



The Principal's Communicator

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Mrs. Donna Maguire

St. Matthew School encountered one of the hardest experiences we have ever had to face as a school, the death of one of our teachers. Mrs. Donna Maguire, 8B's homeroom teacher, died on Wednesday, March 3. The loss was unexpected and devastating to our students and staff. With the help of neighboring Catholic School Counselors, Deacon Wilber and Deacon Quinlan, our students and staff had an opportunity to express their grief by making or composing original works in her memory. We ended the day in a moving Prayer Service.

Our School Community will remember and thank Mrs. Maguire for the 20 years she dedicated to the students and families of St. Matthew Parish. The tributes coming into the school from former parents and students are a testimony to her caring and outstanding work as a teacher.

St. Matthew School will be closed on Monday, March 8, to allow our students, families, teachers, and staff to attend Mrs. Maguire funeral at St. Peter the Apostle Church in New Castle at 11AM.

I hope you will be able to show Mrs. Maguire's family (husband, children, and grandchildren) how much she affected the lives of our students by attending either the Viewing on Sunday, March 7, from 4-7PM in St. Peter the Apostle Church or the funeral on Monday. If you know of a classmate of your child whose parents cannot attend, please offer to bring that child with your family. Our students, parents, teachers need a chance to say good-bye.

May the Lord greet Donna Maguire and guide her into Paradise.

Report Cards for the 2nd Trimester

Tuesday, March 9, concludes the 2nd Trimester Marking Period of the school year. All students will receive their report cards at the end of the day, March 12.

Report Card Conferences will be held on Friday, March 19, from 12:30-3:00PM. These conferences are optional. This means you are not required to attend a formal conference with the teachers. Conferences will be held if a teacher(s) sees a need to discuss progress regarding the child's academic, social, or spiritual growth since the previous conference. Your child's teacher will send home a request for conference form with your child's report card on March 12.

If you wish a conference with any of your child's teachers, please send a note to the teacher by Wednesday, March 17. Please specify the time you wish to schedule your conference(s) on March 19.

Parent Access to PowerSchool was turned off on Wednesday, March 3, to allow the teachers to finalize the codes needed to print the report cards. Parent Access will return on March 15.

February's Students of the Month

February was a short month in terms of days, but a very active month for both the students and the faculty. Catholic Schools Week started the month with an air of excitement. Our back-to-back snowstorms brought us to a grinding halt. We returned to celebrate at the Mardi Gras Party with dancing and activities. The Lenten activities, supporting our Pennies from Heaven Mission Project, have instilled excitement into our Lunchtime. Planning and attending our weekly Stations of the Cross has helped us understand the love Jesus has for us.

The theme for February was **CONFIDENCE**. It is my pleasure to announce the "**Students of the Month**" for the month of February who demonstrated confidence to do their best at all times:

Gr.	Students	Gr.	Students
1st	Joseph Castelli	2 nd	Andrew Sakeley
3 rd	Brittney Tillman	4 th	Angelo Padovani
5A	Maggie Furlong	5B	Jason Elliott
6A	Owen Riley	6B	Chase Newman
7 th	Jordan Matic		
8A	Samantha Markle	8B	Robert Furlong

Congratulations to the students who earned Honorable Mention for February's "Students of the Month":

Gr.	Honorable Mention
1st	Jeni Naples
2 nd	Ronald Inglis
3 rd	Benjamin Jezyk
4 th	John DiVeterano
5A	Lindsay Brown
6A	Noah Bale & Julia Kisielewski
6B	John Kisielewski & Samuel Crosley
7 th	Lauren Williams
8A	Sarah O'Connor
8B	Hannah Whitten