

Catholic Schools Week

January 24-30, 2026

Saturday & Sunday, January 24-25

Faculty, Staff and Students will speak at weekend Masses regarding the impact of Catholic schools, as well as the sense of community they have experienced at Saint Matthew. **Students are encouraged to wear their uniform to Mass this weekend.** The **Silver Coins for Change Drive for Our Lady of Miracles** will be going on throughout the week, supervised by the 7th Grade and Mrs. Brodoski. Money collected will go directly to help Our Lady of Miracles, our sister parish in Gobert, Haiti.

Monday, January 26 – Student Appreciation Day - Themed Out of Uniform Day

Students may come out of uniform **dressed as your favorite book/movie character.** Out of Uniform guidelines apply.

Tuesday, January 27 – Demonstration Day

All Students in SMS uniform. The students will follow a special class and lunch schedule today. Demonstration Day is a tangible way for others to see how the students of Saint Matthew School live out our motto of serving others. Students will demonstrate all they have learned and completed to help meet the needs of a particular organization or group. Students will have the opportunity to visit different classrooms and learn what each class has done to serve others while also taking time to demonstrate what they have accomplished and learned.

Parents will also be able to visit the demonstrations at the following times:

Grades 1-3, 9:45-10:05 a.m.

PreK & K, 11:05-11:30 a.m.

Grades 4-8, if your child is in an A class, visit 9:30-10:20 a.m.; B classes, visit 10:30-11:20 a.m.

Wednesday, January 28 – Parent Appreciation Day

All Students in SMS uniform. *Parents, be on the lookout for a special gift.*

Students in second and seventh grade will attend Mass at the Catholic Pastoral Center with Bishop Spalding at 10:30 a.m. and have a special lunch afterwards. At 2:15 p.m., parents are invited to gather in the chapel to pray the Rosary for the intentions of the Saint Matthew School community.

Also at 2:15 p.m., all students and faculty will gather to listen to a presentation about the Saint Matthew Haiti Ministry.

Thursday, January 29 – Faculty/Staff Appreciation / White Out Day

Faculty, Staff and Students may wear an SMS shirt or an SMS Jersey with an undershirt, with jeans or sweatpants, and appropriate shoes. Luncheon for faculty and staff, hosted by the Home and School Association. Parent volunteers will cover classrooms from 11-12:30, during the Faculty/Staff luncheon. **ALL Students will need to bring lunch today - no cafeteria service will be available.**

Friday, January 30 – Mission Awareness Day

Students & Teachers may come out of uniform dressed in mismatched clothes. Out of Uniform guidelines apply. The Variety Show will begin at noon. The Silver Coins for Change Drive total will be announced, along with the news of the girls vs boys as winners. The 6th, 7th and 8th grade winners of the essay contest will be announced and they will read their essay. School will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. A 7th & 8th grade dance (SMS students only) will be held in the C-H building from 6-8 p.m.