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The Warrior World



Thursday, November 20th, 2025 - 2-Week Edition

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the
School Calendar

November Thursday, 11/20

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

Friday, 11/21

Fund-a-Friend for Staff
Service Project

Tuesday, 11/25

All-School Mass
Wednesday Schedule

Wed. 11/26-Fri. 11/28

Thanksgiving Break

December

Mon., 12/1 -Sun., 12/7

PFA Book Fair

Wednesday, 12/3

Grandparents'/Special
Persons' Day
8:30 - 10:15 am

Thursday, 12/4

Poinsettia Pick-Up
2 - 6 pm in the Narthex

Friday, 12/5

First Friday Spirit Day
Donuts with Grownups
6:30 - 7:30 am - Gym

Monday, 12/8

All-School Mass
Feast of the Immaculate
Conception 8:30 am
Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday, 12/10

Monday Schedule

Thursday, 12/11

K-5 Advent Concert
6:30 pm - Church

Friday, 12/19

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

12/22 - 1/2

No School
Christmas Break

Thanksgiving Break

School will not be in
session on Wednesday,
11/26 through Friday, 11/28.
Happy Thanksgiving!



Registration for the 2026-27 School Year

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year for **current students** will begin on Monday, January 5. The registration fee is \$100 per student until Friday, Jan. 30 then it will increase to \$150 per student on Saturday, January 31. One parent will be sent an email with a specific link for your child's reenrollment. If you have more than one child, you will receive an email for each child. If you have any questions about re-enrollment, please contact Elizabeth Ellis, ellis@saintmatt.org.

Grandparents' and Special Persons' Day

Wednesday, December 3rd

Our Grandparents'/Special Persons' Day is on Wednesday, 12/3. Special guests will meet their student(s) in the church for Mass which begins at 8:30 am. After Mass our guests can visit the PFA Book Fair and classrooms. The festivities should end by 10:15 am. (These times are for K-8. PreK/Preschool will also have Grandparents'/Special Persons' Day on 12/3 but the time will be communicated by the PreK/Preschool teachers.)

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

TONIGHT, 11/20 and Tues. 1/20
5:00 - 6:30 pm

Poinsettia Pick-Up



Thank you for ordering poinsettias from the Class of 2026. Pick-up is Thursday, 12/4 from 2:00 - 6:00 pm in the Narthex of the church. The Book Fair will be open until 6:00 pm on 12/4.



Talent Show Permission Slips Due Tuesday, 11/25

The annual Talent Show hosted by Student Council will be during Catholic Schools Week on Tuesday, 1/27 at 1:15 pm. If your child would like to participate, a permission slip is needed. [Click here](#) for permission slip and details. **The permission slip is due Tuesday, 11/25** and auditions will take place after school on 12/10, 12/11, 12/17, and 12/18. There is a sign-up sheet for an audition time outside Mrs. Middleton's classroom.



Greeting from the SMS Cafeteria!

I'm pleased to update you regarding our a la carte program in the Café. Beginning in December, your **middle school student** will have the opportunity to purchase an additional entrée to accompany their lunch. This means your student will enjoy more of what they love! The cost for an additional entrée is \$2.50 and will be charged directly to the student's food service account. A la carte purchases are not permitted to overdraw accounts. Please review your account balance. If you have questions about this or anything else surrounding lunch service, I'd love to hear from you.

(ewing@archindy.org)

Wishes for a warm Thanksgiving,
Elizabeth Ewing

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 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.

PFA Scholastic BOOK FAIR Hours & Events

Monday, 12/1 – Preview Day for K – 5th
Book Fair Hours: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, 12/2- Preview Day for 6th – 8th
Book Fair Hours: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, 12/3 – Grandparents'/Special Persons' Day Hours:

OPEN to ADULTS ONLY- 7:15 am - 8:15 am.

CLOSED to everyone from 8:15 am - 9:30 am.

Opens back up at 9:30 am. Students must be with their special person if they are in the Book Fair anytime between 9:30 am & 10:15 am.

Book Fair Hours: 7:15 am – 3 pm (Closed 8:15 – 9:30 am)

Thursday, 12/4 - Shopping Day for All Grades

Book Fair Hours: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Poinsettia Pick-Up in the Narthex of the Church

Friday, 12/5- Donuts with Grownups Hours:

Event: 6:30 am - 7:30 am (All students must be accompanied by a "grownup" in the Book Fair.)

Book Fair Hours: 6:30 am – 3:00 pm

Saturday, 12/6 - After 5:00 pm Mass - Family Friendly Happy Hour

Book Fair Hours: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Sunday, 12/7- Final Day to Shop

Book Fair Hours: 10:30 am – 1:00 pm



[Click here](#) for FAQs

ALL FOR BOOKS
Each year we hold an All for Books Classroom Competition and students bring in funds to their homeroom to donate to this cause. The funds collected during this competition are used to purchase books for classrooms at the end of the Book Fair. There are multiple benchmarks rewarded. The classroom that donates the most monies wins a pajama and pizza party.

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

Monday, Nov. 24

- Hot Dogs
- Turkey & Cheese Sliders and Hardboiled Egg
- Chef Salad

Tuesday, Nov. 25

- Chicken Nuggets
- Pizza Kit
- Chef Salad

Happy Thanksgiving!

Monday, Dec. 1

- Chicken Nuggets
- Turkey & Cheese Sliders and Hardboiled Egg
- Chef Salad

Tuesday, Dec. 2

- Walking Tacos
- Pizza Kit
- Chef Salad

Wednesday, Dec. 3

- Chicken Patty on Bun
- Turkey & Cheese Sliders and Hardboiled Egg
- Chef Salad

Thursday, Dec. 4

- Salisbury Steak & Mashed Potatoes
- Pizza Kit
- Chef Salad

Friday, Dec. 5

- Pepperoni Pizza
- Turkey & Cheese Sliders and Hardboiled Egg
- 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

Sunday, November 23rd

Cadet A 1:00 pm
56B 2:00 pm
Cadet B 3:00 pm
56C 4:00 pm
4th Grade 5:00 pm



Saturday, December 6th

56C 9:00 am
Cadet C 10:00 am

Saturday, December 13th

56A 9:00 am
56C 10:00 am
4th Grade 11:00 am

Saturday, December 20th

4th Grade 9:00 am
56B 10:00 am
Cadet B 11:00 am

CYO Girls' Volleyball City Finals!



Thursday, November 20th

Cadet A 6:00 pm at St. Matthew

Sunday, November 23rd

Cadet A If a win tonight, they play
at 3:00 pm at Ritter HS

Girls Basketball Evaluations Sunday, December 7th St. Matthew Gym



4th grade 1:00 - 1:45 pm

5th/6th grade 2:00 - 2:45 pm

7th/8th grade 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Girls basketball teams are due to CYO by Monday, 12/8 so it is imperative that you email Eddie Keever, eddiekeever@hotmail.com if your daughter wants to play this season. Those eligible to participate include 4th through 8th grade girls who are St. Matthew parishioners or are students at St. Matthew School. The Athletic Commission asks that parents stay in their car during evaluations to prevent any distractions to the girls. If your daughter is unable to attend the evaluations, she will still be placed on a team if you email Eddie.Keever and let him know. There will be no late additions.

The cost to play is \$85.00 and is due before playing the first game. Games begin the week of January 26th and continues through February. Post season tournaments will begin in early March.



56 A Volleyball Team

North Deanery Night at Bishop Chatard Girls Basketball - Thursday, December 11

North Deanery students receive FREE admission with their Future Trojan Pass or by wearing their school or parish's spirit wear. Girls Basketball North Deanery Night will be Thursday, December 11 against University High School. [Click here](#) for more details! They look forward to seeing you!

St. Matthew Athletics Facebook and Instagram Page
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580649914166>

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

ST. MATTHEW ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Q&A

Former SMS athlete
you look up to:

Dylan Beard

Role model:

My mom

Favorite school subject:
Social Studies

Hobbies:
Fishing

Favorite sports memory:
**Winning the 56A
Basketball City Title**

Congratulations St Matthew Chess Team on a very successful season and tourney!

For the Regular Season:

8th and U/team 1 came in 4th/24

6th and U/team 1 came in 4th/37

3rd and U/team 2 came in 6th/37

End of Season Tournament:

8th and U/Team 1 won 5th place in King Division

6th and U/Team 1 won 4th place in King division/Team 2 won 3rd place in Bishop Division

3rd and U/Team 1 won 1st place in Knight Division/Team 2 won 1st place in Queen Division

/Team 3 won 2nd place in the Pawn Division

All 6 of our teams came home with a trophy!

Special recognition to 8th graders Jack Schaller and Samuel Rues! Congratulations! Our Chess Team will be recognized at 8:20 am before the All-School Mass on Wednesday, 12/17.

If you are interested in coaching next year please contact Coach Brie Schaller, Brie.Schaller@gmail.com.

We are Warrior Proud!



Outstanding Alumni Award



Congratulations to Mary Marsh who was named our Outstanding Alumni for 2025! She was honored at the Gala. We are Warrior Proud!



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.



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 [click here](#) 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.

Volunteer Information

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 **special incentives** to make it even more worth your while to lend your time and talents! [Click here](#) for more info on our volunteer service program, as well as a [detailed list](#) 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, nicholas_mccallum@hotmail.com

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

Fundraisers

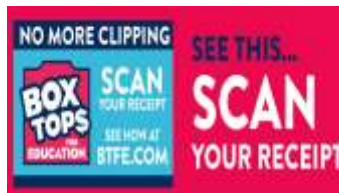
Enroll Your Kroger Plus Card!

[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.

Raise Right Gift Card Fundraiser

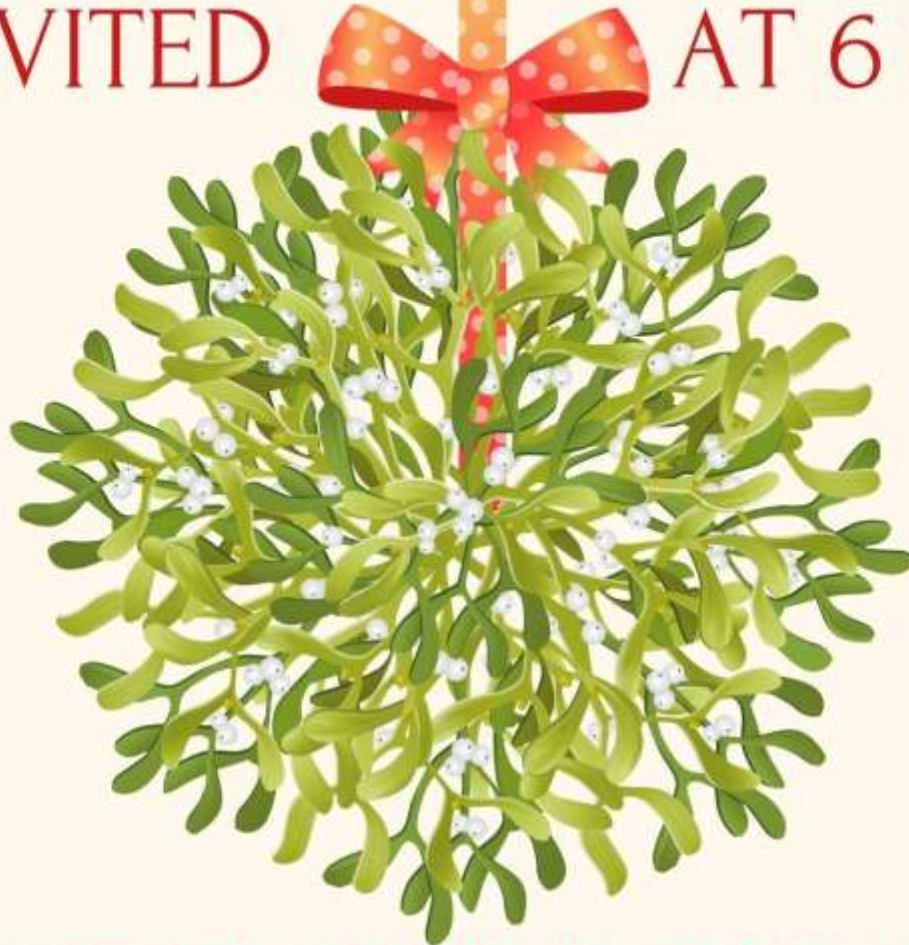
The Saint Matthew Raise Right fundraising program (formerly Scrip) is an ALL-online gift card program in which you can purchase gift cards, not just as gifts but also for everyday expenses (gas, groceries, restaurants, clothing and so much more), and a rebate is provided back to St. Matthew. It's easy 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

YOU'RE
INVITED

DEC 5TH
AT 6 PM



ST. MATTHEW WOMEN'S GROUP INVITES
ALL WOMEN TO
CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING

COME ENJOY AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP AND
CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING LED BY PARISHONER
SANDI PATEL. NO SKILLS REQUIRED, JUST A WILLING
SPIRIT!

PLEASE RSVP [HERE](#) - THERE IS A SMALL \$10
FEE TO COVER MATERIALS

Happy Retirement!

For 4 years, our Business Manager, Judy Good, has generously served our parish and school by attending to our financial needs. At the end of this calendar year, she will retire. She is a vital member of our team and community and will be missed. We would not be as financially stable as we are without her diligent approach to her role. Please help us in thanking Judy for her years of service, and in wishing her and her family a blessed retirement. Thank you, Judy!

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Greg Chiles will be our new Parish Business Manager. Greg has extensive experience in Catholic parish business ministry. Greg will start on December 1st. Please give Greg a warm welcome to Saint Matthew!

Kindness Day - 2025



Grandparents'/Special Persons' Day Stars!

Brighten your student's day with a special note and treat for just \$1.00!

How to order:

Send your note and \$1 in an envelope to Mrs. Middleton.

You may write your note on any type of paper — or print and use the form below!

Stars will also be sold:

At the school office — starting Monday, November 17th

On Grandparents'/Special Persons' Day — Wednesday, December 3rd (all morning)

All proceeds support the Student Council, helping make future school events special!

Grandparents & Special Person Day Star!

To: _____ Class _____

From: _____

Note:

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:

- **Costumes** – Organize, gather, or create costume pieces
- **Set Pieces** – Build **before February 15th** or help build/locate on Sunday, February 15th
- **Hair & Makeup** – Assist cast on performance night
- **Videographer** – Record the performance on Friday, February 20th

Important Dates:

- **Set Building Day:** Sunday, February 15th
- **Performance Night:** Friday, February 20th

Your help makes this production unforgettable for our students!

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

CALLING All Men and DADS! Fraternitas Houses Retreat

Join other men at **Marian University's campus on Friday, December 12th 8:00 am-1:00 pm** for our Fraternitas Kickoff for the 2025-2026 year. The theme is "Hidden Beauty." Our speaker, Fr. Rick Martignetti is VP of the Franciscan Leadership Institute and Lead Chaplain at Marian University. He will guide us on a retreat of prayer and meditation to prepare our hearts to experience the mystical treasure of *Tree of Life*; Saint Bonaventure's retelling of the Origin, Passion and Glorification of Jesus Christ with imaginative reflection and personal encounter with the Lord. 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 coffee, a light breakfast and lunch at no charge! Hosted by Marian University's Franciscan Leadership Institute. Please [RSVP here](#) by **Tuesday December 9th**. For more [information](#) contact St. Matthew parishioner (and former SMS dad!), Mark Bridenstine, Director of Fraternitas, at mbridenstine@marian.edu or 317-361-8084.

Youth Ministry – Schedule of Events

7th & 8th Grade Gatherings – NDYM

01/23/26 @ St. Luke 7:00p – 9:00p

High School – NDYM

01/11/26 @ St. Simon

blacklight volleyball

7th grade – 12th Grade – NDYM

02/21/26 @ Perfect North Slopes Ski Trip

ARCH INDY

01/22/26

Indiana Youth Rally & Mass for Life

Grades 7 – 12

02/28/26

Holy Fire

Grades 6 – 8

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PAGEANT CHRISTMAS EVE

If your child is interested in participating, please email Pam Fleming the following info:

+ **Child's Name & Age**

+ **Parents' names and cell numbers**

+ **Choose one of the following for your children:**

Boys & Girls in Preschool – 2nd grade: *angel, animal, shepherd*

Boys & Girls in grades 3 – 5: *readers*

Please have your child attend practice after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, December 21.

The roles of Mary and Joseph will be chosen randomly prior to practice.

Pam Fleming, pfleming@saintmatt.org



K-5 MUSIC PROGRAM

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR



DECEMBER 11
6:30PM
AT ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

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, December 6th at 9:00 am.**

High School Information

Christmas on Crittenden Friday, December 5

Join Bishop Chatard on **Friday, December 5, from 5:30-7:00 pm** for their annual Christmas on Crittenden celebration! Stroll down Crittenden Avenue toward Door #10, where you'll be greeted by a real North Pole reindeer! Then step inside our winter wonderland (the Auxiliary Gym) to enjoy crafts, snacks, and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Bring the whole family and celebrate the season with us at BCHS! Click [here](#) to register.

BCHS Spirit Shop Blue Friday Sale!

Trojan gear makes GREAT Christmas presents! Shop the [online Trojan Spirit Shop](#) on **Friday, November 28** and get 10% off!

Spirit Shop hours: Shop in-person on regular school days Tuesday-Friday from 11:30 am-1:30 pm.

Wednesday Walk-Thru

**Dec. 3, 2025; 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

Welcome to St. Carlo's Corner!

Each week the St. Matthew Chapter of the St. Carlo Parent Network will share insights to foster discussion and community around technology use as we strive to raise resilient kids in the digital age.

Why St. Carlo?

St. Carlo Acutis, born in 1991 in Italy, is considered the patron saint of the internet. St. Carlo loved video games and computer programming. He used his computer skills to build a website documenting Eucharistic miracles. St. Carlo is a modern saint whose love for the Eucharist and intentional use of technology can inspire all of us to navigate the digital world and the real world with faith and purpose!



See the introductory parent letter the next page.

Birthline Donations Needed - Thank You!

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](#)



Dear St. Matthew Parents,

We're excited to announce a new initiative for the St. Matthew Community. A group of parents, with support from the PFA and school leadership, is launching a new chapter of the **St. Carlo Parent Network (SCPN)**. We'd love to tell you what it's all about and invite you to get involved.

Our mission: Inspired by St. Carlo Acutis, we are a network of parents united in building community, raising awareness, and sharing insights as we navigate complex and personal decisions about devices and digital media in an effort to protect and preserve childhood.

Technology is a powerful tool, but one that can sometimes work against us and especially our kids - from endless scrolling and rabbit holes to the social pressures of group chats, gaming, and social media.

Every family handles these realities differently. SCPN is not about judgment or one-size-fits-all solutions. **We want to foster connection, awareness, and thoughtful decision-making** – because raising kids in a digital age shouldn't feel like something we have to do alone. We hope to offer practical tools and ideas such as the Wait until 8th campaign that each family can consider on their own.

So, what can you expect from us? The Warrior World will feature a **weekly St. Carlo Corner** filled with facts and inspiration. We are also planning future events such as speakers, discussion groups, family "unplugging" challenges and more!

We invite you to join us in this mission and share your ideas and personal experiences.

With hope and gratitude,

Katie & Pat O'Brien
Noelle & Lamar Sykes

Kara & Tim Tappel
Nick & Crystal McCallum

Kathi Snyder
Julie Reyes