



Reflections

You know you are getting old when you say, "Time just keeps going faster and faster." Well, I think I've become my mom because I keep saying, "I can't believe this school year is already over!" I look back at the beginning of the year to where we are today and am filled with pride. All of our students have worked hard to accomplish many things, grow in their learning, and grow in their faith. Click [here](#) to watch this video highlighting all we've done this year. Our 8th graders are going off to high school and will be using all they've learned during the next phase of life and beyond. We will surely miss you.

I am so thankful to everyone this year as I learned the ropes and am so happy to call St. Matthew my home. I look forward to spending the future with you. Together, this community can move mountains. Glad to have you on board!

Principal Angie Palmer

Summer dates:

Summer office hours M-F 9-12

Pool Party- Date TBD

August 6- New parent orientation 6pm

August 6- teachers report back to school

August 14- Supply drop off- 4:30-5:30 (This is a time change from the original calendar)

August 15- First day of school K-8. All School Mass- Feast of the Assumption- Class A uniforms. Noon Dismissal

August 16- Noon Dismissal

August 19- First full day of school/First day of PK

Middle School Play



St. Matthew Middle Schoolers, along with the 4th and 5th grade classes, entertained us on May 9 with the production of "Comic Book Artist" a story of an aspiring comic book artist who becomes a superhero. Students did an amazing job!



Reading progress

One of our School Improvement goals this year is to increase our literacy skills. We are very proud of all the learning that has occurred this year. The graph below shows the growth from one of our tri-annual assessments.

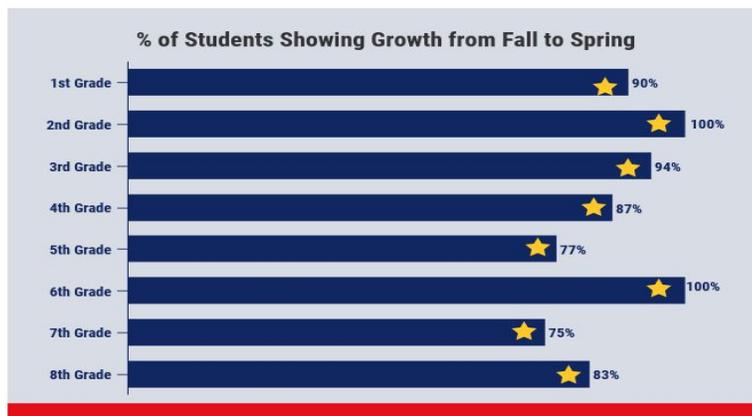
Celebrations

84%

Percent of Students Grades 1st-8th At or Above Grade Level on Spring STAR Assessment

88%

Percent of Students Showing Growth from Fall 2018 to Spring 2019



Did you Know?

Career Day

Several local speakers came to talk to our middle schoolers about their careers. We



had Wynne Trucking talk about driving, CapeHart Dental talk about being a dentist, Sean Everson from Channel 7 talk about meteorology, Ed Rausch talk about the Air Force, Leslie Mead discussed her job as a nurse in the military, and Douglas County Sheriff taught students about life as a police officer. We are so lucky to have such a great group of presenters! Students even got to climb inside one of Wynne Transports trucks (and of course, pull the air horn!)

8th grade confirmation

On May 19, our 8th graders were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Archbishop George Lucas presided. May the love of Christ be with you all now and always.

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[Look](#) at all the great things going on in the Library Learning Lab and some great things for summer!

First Communion

May 5 was a special day for our 2nd graders. They received Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist. It was a packed house filled with family and friends. Congratulations 2nd graders!



Guatemala Sister School

We are sending our first "package" to our Sister School in Guatemala. [Check it out!](#) We are looking forward to what they will send us so we can learn about them and all we have in common as Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Elks Lodge Citizenship Essay award

St. Matthew 5-7 graders swept the competition at this year's Elks Lodge Essay contest.



In the 5th/6th grade division: 3rd place- Lexi Martin, 2nd place- Robby Garcia, 1st place- Eli Mabbitt. 7th/8th grade division- 3rd place- David Burgos, 2nd place- Elliott Cook, 1st place- Patrick McFall. David Burgos even ended up placing 2nd overall in the state competition. Way to Go!

Field Day

An annual tradition for our students is Field Day. May 13 was a great day filled with teamwork, friendly competition, and fun. Mrs. Rausch planned a very fun day for us. [Here](#) are some highlights!

Pie Face

Our student council is raising money for outreach efforts and to purchase a gift for our school. One of their fundraisers was the "Pie Face" event. Students can pay money to throw (or smooch close up) a pie in some people's faces. Willing volunteers to take a pie in the face were: student council representatives, teachers and even our therapy dog, Nox! [See for yourself!](#)



Kindergartners Hatch Chickens



Last month our kindergartners learned about the life cycle. They hatched their very own chicks in their incubator. 4 of the eggs hatched and these feathered friends became a quick

sensation. They got pet, fed, and even had books read to them! They sure were spoiled!

