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# The Warrior World

Thursday, January 29th, 2026

## Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for the School Calendar  
**January**

**Friday, 1/30**  
Staff vs. 8th Grade  
Volleyball Game 2 pm

**Saturday, 1/31**  
PFA Movie Night 6 pm  
Community Room  
Free!

**February**  
**Sunday, 2/1**  
CYO Boys Volleyball  
Evaluations

**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."

**Wednesday, 2/25**

## Reminders from PFA

### **TONIGHT, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 SUNDAY!**

If you have a question about re-enrollment, please contact Elizabeth Ellis at [ellis@saintmatt.org](mailto: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](mailto:ellis@saintmatt.org).

## Stock the Teachers' Lounge

Valentine's Day is coming soon and the PFA would like to show our teachers and staff some LOVE so let's restock the Teachers' Lounge with snacks and beverages!



The PFA Teacher Appreciation committee, Cristina Aparicio and Lisa Lecher will be at morning drop-off on Tuesday, 2/10 to collect donations or you can drop off items at the school office anytime.

Most loved items are Diet Coke, unsweetened tea, pretzels, chips, granola bars, candy, etc. Really anything goes!

## Save the Date

### Fund-a-Friend

**Friday, February 13th**

To Benefit Blood Cancer United

**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](mailto: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, Feb. 2

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

### Tuesday, Feb. 3

- Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Yogurt Parfait
- Chicken Caesar Salad

### Wednesday, Feb. 4

- Cheeseburger with French Fries
- PBJ
- Chicken Caesar Salad

### Thursday, Feb. 5

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

### Friday, Feb. 6

- Pepperoni Pizza for PreK-3 and Buffalo Chicken Pizza for 4 - 8
- PBJ
- Lunchie Munchie

### Lunch Policy

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

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

**USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.**

**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](#)  
[Extended Care Information](#)  
[Parent Handbook 2025-26](#)  
[School Calendar](#)  
[Faculty and Staff Directory](#)

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

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

**Warrior Showcase!**  
Thursday, February 12th - 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
A night for the St. Matthew Community to view the amazing student projects and activities! There will be projects in the gym and in the students' classrooms.

Visit the table by the front office to receive your raffle ticket!  
Please write your first & last name on the ticket and return to the jar.  
Winners will be announced tomorrow morning by Mrs. Swinefurth!

Projects on display in the gym

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science: Science Fair Projects

MS Language Arts: Novel Projects

-6<sup>th</sup>: Lightning Thief

-7<sup>th</sup>: The Outsiders

-8<sup>th</sup>: The Hunger Games

Projects Displayed in Classrooms:

Art: Our World of Color (projects from various grades displayed)

Music: The Discovery Orchestra

Preschool & Pre-K: Family Fun Games

Kindergarten: Marshmallow CVC Words and Creations

1<sup>st</sup> Grade-Rathz: Personal Narrative Publishing Projects

1<sup>st</sup> Grade-Clark: Writing projects using mentor text for creative inspiration

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Frozen themed STEAM demonstrations & creations

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Array City- where Big City and Mathematics meet

4<sup>th</sup> Grade LA: The Tale of Two Mills- based on Maniac Magee

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Science: Weathering, Erosion, & Deposition Over Time

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Religion: The Blessed Sacrament: Jesus Christ

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Expert Projects

MS Social Studies: Heroes of the World

MS Religion: Stained Glass Bible Stories

MS Warrior Academy: 6<sup>th</sup>-Brain Museum 7<sup>th</sup>& 8<sup>th</sup>- Digital Citizenship

MS Math: 6<sup>th</sup>-Coordinate Art, 7<sup>th</sup> - Real-Life Ratios, 8<sup>th</sup>- My Life as a Function

# Sports

## CYO Boys Volleyball Evaluations are this 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](mailto: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](mailto:eddiekeever@hotmail.com) if you can help or if you have any questions.

## CYO Girls Basketball Home Schedule

Tonight, 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](http://www.catholiclax.com) to register!

Registration for Spring season closes at midnight on **Sunday, 2/15**. Financial aid and scholarships are available to those who 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.*

**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.*

**CSW fun!**



**Career Day!**

**Congratulations to our Spell Bowl team!**  
They placed 5th in the North Deanery Spell Bowl competition yesterday at Bishop Chatard. We are Warrior Proud!

We are 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](mailto: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.



## Friday Night Fish Frys in the Gym 2/27, 3/6, 3/13

### Volunteers Needed!

We need many volunteers to make our Fish Frys successful. Please click on the link below to sign up for a shift or two!

[Fish Fry Community Fundraiser: 2026 St. Matthew Fish Fry](#)

Thank you to the loyal committee for planning this fun family event!

# 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 Neighborhood Serve, Indy's home service club. It's less than Netflix at \$96 / year, and Neighborhood 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](#).

# 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 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Deadline to purchase is Thursday, February 12th**

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

## Valentine's Day Gram

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: \_\_\_\_\_

Support our SMS Girl Scout Troops!

Check in with a 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Grade Girl Scout to order your favorite cookies or stop by a cookie booth throughout the next month at SMS:

- Friday, Jan. 31 at PFA Movie Night
- Sunday, Feb. 1 and Feb. 22 after Masses
- Saturday, Feb. 7 at Parish Happy Hour
- Athletic Events
- Thursday, 2/12 at Warrior Showcase

Questions?

Sharece Phillips - 3rd Grade (812-629-5206)

Julie Reyes - 2nd and 4th Grade (317-762-6341)



## 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 am.**

## SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation  
Bible School 2026

June 1 – 4

**Jesus, Tell Us a  
Story**



## 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](#).

## FIRST SATURDAY HAPPY HOUR

Our next Happy Hour is on Saturday, February 7th after 5 p.m. Mass. Please join us in the Community Room for drinks and snacks. This month's Happy Hour is sponsored by the Peace Meal Committee. All are welcome to join us for this family friendly event.

**Bring your cash or check!  
Girl Scouts will be selling  
cookies during Happy  
Hour.**



## St. Carlo's Corner

**Tuesday, February 3rd  
6:30 pm in the Community Room**

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](mailto: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](#).

## 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 is now Open

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. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Trivia Night Sponsorship and Auction Items Needed

[Click here](#) for details.

## Do you have a special skill?

Do you have a special skill that you would like to teach to others?

Whether it's crocheting, photography, dessert making, etc, our Trivia Committee would love your time and talent as a donation for the Silent Auction!

Please email Beth Walsh at  
bkolasa99@hotmail.com  
for more information!!



St. Matthew Catholic School

# Trivia Night

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The Luxury Service and Expertise You Deserve

March 14th, 2026

6pm - 10pm

St. Matthew School Gym

**\$350/Table of 8**

-Beer, Wine and Liquor included with purchase of table-  
Guests can bring in their own food

**Prize for Best  
Table Decor**



**Silent Auction,  
50/50 & more!**

To purchase tickets, please contact Kelly Miller at [kelljmill@gmail.com](mailto:kelljmill@gmail.com)

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