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The Warrior World



Thursday, October 23rd, 2025

Upcoming Events

Click here for the School Calendar

October

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 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Friday, 10/31

Special Dress Day -See Page 3 for info

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

Friday, 11/7

First Friday Spirit Day

Saturday, 11/8

Casino Royale Gala Northside Events and Social Club 6:00 - 11:00 pm

Monday, 11/10

Poinsettia Orders Due

Wed., 11/12 & Thurs., 11/13

Vision and hearing screenings

Wednesday, 11/19

1:00 pm Dismissal **K-8**Extended Care is available

PFA Chili Supper and Pumpkin Fest Tomorrow!

Join us for the Chili Supper tomorrow night from 5:00 - 9:00 pm (Food served until 8:00 pm). See details on page 8. This is a check/cash only event.

Suggested donation for chili, etc. is \$10 per adult or \$35 per family \$10 for Game Room punch card \$10 Unlimited Haunted Hallway wristband \$5 one-time trip thru Haunted Hallway

Raffle tickets for the Gala class baskets will also be on sale at the Chili Supper. These can be purchased with cash or checks made payable to St. Matthew.

If you are participating in the Pumpkin Festival, see the flyer on page 9. All

pumpkins must be in the gym by 9:00 am tomorrow morning. Judging begins at 9:30 am.



Click here to sign up to volunteer! We appreciate your support in making this event a success! If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Mills, smills@saintmatt.org.

Wednesday, October 29th Home Learning Day

For Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Preschool/PreK

Regular in-person schedule Morning Care only After School Care is not available

Parent-Teacher Conferences Wednesday, 10/29-8:00 am - 6:00 pm

See page 2 for conference sign-up links for K - 5. Middle School teachers will not have scheduled conference times. Conferences will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Childcare is not available during the conferences.

Poinsettia Sale

Our Class of 2026 is selling poinsettias to brighten your holiday season! These poinsettias come in red, pink, and white and are \$13 per plant. Orders with payment are due Monday, 11/10 by 3:00 pm. Pick-up is Thursday, 12/4 from 2:00 - 6:00 pm in the Narthex of the church.

Orders must be prepaid with cash or a check made payable to St. Matthew School. If you do not want an actual plant but would still like to donate to the class, you can purchase poinsettias to be used in the church.

<u>Click here</u> for the Poinsettia Sale order form.

Vision and Hearing Screening

Marion County Department of Health will be here Wednesday, November 12 and Thursday, November 13 to conduct our annual vision and hearing screening.

- Hearing screening will be for all students in 1st, 4th, and 7th
- Vision screening will be for all students in 1st, 3rd, 5th and 8th Vision and Hearing screening will also be available for other students (Grades 1-8), if requested by a parent or teacher. Please send your request to Kathy Gray, kgray@saintmatt.org and note the reason for the request (i.e. "can't see the board").

Parent-Teacher Conferences (K - 8) Wednesday, October 29th from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Home Learning Day for K - 8th

Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-Up Information - Please sign up for conferences with specific teachers by clicking the links below. The sign-up links will close on Monday, October 27 at noon.

Important Notes:

In-Person Conferences: Conferences will be held in person by default. If you prefer a **phone call**, please indicate this by writing "**Phone Call Preferred**" in the *Comments* section of the sign-up.

• **Do not include your phone number** in the Comments section, as it is visible to all. Instead, please send your phone number directly to the teacher via email or other private communication.

Conferences are 15 minutes in length with a 5 minute passing period.

One Slot Per Teacher: Due to time constraints, each parent may sign up for only ONE time slot per teacher. Please do not reserve multiple time slots to allow all families an opportunity to meet with teachers.

Timeliness: Please be respectful of the scheduled time. Teachers must stay on schedule to accommodate all families. Conferences will need to end promptly, and teachers may have to conclude the meeting at the scheduled time.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Art - Miss Clark - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9AC2DA2F5C52-59139932-miss

Music - Mr. Arrowood - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9AC2DA2F5C52-59139727-mrarrowood

PE - Ms. Sawyer - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9AC2DA2F5C52-59139876-msqualls

STEAM - Ms. Qualls - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9AC2DA2F5C52-59139876-msqualls

Kindergarten – Ms. Buehner - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9AC2DA2F5C52-58926822-mrs https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9AC2DA2F5C52-58926924-mrs

First Grade – Mr. Clark - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9AC2DA2F5C52-58927049-mrclark First Grade - Mrs. Rathz - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9AC2DA2F5C52-58926871-mrs

Second Grade – Mrs. Donnenhoffer - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9AC2DA2F5C52-58927098-mrs Second Grade – Miss Tuttle - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9AC2DA2F5C52-58927097-miss

Third Grade – Mrs. Sheehan - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9AC2DA2F5C52-58927157-mrs
Third Grade – Ms. Jack - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9AC2DA2F5C52-58927211-msjack

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Kaminski - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9AC2DA2F5C52-58927257-mrs
Fourth Grade – Miss Bridges - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9AC2DA2F5C52-58927205-miss

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Schloemann - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9AC2DA2F5C52-58927309-mrs Fifth Grade – Miss McAllister - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9AC2DA2F5C52-58927313-miss

Middle School teachers will not have scheduled conference times. Conferences will be on a first come, first serve basis so you can meet with the teachers by subject area instead of by homeroom. The Middle School teachers will be in the Community Room at different stations between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm with a lunch break from 12:00 - 12:40 pm.

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.

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, cmiddleton@saintmatt.org.



Congratulations to our 1st Quarter Outstanding Warrior Award winners!

> K - Abe 1st - Alex

2nd - Madelyn

3rd - LJ

4th - Violet

5th - Henry 6th - Amelia

7th - Kate

8th - Sam

<u>Click here</u> for the list of our Honor Roll students.

We are Warrior Proud!

<u>Friday, 10/31</u>: Students may wear a Halloween costume OR a Halloween shirt/orange & black with school appropriate shorts or pants. <u>NO</u> accessories (weapons), face paint, masks, or hair coloring allowed!

*Please note that students must be able to function for a regular school day, such as sit in their chair, write, use the restroom, etc.

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

Monday, Oct. 27

- Pancakes and Sausage Patty
- Turkey & Cheese Sliders and Hardboiled Egg
- Chef Salad

Tuesday, Oct. 28

- Chicken Tinga Tostada
- Pizza Kit
- Chef Salad

Wednesday, Oct. 29

- Home Learning Day
- Preschool/PreK need a home lunch and drink.

Thursday, Oct. 30

- Chicken Tortilla Soup
- Pizza Kit
- Chef Salad

Friday, Oct. 31

- Pizza Calzone
- Turkey & Cheese Sliders and Hardboiled Egg
- Lunchie Munchie

Lunch Policy

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

USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.



Volunteers are needed for the Gala! Anyone signing up will receive a Promo Code for an \$80 ticket OR just come for your shift time to enjoy the atmosphere! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DADA622A5FE3-59596364-2025



Fundraisers

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 RaiseRight@saintmatt.org 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 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.

Sports

CYO Season Passes on Sale!

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.

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 photos and videos



3rd Grade Football Playoff Game

Good luck to our 3rd grade football team who will be playing at St. Matthew this Saturday, 10/25 at 9:00 am in the semi-final game. Come cheer on our Warriors!

Congratulations to the Bishop Chatard High School Freshman Volleyball team! They are the City Champs!

Two of our Alumni are on the team. Way to go Clara and Allison! We are Warrior Proud!





Girls Volleyball Home Matches

Saturday, 10/25

56B vs. St. Roch 9:00 am 4th Grade vs. Holy Name 10:00 am

Thursday, 10/30

PACK THE HOUSE NIGHT

Cadet B Black vs. Holy Spirit Geist 6:00 pm
Cadet B Red vs. Christ the King 7:00 pm
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8th Grade Recognition between these 2 games

Cadet A vs. Little Flower 8:00 pm

Saturday, 11/1

Cadet C vs. Our Lady of Greenwood 10:00 am 4th Grade vs. St. Charles 11:00 am

ST. MATTHEW

ATHLETE of the WEEK



CONNOR BROWNING

Former SMS athlete you look up to: Elise Browning

Role Model:

My dad

Favorite teachers at SMS:

Mrs. Middleton & Mr. Ditzler

Favorite sports memory:

Hitting a buzzer beater half court shot

Favorite quote:

"Don't give up. Don't ever give up."-Jim Valvano

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 <u>click here</u> for the sign-up genius or contact Liz Lichtenberger,



ehv1215@yahoo.com.

Volunteer Service Hour Google Form https://forms.gle/atrsNZWT8udMSaTH8

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.



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!

Other Information



Place: Gymnasium Parking Lot

Car arrival: 4:45p - 5:45p

Treating Time: 6:00p - 7:00p

For more info:

Pam Fleming

pfleming@saintmatt.org

For the safety of all, participating cars <u>must</u> <u>be parked by 5:45p.</u> Also, please enter and exit off of Forest Manor.

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.



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, November 1st at 9:00 am.

High School Information



Open House TONIGHT, October 23 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**.

Cathedral High School Class of 2030 - Applications are OPEN!



Application deadline:

Decisions sent December 1st

Dates and Events to Remember:

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

SMMC Man of the Year: Bob Michael

We offer congratulations to Bob Michael, our 2025 St. Matthew Men's Club Man of the Year. Bob, we thank you for your devoted service to the Men's Club and to the St. Matthew Community.

Would you like to Walk with Mom's in need? Consider donating to Birthline

Item's most needed are:

- Diapers size NB or 1
- Boys or Girls 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 (Especially in L, 1XL, and 2XL)
- New OR clean gently used clothing (boys and girls) newborn through 2T
- Bouncy Seats or Swings
- Baby and toddler toys and books
- Bath Tubs
- Training Potties
- Receiving Blankets and Baby Blankets
- Baby and Toddler Coats and Jackets and Hats
- Bottles/sippy cups

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

CALLING All DADS!

Northside Fraternitas House: Join other men of the north deanery for a breakfast event each month this fall at Liter House in Broad Ripple. The next event will be Friday, October 24th, from 6:30 am to 8:15 am. The theme: "Being a Good Father by Being a Good Husband". Come listen to Greg Stephens, husband, father of 3 and member of St. Lawrence. He has served as an engineer for over 30 years, including several years as president of the company. He'll share his insights on how a marriage rooted in God's grace provides the foundation to be a strong father. The mission of Fraternitas is to empower dads to pass their faith to their families. 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 here:

tinyurl.com/FraternitasOctober2025.

For more information contact parishioner, Mark Bridenstine, Director of Fraternitas, at mbridenstine@marian.edu or 317-361-8084.

JOIN US FOR A





GOOD TIME AT THE SUPER MARIO THEMED

PEA CILL SUPPER

A ST. MATTHEW COMMUNITY EVENT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH



CHIPS & APPLESAUCE (SERVED UNTIL 8PM).

SUPPORT OUR 8TH GRADERS AS THEY OFFER: DESSERT, SOFT DRINKS, GAMES AND A HAUNTED HALLWAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THEIR TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

THANK YOU TO THE MEN'S CLUB WHO WILL OFFER ADULT BEVERAGES!

EARN SERVICE HOURS BY CLICKING HERE!

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM SUGGESTED DONATION \$10 EACH ADULT OR \$35 PER FAMILY

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST! **SEE REVERSE FOR ENTRE FORM & DETAILS**



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.

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

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

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

ANY PUMPKINS LEFT BEHIND WILL BE THROWN AWAY.

Student's Name: ______ Grade: _____