Saint Matthias School Mission Statement

Saint Matthias School, in partnership with the Catholic Community of Saint Matthias and our school families, provides an educational foundation that celebrates diversity, and nurtures students to develop moral values and life skills. We strive to engage each student spiritually and academically in a Christ-centered environment, to prepare them to live as disciples and citizens.

Grace and peace, dear parents,

I continue to pray for you each day with a plea for continued safety and well-being for you and those you love.

Almighty God,
You are a God of justice and righteousness.
The prophet Amos says,  
“May justice roll down like a river,  
and righteousness like a never failing stream.”
We pray for the justice system in our country.  
May judges, legislators, and law enforcement work with community leaders and advocates to end oppression and exploitation, together bringing justice to our city.

Today we received word that Dee Dillon’s mother passed away. I know you join me and all members of the school family in lifting Mrs. Dillon and her family in prayer at this time.

On Sunday, May 31, the Catholic Community celebrated the beautiful, moving feast of Pentecost, and in this spirit on fire, the worshipping community of St. Matthias blessed our 2020 graduates. The Baccalaureate Mass celebrated this beautiful class of graduates.
The Baccalaureate Mass is available on the parish YouTube channel. The student graduates and their families gathered in cars in the school parking lot at 2PM to join together for their Commencement Exercises. Diplomas, awards and scholarships were presented.

The Baccalaureate Mass and the Graduation Ceremony were both exciting and inspiring. It was a moving experience to both celebrate and bless these graduates as they move forward on their adventurous journey. Our parish photographer, Marilyn Parente has provided all of the graduate families with an album, which is so beautifully presented. You can access the albums at:

https://www.photoscribblings.com/stmatthiasschool

Graduation Class of 2020

Melody Adamski
Aidan Angeles
Lindsey Battaglino
Caithlyn Caballero
Emily Chavez
Anthony deLutio
Nicholas Drake
Periklis Drecolias
Liana Dudajek
Kayla Foley
Philip Frangie
Ashlee Freebern
Claudia Gaba
Liam Hanily
Aidan Jarvis
Joseph Kachurick
Jillian Kenny
John Kenny
Julia Kosiorek
Gabriella Langrin
Trevor Lavelle
Morgan Lewis
Olivia Lewis

Adriana Liberti
Tehya Lim
Sophia Elisse Llaguno
Maya Mathews
Jon Moreno
Devin Nunez
Emily Nwele
Sophia Odunsi
Alexis Ogalo
Angelica Ordonez
Julia Panczenko
Madison Phillips
Terrence Quinn
David Ryden
Daniel Sanchez
Madeline Schmidt
Madison Schuhrer
Daniel Sharma
Katherine Stevenson
Carissa Terhune
Matthew Telyczka
Ryan Tracey
Samuel Villanueva

Loralei Wolf
As the proud principal of St. Matthias School, I am pleased to announce awards, scholarships and achievements for our Graduating Class of 2020.

THE SAINT MATTHIAS SCHOOL FAITH, CARING, AND EXCELLENCE AWARD
The Highest Grade Point Average and the Gift of Reverend Abraham Orapankal, Pastor

Sophia Elisse Llaguno

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS
Gift of the Filipino American Association of St. Matthias

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CHRISTIAN WITNESS AWARD
Gift of Vincenza Natale in Memory of John Natale

Ryan Tracey

AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EFFORT
Gift of Mrs. Mary Sullivan

Sophia Llaguno

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERSEVERANCE AND DETERMINATION
Gift of Mrs. Kathleen DeAngelis in Honor of Jacqueline Osif

Periklis Drecolias

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ATHLETE AWARD
Gift of the St. Martin DePorres Society

Katherine Stevenson    David Ryden
MUSICAL ADVENTURES MASTER MUSICIAN AWARD

Melody Adamski
Kayla Foley
Oliva Lewis
Emily Nwele
Madison Phillips
Matthew Telyczka
Loralei Wolf

PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC AWARD

Melody Adamski Adriana Liberti
Aidan Angeles Tehya Lim
Lindsey Battaglino Sophia Elisse Llaguno
Caithlyn Caballero Maya Mathews
Emily Chavez Jon Moreno
Anthony deLutio Emily Nwele
Nicholas Drake Sophia Odunsi
Periklis Drecolias Alexis Ogalo
Liana Dudajek Julia Panczenko
Kayla Foley Madison Phillips
Philip Frangie Terrence Quinn
Claudia Gaba David Ryden
Aidan Jarvis Madeline Schmidt
Joseph Kachurick Madison Schuhrer
Jillian Kenny Daniel Sharma
John Kenny Katherine Stevenson
Julia Kosiorek Matthew Telyczka
Gabriella Langrin Carissa Terhune
Trevor Lavelle Ryan Tracey
Morgan Lewis Samuel Villanueva
Olivia Lewis Loralei Wolf

THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP
Gift of the Altar Rosary Society awarded to students actively engaged in the Altar Server Ministry

Gabriella Langrin Trevor Lavelle

CARPE DIEM AWARD SCHOLARSHIP
A gift of the Raspa Family in memory of Anthony Raspa ’04

Emily Chavez
THE KILCOMONS LUMEN CHRISTI SCHOLARSHIP
A gift of Denise Sawicki in memory of Warren Kilcomons and Sister Mae Kilcomons, RSM, recognizes a student who shares the light of Christ through discipleship and service.

Madison Schuhrer

THE SALADINI SCHOLARSHIP
Gift of the Saladini Children, in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Saladini for the student who best exemplifies Faith, Caring, and Excellence

Jillian Kenny

JACK DOLAN, SR. AND JACK DOLAN, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Gift of the Dolan Family and Dolan Plumbing, Heating, Cooling and Electric awarded to the family with a child attending Catholic High School. This family has evidenced a commitment to Catholic education through the sacrifice of their time, talent, and treasure.

Jon Moreno and Family

SCHOLARSHIPS
St. Matthias School received notification from these schools announcing the following scholarships:

St. Thomas Aquinas High School
Caithlyn Caballero
Teyha Lim
David Ryden
Kayla Foley
Sophia Elisse Llaguno
Samuel Villanueva

Immaculata High School
Academic Scholarships
Philip Frangie
Maya Mathews
Jon Moreno
Madison Schuhrer, also the Spirit of Spartan Award

St. Joseph High School
Philip Frangie
Terrence Quinn
We salute our **Legacy Families:**

deLutio    Drake    Drecolias    Dudajek    Foley
Frangie    Freebern    Gaba    Hanily    Kenny
Langrin    Lavelle    Lewis    Liberti    Lim
Llaguno    Mathews    Nunez    Nwele    Ogalo
Ordonez    Panczenko    Phillips    Sanchez    Schmidt
Schuher    Sharma    Stevenson    Telyczka    Terhune
Wolf

We will start off our weekly letter with a message from our pastor, Father Abraham.

Dear Parents,

Did you heave a sigh of relief after the SMS graduation? I did – not because of a feeling of “ok-its-done” but because it was indeed a worthy celebration of our graduates. Within the restrictions and limitations we were under, we did an excellent job of honoring our graduates with joy and pomp. With those beautifully and creatively decorated cars, with our graduates donning their gowns and a mask marked “SMS 2020” and even the Mustang sign, with a drone in the sky taking aerial pictures, with our teachers welcoming the students with an honor-guard like excitement, and with the surprise parade of firetrucks and vehicles from the neighboring firehouses, our graduation was truly a spectacular event that will have a significant place in the annals of our history.

One proud mother emailed me how thrilled her whole family was at this unique celebration of graduation, so much so, her daughter, a senior, who did not have any such event for her graduation in her school wistfully told her, “Can I graduate from St. Matthias?!” Her question summed up for me the success and the rightness of what we did. My heart is filled with gratitude. Thanks be to God for the best and ideal weather on that day – so comfortable for everyone involved – truly a gift of Pentecost favor from God! Thanks and congratulations to Miss Eileen Brett for pulling off this creative graduation ceremony with the help of her wonderful team. And thank you dear parents for all that you did for your graduate children and for St. Matthias.

Bitter-sweet- is probably the word to use for all, but especially the graduates, are feeling after the roller coaster of emotions that led up to and after the graduation. The truth is that we are sad to see our graduates go, but happy that they are on the right track of life. Instead of feeling stressed about what’s going to happen next, focus on the excitement of what good things are in store for you. May God bless us all in cultivating and living this positive outlook in life always.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal
**SMS Re-Accreditation**

I thank everyone in advance for completing the surveys. Some of you have responded that you were requested a code for the parent survey. I contacted the agency for the code. The parent survey code for grades 3-8 is 58730248. Please notice that the parent survey is extended for parents in grades 3-8.

The accreditation agency also added a survey for parents of PreK-2 which you will find listed below:

- Survey for *parents* of grade 3-8 students.
  
  [https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/136287/33560](https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/136287/33560)

- Survey for *parents* of PreK-2 students.
  
  [https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/136460/p33469](https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/136460/p33469)

- Survey for *students* of grades 3-5.
  
  [https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/136698/33560](https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/136698/33560)

- Survey for *students* of Middle School.
  
  [https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/136699/33560](https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/136699/33560)

Again, thanks so much for your participation in these surveys. I am grateful for your time.

**School Closure and Upcoming Steps to Close Out the Year**

Under the direction of state guidelines for the end of year closure of schools and the guidance of the Diocesan school leadership, we are beginning our plan to:

- Close out the classrooms for the year – Staff members have worked this week to empty desks and closets of items belonging to the students.

Staff members will be available in the school parking lot Monday, June 8 to distribute student belongings. At the time of distribution, we will also collect items that need to be returned to the school.

| **SMS Family Drop-Off and Pick-Up Schedule-June 8** |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 8:30-9:00                             | A-B-C-D                      |
| 9:00-9:30                             | E-F-G-H-I                    |
| 9:30-10:00                            | J-K-L-M-N                    |
| 10:00-10:30                           | O-P-Q-R-S                    |
| 10:30-11:00                           | T-U-V-W-X-Y-Z                |
• Cars will arrive with a **family name sign** in the car window. If you are picking up for another family, their name must be included as well. Car windows will remain closed during this time. No one is to exit the car. It is critical that the family name sign is legible.
• Move toward the far cafeteria door by the parish office. Stay in a line, do not park your car in a parking space.
• The driver will pop the trunk.
• The marked packed bags will be placed in your opened car trunk.
• The staff member will remove any marked packed bag of items that need to be returned to school.
• The packages will be prepared by family, not individual student.
• Any items being returned to school must be labeled with the student’s name and present grade level.

**Yearbook**

Yearbooks have not yet arrived. When we do have the yearbooks, you will be contacted for a method of distribution.

Thank you so much for partnering with us for best practices for our students.

Eileen Brett  
Principal  
Saint Matthias School