



Dear St. Matthew Parents,

I hope you have all been having a fun and restful summer break. I wanted to send out a few updates and reminders as we have less than a month left until we return to school. I look forward to the start of the new school year and to meeting all of you!

*In Christ,
Mr. Czaplicki*

Staffing Updates:

1. **PreKindergarten** - Mrs. Laura Miller will be joining the Royals Staff as our new PreKindergarten teacher. Mrs. Miller has been a preschool teacher in the Akron area for many years and we welcome her as a part of our staff. Our former PreKindergarten teacher, Mrs. Haskins will be moving to grade 3. Both teachers are excited about their new roles!
2. **Grade 4** - We congratulate Mrs. Pfahl (formerly Miss Wischt) on her wedding this summer and her move from grade 7 to grade 4. Mrs. Pfahl will bring much energy and excitement to the 4th grade!
3. **Grade 5** - Mrs. Gebacz informed us that she needed to be closer to her aging father and as such will be unable to return to St. Matthew this year. We will miss Mrs. Gebacz very much and will continue to keep her and her family in our prayers. We are currently finishing interviews for her replacement.
4. **Grade 6** - Mrs. Chrystal D'Angelo joins the Royals as our new 6th grade homeroom teacher. Mrs. D'Angelo will also be teaching Language Arts and Social Studies to grades 5 & 6. Mrs. D'Angelo brings with her much experience and enthusiasm and is excited to join our school family.
5. **Grade 7** - Mrs. Allensworth will be moving from 5th to 7th grade. Mrs. Allensworth has been a teacher at St. Matthew for many years and her focus on Language Arts will greatly strengthen our junior high program. We are blessed to have her love of teaching and experience in our Junior High.



Reminders:

Principal Introduction

August 12 & 13

- I will be formally introduced to parish and school families by Fr. Mike at all of the Masses the weekend of August 12 & 13. I will also be available after all of the Masses for a brief “meet and greet.”

Akron Rubber Ducks Game - St. Matthew Day

August 12

- Join the SMPS PTT at the Akron Rubber Ducks game on Saturday, August 12 at 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$8 each. There will be fireworks following the game and all SMPS tickets sold through our group website will be in the same section. Please visit <https://groupmatics.events/s/other/StMatthewSchool> to purchase your tickets today.

Parish Picnic

August 26 & 27

- All parish and school families are invited to join in our annual parish picnic. The school will be open on Sunday after the Mass and Pancake Breakfast for parents to drop off supplies and take a peek at their children’s classrooms.

First Week of School grades K-8

August 29- Sept. 1

- School for grades K-8 begins on Tuesday, August 29th. School will be closed for Labor Day Monday September 4.

PreKindergarten Parent Meeting

August 31

- Meeting from 9:00 – 11:00

PreKindergarten Begins

September 5

- PreKindergarten begins Monday September 5th.

Additional Information:

- CYO Fall signups for Volleyball and Cross Country are open. Go to the [Parish CYO Athletics page](#) for more information.
- Bathroom renovations are proceeding smoothly. The boys and girls bathrooms are getting a new look and should be ready by the opening of school.
- Check out our new school website. The new website will allow for faster and easier updates and communication posts.



In these remaining days of summer we thank God for the beauty around us and the wonder of His works!

How Wonderful O Lord

How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands! The heavens declare Your glory,
the arch of the sky displays Your handiwork
In Your love You have given us the power
to behold the beauty of Your world
robed in all its splendor.
The sun and the stars, the valleys and the hills,
the rivers and the lakes all disclose Your presence.
The roaring breakers of the sea tell of Your awesome might, the beast of the field and the birds
of the air bespeak Your wondrous will.
In Your goodness You have made us able to hear
the music of the world.
The voices of the loved ones
reveal to us that You are in our midst.
A divine voice sings through all creation.

Amen.