



January 22, 2023

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Thank you to all the parents (and students) who came to conferences this past week. It was a blessing to have the older students sharing their thoughts and learning goals with the teachers and parents. Our teachers appreciate the opportunity to partner with our parents in providing a quality Christian education. Parents are encouraged to continue working directly with their child's teacher(s) as we continue through the 2022-2023 school year. Thank you for your partnership in carrying out our mission of "using Law and Gospel to make disciples, growing and nurturing them in their Christian life and faith."

Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) Information: Students in grades 6-8 are invited to prepare and perform instrumental, piano, vocal, or strong music at the WSMA district festival on March 4th. The festival this year is held at Nature Hill, right here in Oconomowoc. Mr. Bessert emailed the Advanced Band families with information on Wednesday. There is a specific list of music to choose from, so if you are interested, please contact Mr. Bessert. This is another great opportunity for our music students to share their musical abilities on the district level! Registration is due by February 4th.

Lutheran Education Sunday: Sunday, February 5, is the first Sunday we will be worshiping in the gym on our Brown Street campus. It is also Lutheran Education Sunday at St. Matthew's! All students in grades 5K-8 will be singing for one of the Sunday services. Students who are members of St. Matthew's are expected to attend. We invite and encourage all of our nonmember families to attend as well. If your child will not be singing with us, please let your child's teacher know or email Mrs. Elowski at jelowski@smls.org by Monday, January 30 so that we can plan for seating.

- Students with last names Kiedrowski through Zimmermann will sing at the 8:00 AM service.
- Students with last names Abram through Kalma will sing at the 10:30 AM service.
- Students will meet in their classrooms at 7:45 AM or 10:15 AM.

After the service, parents can pick up their children in their classroom or a neighboring classroom.

Parking Lot Reminders: Please remember to drive safely in the parking lot. Entering and exiting the lot from 7:00-8:00, 10:30-11:45, and from 2:00-3:00 should be done via Schumacher Street (by First Steps).

- At drop off, please remember to pull up to the flag pole area if you are the first car in line. With the colder weather, we will have more drop offs in the morning. Pulling up will keep the line moving more smoothly. Thank you!
- At pick up, please watch for direction from our parking lot attendants as to how far to pull up.

Pre-Registration for 2023-2024: Pre-registration forms should be turned in by next Tuesday (January 31st) for all returning students. If you have any questions about the pre-registration form, please ask Mrs. Nehr or Mr. Plitzuweit.

Family Construction Day: In conjunction with Lutheran Education Sunday on Sunday, February 5th, St. Matthew's is holding a Family Construction Day. There will be tours of the new facilities, various activities for the kids, and some sweets. This is also the first weekend of services on our school campus, the students in K-8 sing in a service, and other fun things happening that day!

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.

