

September 23, 2022



**Homecoming Parade Today:** For those who are able to join us in walking in the Oconomowoc parade today, we are lining up at 4:45 on Oakwood Avenue (north of Fowler Lake Park). THANK YOU to all who signed up to walk and/or donated candy!

**Blood Drive at School:** St. Matthew's School is hosting another blood drive tomorrow morning in the lobby area at school. The blood drive goes from 7:30-12:30, and you can sign up [HERE](#). We need your help! You can enter the "Rush in to Donate Sweepstakes" for a chance to win two tickets to a professional football game. Here is [more information](#) about terms and conditions.



**MAP Testing:** Starting on Monday, grades 3-8 will start their fall testing session for Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). Students are encouraged to get a great night's sleep ahead of their tests, eat well-balanced meals, and come ready each day.

**Fall Sports Picture Day:** All of our Cardinal fall sport teams will be getting their individual and team pictures taken on Thursday, September 29th, starting at 2:45 p.m. (during practice times).

**School Mission Destination:** The First Quarter mission is New Beginnings: A Home for Mothers. This is a familiar mission for our school, as we collected baby items for them last Christmas. This quarter, we are partnering with First Steps and St. Matthew's Church to participate in the Baby Bottle (aka "Change for Life") campaign. **Each family is receiving a baby bottle "bank" Wednesday or Thursday next week.** Throughout the month, students/families may fill the bottles with coins/spare change. Then, by October 19th, the bottles are all returned to school to be counted. We will have a special presentation in church on October 23rd by the director of New Beginnings. Watch for more info. and the bottles in the coming weeks! For more information on New Beginnings, please visit <https://www.homeformothers.com/>.

**St. Matthew's Forensics:** Students in grades 5-8 are invited to participate and represent St. Matthew's on our 2022 Forensics Team. We have two meets in which we will be participating this year - Friday, October 21st @ 6:00 (here at St. Matthew's), and Friday, November 11th @ 6:00 (at Luther Preparatory School). We would like to have all participating students be available for both events, so please check your calendars to

ensure your family is available for both before signing up. For more information about the St. Matthew's Forensics Team, please contact Mrs. Schlomer ([kschlomer@smls.org](mailto:kschlomer@smls.org)). A permission slip went home with the students this week.

**Upcoming Events:**

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| Saturday<br>9/24/22  | <b>Soccer - Conference Tournament in Watertown</b><br>Blood Drive at School - 7:30-12:30 ( <b>sign up <a href="#">here</a></b> )          |
| Monday<br>9/26/22    | MAP Testing (grades 3-8) Starts ( <u>goes through 10/7/22</u> )   |
| Tuesday<br>9/27/22   | Volleyball (A&B) Practice - 2:45-4:30<br>Faculty Meeting<br>Pioneers @ School - 6:30-8:00   |
| Wednesday<br>9/28/22 | Preschool Power Hour - 9:00-1:00<br>Soccer Practice - 2:45-4:30<br><b>Volleyball (A&amp;B) vs. Beaver Dam (Home) 4:00 start</b>           |
| Thursday<br>9/29/22  | Volleyball (A&B) Practice - 2:45-4:30<br>Cross Country Practice - 2:45-4:30<br><b>FALL SPORTS PICTURE DAY</b> - Starts at 2:45 in the gym |
| Friday<br>9/30/22    | 8th Grade Golf Outing<br>Praise & Proclaim Training (Day 1)   |
| Saturday<br>10/1/22  | Praise & Proclaim Training (Day 2)<br><b>Soccer Tournament in Neenah</b>  |
| Sunday<br>10/2/22    | <b>Volleyball (B only) Tournament @ St. Paul's, Ixonia</b>  |

**Links to Important Information**

[PowerSchool](#) - This is the site you can access to see your child's grades.

[SmugMug](#) - This is the site you can access to see pictures of our Cardinals.

[Church/School/First Steps](#) - This site gives you information about our ministry.

**St. Matthew's Mission Statement**

*Compelled by the love of Christ, St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School seek to reach out to our families, community and world, using Law and Gospel to make disciples, growing and nurturing them in their Christian faith and life.*