application. If you have more than one child, you should have received an email for each child. If you have any questions, or if you did not receive and email, please contact Elizabeth Ellis, eellis@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.

Students in Preschool, PreK or K - 8 not returning to St. Matthew School, please email Elizabeth, eellis@saintmatt.org.

Homework Policy when Absent

After an absence, students will be given the same number of days as those that were missed to make up any missing work. Homework that was due on the day the student was absent will be due the day he/she returns. Larger, long-term assignments will still have the same due date unless otherwise arranged with the teacher.

Homework assignments will be given to students when he/she return to school. See page 5 in the Handbook for details.

Save the Date Talent Show

**Tuesday, 1/27
1:15 pm in the Gym**

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

TOMORROW is SPIRIT DAY!

Tomorrow, 1/9 is St. Matthew Spirit Day. Students can dress in their favorite SMS spirit wear or wear red/white/black. **IU attire is also acceptable! Go Hoosiers!!** If your child does not want to participate, he/she can wear their school uniform.

Wednesday, January 21st

8:15 am in the Church

Honor Roll Mass for Grades 3-8

**Outstanding Warriors
Announced for K-8!**

Open House!



Tell your friends
and family about our
[Open House](#) for
Future Warriors!

Tuesday, January 20th

5:00 - 6:30 pm

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, ellie@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

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.

[Medical Authorization form](#)

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[School Calendar](#)

[Faculty and Staff Directory](#)

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

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

Attention 7th Grade Students

St. Matthew has participated in Disability Awareness Week through the Joseph Maley Foundation for the last 9 years. It is an amazing program that helps to educate our students about various disabilities, along with the goal of teaching respect, empathy, and kindness for all.

There is a wonderful leadership opportunity for 8th grade students (they sign up as 7th graders) to be part of the Puppet Troupe! Students will attend a camp in the summer to learn how to facilitate the puppets and practice scripts that will teach younger students about disabilities and the importance of acceptance and inclusion of all. They will then travel to different schools during the school year to perform! (You also get bonus points in science class for participating)

Below is the application link to become a puppeteer!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8Nohc792M_vGBU3zAoRn2f0mSylyVgQumGLPppznfBhOfmQ/viewform?usp=dialog

Please contact Mrs. Middleton, cmiddleton@saintmatt.org if you have any questions.

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

Monday, Jan. 12

- Regular and Spicy Chicken Patty
- PBJ
- Chicken Caesar Salad

Tuesday, Jan. 13

- Spaghetti with Meatballs
- Yogurt Parfait
- Chicken Caesar Salad

Wednesday, Jan. 14

- Cheeseburger and French Fries
- PBJ
- Chicken Caesar Salad

Thursday, Jan. 15

- Beef and Cheese Nachos
- Yogurt Parfait
- Chicken Caesar Salad

Friday, Jan. 16

- Macaroni and Cheese
- PBJ
- Lunchie Munchie

[Lunch Policy](#)

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

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

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Sports

CYO Boys Home Basketball Schedule



Saturday, January 10th

56A 9:00 am

4th Grade 10:00 am

Tournament Schedule

Monday, January 12th

4th Grade 6:00 pm at Holy Spirit Geist

Saturday, January 17th

56B 9:00 am at Little Flower

56C 9:00 am at St. Luke

Cadet B 9:00 am at St. Matthew

56A 12:00 pm at St. Jude

Cadet C 12:00 pm at St. Pius

Sunday, January 18th

Cadet A 2:00 pm at Bishop Chatard

CYO SPORTS SIGN-UP

This year, the SMS Sports Committee purchased SportsEngine, an online sports management platform that will be the primary method for families to register and pay for sports at SMS moving forward. SportsEngine will make communication easier for the committee, coaches, and others. Beginning next year, all sports sign-ups, payments, and communication will be managed through SportsEngine. Therefore, it is essential that parents and guardians create a SportsEngine account and register their families and athletes. Students can register now for past, current, and upcoming sports seasons, including programs such as Track, Baseball, and Softball. To get started now, please use this registration link:

<https://stmatthewssportscommittee.sportngin.com/register/form/305878932>.

Thank you for supporting our school's sports programs and for helping us ensure all athletes are registered on time. If you have any questions or need help with SportsEngine registration, please contact Eddie Keever directly at eddiekeever@hotmail.com or 317-476-2848.

St. Matthew Athletics Facebook and Instagram Page

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

[St. Matthew Athletics \(@stmatt_athletics\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

CYO Wrestling

The 2026 CYO wrestling season is quickly approaching! The Christ the King Wrestling program would like to invite your son(s) to join us for another wrestling season. Since St. Matthew School doesn't offer a wrestling program, we team with Christ the King for those boys who are interested.

Practices started this week. Competitions will be from late January through mid-March. Registration is currently open so be sure to get your son(s) registered as soon as possible.

Registration and payment:

[2025-26 CKS Sports Registration](#)

Little Guys (K - 4th) \$40

Cadet (5th - 8th) \$80

We're looking forward to yet another great season! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Josh White

ckswrestling@gmail.com

Christ the King Wrestling Coordinator

Seeking Volunteers to Serve as Heads of CYO Track and Boys' Volleyball

The responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Shall identify coaches to be assigned to the individual sports
- Inform each coach of the guidelines established by the Athletic Committee as they relate to the parish objectives and philosophies of participation
- Coordinate the distribution and collection of equipment and uniforms
- Confirm participation fees are collected for each player
- Verify all coaches are Safe Parish certified
- Creates a selection committee for each sports team per level

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

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/atrsNZWT8udMSaTH8>

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

Volunteers Needed 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:

- 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 old Victorian style furniture to borrow.


Old looking couch approx. 5 feet long

Old high back chair

All items will be returned.

Fundraisers

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.



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!

January 11
Grades 9 – 12
North Deanery
Black Light Volleyball

February 28
Grades 6 – 8
Arch Indy
Holy Fire

January 22
Grades 8 – 12
Arch Indy
Rally for Life and Mass

February 21
Grades 7 – 12
North Deanery
Ski Trip

January 23
Grades 7 & 8
North Deanery
7th & 8th grade Gathering

Click on the follow links for details:

[Black Light Volleyball](#)
[Arch Indy Rally for Life](#)
[North Deanery 7th and 8th Grade Gathering](#)
[Ski Trip](#)
[Arch Indy Holy Fire](#)



Nativity
Pageant
Christmas Eve
2025



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 Saturday, February 7th at 9:00 am.**

Birthline Donations Needed - Thank You!

Item's most needed are:

Diapers size NB or 1, clothes size 24 months or 2T, baby books, hi-chairs, strollers, port-a-cribs

Other gently used or new items which are always accepted include:

New OR clean gently used maternity clothing, newborn-2T clothing, bouncy seats or swings, baby and toddler toys and books, bath tubs, training potties, blankets, winter item, bottles

A donation box is located in the back of church or we are happy to pick up your donations upon request. Simply call or text 317-775-5080.

You may also donate via amazon with this link : [Check out my list on Amazon](#)

High School Information

Wednesday Walk-Thru

**Jan. 21, 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.



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, kgray@saintmatt.org if you will be bringing your student for childcare.

Did you know?

"Adolescents who spend more than three hours a day on social media face double the risk of anxiety and depression symptoms, and the average daily use in this age group, as of the summer of 2023, was 4.8 hours." [Source](#)

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



BLAZE BASH

BLAZE is a program rooted in scripture and designed especially for **Girls in grades 7 and 8**. Please join us at our next gathering on Sunday,

January 18th, from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M.

This month, "Blaze Bash" is all about finding healing and hope for our hearts, both big and small. Girls in grades 7-8, join us on January 18 from 5–6:30 pm for games, friendship, and a deep dive into how God can mend our hearts and help us through tough times.

Please direct questions to Theresa Neff at theresa.r.neff@gmail.com. What is Blaze? It's a welcoming Catholic Bible study for middle school young women. Connect with friends and explore your faith, tackling topics like relationships, social media, and your identity as a daughter of God—all rooted in Scripture!