

Dear St. Matthew Community,

It is my pleasure and honor to serve as St. Matthew Catholic School's new principal. As we celebrate the school's 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and the parish's 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary this year, we are excited to continue to fulfill our mission - St. Matthew Catholic School is dedicated to educating a strong, faith-centered community through a commitment to the spiritual, moral, intellectual, social and physical development of each child.



I earned my Doctorate of Education from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. My master's degree is in Curriculum and Instruction from Grand Canyon University, and I earned my Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Colorado College. I previously taught various grade levels and served as a Catholic school principal in Los Angeles. My husband is a law professor at St. Mary's University School of Law, which is what brought our family here to San Antonio.

I have had the privilege of serving as the Curriculum Director at St. Matthew for the past few years. I have also served as President of our Parish Pastoral Council. I continue to serve as a lector and greeter. St. Matthew is our home.

As we embark on the 2018-2019 school year, we will continue to be a Catholic school of academic excellence centered on Christ and grounded in His love. Our administrative team at St. Matthew Catholic School includes Ms. Ann Marie Ibar, Assistant Principal, Mrs. Liz Bloom, Vice Principal, and Mr. Juan Contreras, Technology Director. We are blessed to also have our office team members: Mrs. Bonnie Marx (School Secretary), Mrs. Ana Hornedo (School Nurse), Mrs. Loretta Parker (Finance Manager), and Mrs. Judy Phillips (Bookkeeper). Our dedicated faculty and staff create, nurture, and foster a Catholic school environment filled with love and respect for all. We also appreciate the work of our vibrant PTC Board and dedicated School Council. We look forward to continuing to partner with parents, students, and community members as we witness the completion of our new gymnasium and enjoy our renovated school library. We thank God for His abundant blessings!

My door is always open. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer Grenardo, Ed.D.

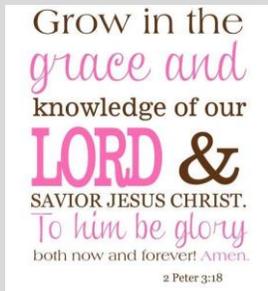
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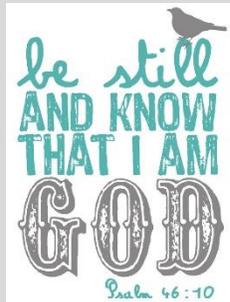
# 2018-2019 Spiritual Theme

# Digital Discipleship

## “9 Apps for Life”



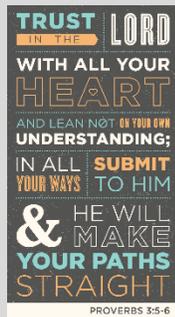
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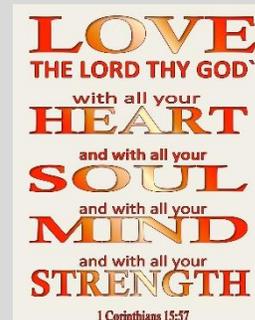
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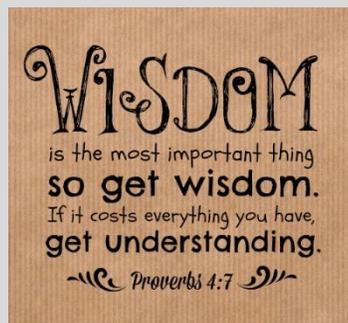
**Jan.**



**Feb.**



**March**



**April**



**May/June**

welcome

we're glad you're here!

**We give a warm welcome to the newest members of our St. Matthew school family!**

**Ms. Jessica Arredondo – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher**

Greetings! My name is Jessika Arredondo and I am beyond blessed to be joining the 1st grade team at St. Matthew School. I was born and raised in San Antonio, where I received a Catholic education at St. James the Apostle Catholic School and Holy Cross High School. I continued my education at Our Lady of the Lake University where I graduated and received my Bachelors of Science in Early Childhood Education with a specialization in Bilingual Interdisciplinary Studies, as well as, my EC-6 Texas State Certification.



I am looking forward to learning, working, and collaborating alongside each and every one of you. My goal is to teach, guide, and encourage each and every student so that they may foster their spiritual growth and love of learning, flourishing into leaders of the future. This is going to be an exciting year full of first adventures and milestones. I am exceptionally privileged to embark on this journey with you.

**Mr. Gerard Boehme – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Science and Social Studies Teacher**



I have lived in San Antonio all of my life. I was blessed to receive a Catholic education from St. Gregory the Great, Antonian College Prep, and St. Mary's University. I worked as a teacher in public education for twenty years, during which I earned a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Walden University.

My wife Elaine and I have been married for fifteen years. God has blessed us with five children and one little dog. It is my joy to participate in the life of the Church, which influences all that I am and all that I do. My hobbies include gardening, listening to and playing music, and reading.

I am excited and thankful for the opportunity to bring my teaching experience back to the system in which I was raised and to share that with the community of St. Matthew.

**Ms. Angela Ried – Middle School Math Teacher**

I recently graduated from the University of the Incarnate Word with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, and a minor in History. I lived in Houston for about 15 years, but fell in love with San Antonio while here for school, and decided to move back. I love spending time outside and being around family and friends. I am looking forward to becoming a part of the St. Matthew community.



**Irvin Miranda – Middle Social Studies Teacher**

My name is Irvin Miranda, and I was born and raised here in San Antonio. I was previously employed by Northside ISD. I earned my BA in History at Texas A&M - San Antonio and look forward to working with everyone at St. Matthew.

# New Positions for Faculty

- Mrs. Lorraine Garza – Kindergarten Teacher
- Mrs. Sharon Pirro – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher
- Mrs. Kate Walters – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade English Teacher
- Mrs. Tracy Garcia – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English, 8<sup>th</sup> Honors English, and 8<sup>th</sup> Religion Teacher
- Mrs. Stacie Smith – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math and 8<sup>th</sup> Religion Teacher
- Mr. Matthew Hausheer – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Math and 8<sup>th</sup> Religion Teacher
- Mrs. Carolina Stutz – Full-time Middle School Spanish Teacher
- Mrs. Melissa Rios - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math and Religion Teacher

## Summer Assignments and School Supplies

For information about Summer Assignments or School Supply lists, please refer to the Parent Resources tab on our website: <http://www.smcssa.org/summer> and <http://www.smcssa.org/school-supply-list>.

Uniforms can be purchased online or in store at Parker Uniforms or Schoolyard. PTC Uniform Resale will take place prior to the Elementary Back-to-School Night on Tues., Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>.



## Back to School Events Calendar

**Sun., Aug. 5 @ 3pm–5 pm**

**New Family Orientation** in school cafeteria

**Mon., Aug. 6 @ 7pm-8:30 pm**

**Altar Server Training** in the church

Students must be in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade or higher, able to serve at a Parish Mass at least one time per month and have a desire to serve the Lord and His Church.

**Thurs., Aug. 9**

**Teacher In-Services Begin**

**Mon., Aug. 13 @ 6 pm**

**iPad Orientation** in cafeteria

All 4<sup>th</sup> graders and families with 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade children new to St. Matthew will review the iPad agreement and sign the agreement form so that the students can receive their individual iPads the first week of school.

**Mon., Aug. 13, Mon. @ 7 pm**

**Required Student/Parent Handbook Meeting** for ALL parents in MFC

**Tues., Aug. 14 @ 4 pm –6:30 pm**

**Uniform Resale** in the school cafeteria

**@ 6:30pm–7:30pm ELEMENTARY GRADES “BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT”**

Class lists will be posted and PK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and families are invited to come meet their teacher and drop off school supplies. The kindergarten – fifth grade teachers for each grade level will schedule separate meetings after school begins to review expectations, curriculum, and procedures.

**Wed., Aug. 15 @ 9:30 am – 12 pm “CARDINAL CAMP”** in cafeteria

6<sup>th</sup> grade and middle school students new to St. Matthew are invited to attend this event which provides an opportunity for the students to meet the middle school staff, drop off their school supplies, and become familiar with life in middle school. Parents drop off and pick up students in the school cafeteria.

## Friendly Dress Code Reminders

*Come as God made you!*

- No henna tattoos
- No eyelash extensions
- No nail polish or fake nails
- Natural hair color only/unprocessed
- For more information, please view our online Parent Student Handbook.

**Thurs., Aug. 16 @ 8:00 am FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - MASS**

Lower Elementary School Parents are invited to walk their children to the classroom the first two days of school after the 7:45am bell.

@ 8:15 am School Mass for 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students (**Wear dress uniform.**)

@ 8am–9am PTC “Welcome Back Parents” Reception in the MFC Gym  
Stop by after drop-off for coffee, juice and goodies. Meet fellow Cardinal parents and sign up for volunteer opportunities.



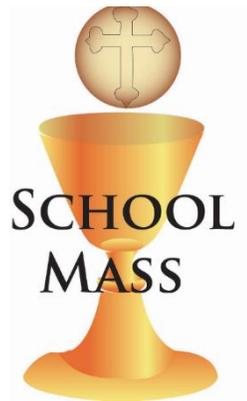
**Fri., Aug. 17 Student Picture Day for Grades 4 – 8**

**Sun., Aug. 19 @ 3pm “Back-to-School Mass”**

Fr. Dennis invites all to attend a special Sunday Celebration of Mass for our school community.

**Wed., Aug. 22 @ 6 pm–8 pm “Middle School Meet the Teacher Night”**

Parents will follow their child’s schedule and receive a brief overview of the course requirements and expectations for the new school year.



*The weekly school liturgy day will be on Thursdays this school year, the exceptions being holy days of obligation and preannounced special celebrations. All are invited to join us each week as our students present the liturgy.*



*Thank You*

After 14 years as Principal of St. Matthew Catholic School, we honor and celebrate Mr. Caro for his dedication, commitment, and unwavering love for our school community. We whole-heartedly thank him for sharing life-stories, teaching us our faith, and leading St. Matthew Catholic School to excellence. We love you, Mr. Caro!

We are grateful to Mrs. Monika Behrens for her 15 years of faith-filled service as the Vice Principal of St. Matthew Catholic School. Thank you for your role in bringing our mission statement to life.

