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WHAT'S NEW

Mark your calendars!



Scott Breimhorst Named St. Matthew's Director of Education and Formation

Scott Breimhorst has assumed the position of St. Matthew's Director of Education and Formation. This is a new position for St. Matthew's Community. Breimhorst, as Director, will serve as Principal of the school and direct all youth formation programs of the parish including the Childcare Center.

Breimhorst has most recently served as chair of the English Department at Cretin-Derham

Hall in St. Paul. He completed his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration at the University of St. Thomas, also in St. Paul.

The goals of the new Director of Education and Formation are many, including:
To enhance communication between parents, teachers and administration
To review and strengthen the education curriculum throughout all programs
To work with all the friends, parishioners and alums of St. Matthew's to achieve a successful 2001 Capital Campaign.

ST MATTHEW'S SWEATSHIRTS AVAILABLE

The Home and School Association of St. Matthew's School has St. Matthew's sweatshirts available for purchase.

They are navy blue with St. Matthew's embroidered in red and white on the left front chest. Available in youth sizes: S, M, L and XL for \$22 each. Adult sizes: S, M, L and XL for \$26 each. Adult sizes XXL and XXXL \$28, and XXXXL \$30.

Proceeds go to the Home and School Association. Please send your order form with money in the enclosed envelope. Allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

name address city/state zip phone size.



Alumni Capital Campaign Information gathering (cookout) will be held on October 10, 2001. More information will follow.

Red & White Endowment Dinner, April 27, 2002.

All-School Reunion, Friday, September 20, 2002.

Building for Today, Vision for Tomorrow

Renewing our Vision - As the community of St. Matthew Church prepares to serve the community for another 100 years, we envision a strong Catholic presence on the West Side. Many of us who call the West Side home are witnessing a renaissance in housing and commercial development. The Riverfront project promises to increase middle income housing by almost 20 percent. New immigrants are finding homes in quality low income and subsidized housing. Entrepreneurs open new businesses each month. Dramatic changes on the West Side are an opportunity and challenge for St. Matthew's Church and School.

Recognizing the present development of the West Side, we see future student growth in all our educational programs. We envision expansion in our outreach programs; feeding more of the needy in our community through Loaves & Fishes, providing additional medical care through St. Mary's Clinic, and being an advocate for low and moderate-income housing. Yes, these are exciting challenges and opportunities for the people of St. Matthew's.

Such growth will have a dramatic impact on our facilities. We have for far too long deferred major renovations to our school. The time has come to renew our school building to serve the needs of our faith and civic communities. This is more than a construction project. It is a way to serve the families of the West Side and beyond. Buildings are containers in which we can affect life, faith, and hope in our community.

Actions require investment. To renew our school building, create new endowments for learning and enhance our commitment to childcare; we need great sacrifices from our alums. We will need to raise over \$6 million dollars.

Many of us, having attended Catholic schools all our lives, did not build these facilities. They were here for us to use as we grew in our faith. Our parents and grandparents built our schools at great personal sacrifice. These facilities were entrusted to us. The time to rebuild is now. We are called to be the builders.

What we are about to do, "Building for Today, Visions for Tomorrow", will call us to seek the help of many to ensure that the mission of St. Matthew's school, to exist in the world as a visible expression of God's love, remains strong and alive.



New Humboldt Avenue Entrance includes elevator,

The Case for Support

An Historic School: An Educational Asset and new Community Center- St. Matthew's School has served the families of the West Side since 1886. Now, more than ever before in the history of our community young people need the daily educational and formation influence of our school. After more than a century of service St. Matthew's School physical plant needs major restoration and improvement.

The restoration and renovation includes updating technology, improving the library, media center, classrooms; and enhanced accessibility to the building. The need for an elevator is a significant addition to our school building that first opened its doors in 1902 and then added an addition in 1928.

As we move into the 21st century, our school building also provides generous space to develop a stronger connection with the community of the West Side. With the renovation of the school, meeting rooms can be added and neighborhood residents can use the resources of the school, including the library, music room, and computer center. The result of our generosity would enable both the parish and the West Side community to use the newly renovated school building for education and formation programs for people of all ages. It is key that this facility serves the people of our community all year round.

Endowments for Learning Fund

The St. Matthew's Educational Endowment fund has a current balance of \$225,000. This profit of interest from the endowment provides annual tuition assistance to families and supports faculty and staff development for St. Matthew's School. Our endowment must be increased to provide additional financial resources to meet the ever-increasing demands for tuition assistance and faculty and staff development. It is our goal to establish a \$1,000,000 endowment.



staircase, new school office and accessible bathrooms.

***Please help build
Visions for tomorrow!***

(Please check appropriate box.)

- ◇ I am willing to help in raising funds from fellow. alums.
- ◇ I would like to offer some suggestions on sub. contractors who may be willing to help St. Matthew's School.
- ◇ I would be willing to contribute, so please send me St. Matthew's special School appeal letter.
- ◇ I would like some information on how I could leave a gift in my will, or how I could make a planned gift in my lifetime.

*Your assistance is crucial to the success of
this campaign.*

Name

Address

City/State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Business Phone

eMail

Class Year

Thank You!

CLASS NOTES

*WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU... Drop us a line with news
About yourself or your favorite memory from St. Matt's.
We'll make sure it gets published in the next issue of the newsletter.*

Olivia Kafka '42 was in the musical production "Tulip Time" with Cretin High School. This was a major accomplishment to be able to work with them as they usually chose 51. Joseph's Academy to work with when they did their spring plays. The other unusual thing I remember was that St. Matthew's was a German parish, but every St. Patrick's day we would have a varsity program and I would always wish I were Irish. Anyone that was Irish performed and there was a great amount of talent displayed.

John Bins and Kathleen Rose Griffin Bins '51 moved to St. Louis in 1963 then to Kansas City in 1965. Married with 3 children, one at home with Downs Syndrome and also I have 10 grandchildren.

Joseph Blissenbach '31 pitched championship game in 1931 for 51. Matthew's. Went on to Cretin to pitch championship game for Cretin beating DeLaSalle (2-0) and then played 4 years as pro in Northern League and American Association. WWII injury ended career.

Ellen Buckrey Parravano '59 I remember the generosity and sincerity of the Sisters at the school who always showed their support for my father, a widower, in his efforts to raise his family. I still remember going with him as he made a request of the Sisters to allow me to begin Kindergarten at four years old. They did not deliberate very long, and they made us both happy by giving me an early start on my education.

Delores Gagnier Diedrick '34 My memories are: singing in choir, helping St. Kathryn carry books and supplies down to State Street to give to Mexican children, walking down George Street to pick up shoes for the Sisters, carrying statue of the Blessed Virgin in a procession.

Kevin Jenniges '76 remembers coach Joe Rowan who taught him the meaning of toughness and respect. Coach Rowan, in the Fall of 1975, told his football team that he had not beat 51. Marks in 30 years. That Sunday afternoon we beat St. Marks at McMurray field. This was the best game I ever played and the last year Joe coached.

GregEmerson '81 Married with two girls. Teaches Religion and Math and coaches at Mary of Lourdes Middle School in Little Falls, MN.

Patrick Mortinson '35 had Sr. Carmelita 4 years in a row. Every year when he passed to the next grade, Sr. Carmelita would be teaching that grade also.

Rita Wolf Adam '44 spends winters in Arizona

Victoria Petschauer Baker '68 writes about her memories; on occasion, during Spanish class, Sr. Mary Robert would turn the TV channel from "Domiguel" to "I Love Lucy". A girl's basketball team was started during my 8th grade year by Sr. Conrad. She would hitch up her skirt and dribble down court and shoot a lay-up. What a sight! She was good! We had to crowd in the basement chapel for our 8th grade graduation because the church burned down just a few months before. On to new beginnings.

Nancy Regan Przybilla '81 Note to Mary Held Haeg: How could any of us forget the discipline we received? YEEKS! I loved 51. Matts. I made lifelong friends and memories there.

Arlene Richter Moore '33 says hi to all her friends at 51. Matts. She is 83 and still working full time as an Executive Secretary. Moved to CA in 1967.

Rosann Taylor Juenemann '55 Husband Don arrived at St. Matts in 7th grade. Both had Sr. Dominica that year. Rosann left after 8th grade. Even though they only lived 3 blocks apart, they never saw each other until 1962. They were married in the old 51. Matthew's Church in 1963. Memory: Both Don & Rosann marched in the St. Paul School Police Parade wearing their "dandy" yellow slacks and red cowboy hats. They won first place for the best marching band that year.

Don was shot and killed by an angry homeowner on Christmas Eve during a routine housing inspection for the City of 51. Paul. There is a plaque in Como Park honoring Don and his work for the City. The St. Paul Public Health Center was renamed Public Health Center, Don Juenemann Building.

Monica Mortinson Halligan '31

My family moved to the corner of George and Humboldt across from the library in 1927. When the parish decided to add on to the school, Fr. Schaefer asked my mother Marguerite to put on the banquet when the Archbishop came to bless the building. Fr. Plaschko and my mother bought all the kitchen equipment (her grandparents owned the Melrose Hotel). They bought all the stoves, refrigerator, flatware, etc. My mom spent two days teaching the Young Ladies Society proper etiquette. My 1st year of high school, Sr. Philomena gave permission for me to have a basketball team with my two brothers, Severin and Matt, as coaches. Uniforms were a top and very baggy bloomers. The girls would pull the legs way up when they were in the gym. Sr. Philomena would stand watch in the balcony with a whistle to alert the team when Sr. Superior was approaching. Sr. Superior was very strict and demanded dresses below the knees and sleeves to the wrists. The team, Mona Mortinson, Marie Haas, Eileen McMonigal, Lucille Kindgren, Josphine Allie & Kathryn Haas.

Saturdays my mom would bake bread and cook a ham and Fr. Ettl would come over after confession. Brothers would close the family Mortinson Drug Store (Winslow & Dodd) and everyone would eat and visit the whole evening. Fr. Joe would always have to watch the clock so he didn't eat after midnight.

MISSING ALUMNI & NEWS-LETTER UPDATES

We are still missing many, many alumni. If you know the whereabouts of any fellow classmates, family, friends and neighbors who attended St. Matthew's School, or if you would like to submit any news to share with other alumni, please mail your info in the enclosed envelope or send bye-mail to:

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We Need Your Assistance

We are looking for Class representatives who will update their class list. If you are intested and would like more information, please call Carol Casey at 651-451-1679.

An Alumni Association Committee is now being formed. If you are interested in joining us, please call Michele Edwards, 651-688-7635 or Bernie Mike, 651-455-8939.

All-School Reunion Committee We need volunteers to help plan the Reunion for September 20, 2002. Call Bernie Mike, 651-455-8939, Michele Edwards, 651-688-7635 or Carol Casev.651-451-1679.