



# St. Matthew School Home School Association

**HSA Newsletter**

**December 2011/January 2012**

A note from the HSA President...



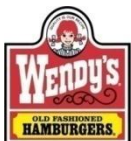
The time has flown by and the Holidays are upon us. The H.S.A. has been busy with many activities. We started off the month of December with our annual "Breakfast with Santa." The event was a success and the highlight for the children was a visit with Santa and the opportunity to have their pictures taken with him. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with decorating and serving our guests. Special thanks go to the Fathers Club and Santa for adding to the festivities.

Our annual "Santa land" gift shop was a hit with the school children. Each grade had an opportunity to visit the gift shop and purchase gifts for their friends and family members. Thanks again to all our volunteers who helped to bring so much happiness to our students. This year, we also held a cupcake and cookie sale. Delicious baked goods were prepared by our school families. Parishioners and school families were able to create their own box of goodies for \$5.00 per box. The event was not only tasty but successful. Thanks for all those who participated and donated their baked treats.

Don't forget to keep "Tricky Tray" in mind as you open your holiday gifts. We will gladly accept your donations. We will also be holding a pretzel snack day on our first half day Friday in January. The students will have the opportunity to pre-order a pretzel for \$1.00 to enjoy at snack time. Don't forget to send in your order form. Also, look for information to come home soon regarding our next social concerns project "Pennies for Patients."

In closing, the H.S.A. Board members and I would like to wish all of you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday and a Healthy, Blessed New Year

Chris Baglivo



**Don't Forget!**  
Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 – 8:00 m  
St. Matt's Night at Wendy's, Route 1, Edison



# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 	2 NO SCHOOL	3	4	5	6 12:00 Dismissal Philly Pretzels	7
8	9	10	11  Wendy's Night 5-8 pm	12	13 NO SCHOOL Professional Day	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day NO SCHOOL	17	18	19	20 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Ends	21
22 Open House	23	24	25	26 Parent Conferences 6:00-8:00 pm	27	28
29 Catholic Schools Week Begins	30	31		<i>Winter</i> ❄️		



<u>Date</u>		<u>Truck Time</u>	<u>Pick-up Time</u>
January 3	Tues	5:30 pm	6:30-7:30 pm
January 31	Tues	5:30 pm	6:30-7:30 pm
February 28	Tues	5:30 pm	6:30-7:30 pm
March 27	Tues	5:30 pm	6:30-7:30 pm
May 1	Tues	5:30 pm	6:30-7:30 pm
May 29	Tues	4:00 pm	6:30-7:30 pm

Our Market Day fundraiser is a big help for busy families, and also yields a good profit for our school each year. Try the tasty frozen foods offered each month.

If you can help unload and sort the Market Day orders, please contact Esperanza Cruz c/o Arionna Gr 1. See the Truck Time above for when you will be needed.

**Patty King**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
December 8<sup>th</sup>

**Andrea Powers**  
(Pre-K B)  
December 30<sup>th</sup>



# Meet the HSA Board



Marge Hermitt - Treasurer ([margaret.hermitt@verizon.net](mailto:margaret.hermitt@verizon.net))

This is my sixth year as an HSA Board member and my first as treasurer. I have served in the positions of President and Publicity Chairperson and it has been an honor to do so. I love getting to know our students, families, faculty and staff and it is so rewarding when we all work together for the benefit of our school. I look forward to serving in my new position on the board.

My husband, Charlie, and I have two boys, John in the sixth grade and Robert in the fifth grade. Charlie is the school webmaster and the HSA yahoo group administrator. He also coaches the St. Matthew JV Basketball team on which both our sons play. Both of us have been class parents for various events and I serve as the secretary of the School Advisory Council. As you can see, volunteering at St. Matt's is a family affair. With children, work and volunteering, our lives are very busy, and we wouldn't have it any other way. Working to ensure our children receive the very best Catholic Education is our priority. St. Matthew's is the very best.

I work as an instructional aide for the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission. Working with children and helping them reach their educational goals is very rewarding. When I have an opportunity to relax, I enjoy spending time outdoors especially at the beach.



Bridget Quinn-PPC liaison & Rising Star Coordinator ([breyede@aol.com](mailto:breyede@aol.com))

I have been a parishioner of St Matthew the Apostle since 1992. My husband John was baptized here at St Matthew. This is my fifth year on the HSA Board, 2 years as Vice President and currently PPC Liaison and Rising Star Coordinator. My responsibilities include attending the PPC (Parish Pastoral Council) meeting and keeping touch with the St. Matthew's parish families who have newly baptized children. I am currently a class representative and have been one for the last 12 years. I have two boys, Mark is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Timothy graduated from St Matthew School in 2010. Timothy is current a sophomore at Cardinal McCarrick High School in South Amboy. Our Family is very active in the Parish. My husband and I have been part of the PreCana team for approximately 18 years. My Husband is very involved with the Facilities Committee of the School Advisory Council. He advises Our Pastor of needed repairs to our parish buildings and grounds. Timothy and Mark take great joy in the snow removal and grass cutting they do on the parish grounds.

In addition to the work I do at this parish, I work full time for the New York City Housing Authority in South Beach Houses as a Resident Service Associate where I am responsible for the first line management in the Development. I have worked for the Housing Authority for 24 years.



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**St. Matthew School  
Mission Statement**

*We are committed to the intellectual, moral, and spiritual development of our children, in a safe and nurturing Catholic environment, to the honor and glory of God.*



## Are You Ready For Some Football Or A Relaxing Vacation Anywhere You Choose?

Then Get Ready for Our Grand Prize Raffle.

This year's raffle will be bigger and better than ever!

The Grand Prize is a choice of either a trip to one major sporting event (i.e. 2014 Super Bowl, World Series, NCAA Final Four) or a vacation package anywhere you want to go worth up to \$5,000.

Tickets will be available soon. Each school family will receive a book to sell. We are excited and you should be too. The drawing will be held on April 22, 2012 at our Tricky Tray Auction.



### Easy Money for St. Matt's

- ✓ Purchase Scrip.
- ✓ Send in your General Mills Box Tops. Contest forms have been sent home.
- ✓ Send in your Campbell's Soup UPC symbols to Joyce Silverman c/o Victoria Grade 5.
- ✓ Enroll your Target credit card, in the store or online, and Target will donate 1% of your Target purchases and .5% of your purchases made elsewhere.

