



Give glory and praise to our God! Who alone give light to our days!

We have finally made it to autumn and what lovely colors are still out there!

I would like to congratulate Mrs. Linda Mackey for receiving the St. John Neumann Award for volunteering at St. Matthew School. We gathered at the Annual HOPES Dinner with many volunteers on Monday, October 16th at the Aqua Turf to celebrate all the wonderful things Mrs. Mackey and all volunteers do for our elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford. *Thank you again!* Monsignor Ginty also received "Pastor of the Year" that night and we couldn't be more proud to have him as our pastor here at St. Matthew School.

Conferences are here! Please remember that the teachers are on a time restraint and if more time is needed to continue these very important conversations, please schedule a time convenient for both you and the teacher *after* conferences are over. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding.

The weather is getting colder. Please make sure the children are dressed warmly in layers. Please also be attentive to their uniforms. Hair accessories, jewelry and belts are the areas that need to be addressed. Please consult the handbook if you have any questions. Feel free to contact me directly, need be.

Here are some dates to keep in mind:

Tuesday, Wednesday, November 7 & 8	12:30 dismissal/conferences/BOOK FAIR
Thursday, November 9th	Operation Christmas Child Packing Party 11am-2pm
Tuesday, November 14th	4th Grade Teachable Mass 10 am
Wednesday, November 15th	State of the School Presentation @ 6:30pm
Thursday, November 16th	SMS Athletic Meeting @ 6:30pm
Tuesday, November 21st	Grandparents' Day @ 11am
Wednesday, November 22nd	11:30 am dismissal
Thursday, November 23rd	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Wednesday, November 29th	HSA General School Meeting @ 6:30pm

Finally, this is our second year doing the Operation Christmas Child service project! Thank you so very much for all your support and generosity!! VERY much appreciated!!!

We are busy and growing!

Enjoy autumn!