

Dear St. Matthew Parents,

June 14, 2021

Summer greetings to all of you! I am beyond excited to begin my time here at St. Matthew. I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know you and your children. My name is Christine Tax and I am a product of the Diocese of Phoenix. I went to grade school at Ss. Simon and Jude and graduated from Saint Mary's High School. I am married to Chris, who is a graduate of Brophy College Prep. We have two children Kate (16) and Connor (14). Kate attends Xavier College Prep and Connor attends Ss. Simon and Jude. Catholic Education has always been a priority for our family and it is something that we could imagine life without. We are so grateful to be able to have the opportunity to send our children to catholic school and focus on educating their minds and hearts.

I believe that parents are the first teachers of their children and we need to partner together to help students succeed. I want ALL children to be able to attend Catholic School and have the best opportunity at success.

There are so many great things already happening at St Matthews and I am excited to continue to build upon those things and make St Matthew the best place possible.

Here are a few general updates:

COVID-19

We will update you, as we get closer to the start of the year once we know what mitigation strategies will be in place. We will return to 100% in person learning in the fall.

First Week of School

In order to adjust to the new school year, we will have 12:00 dismissal on August 10, 11, and 12. Lunch will be served on these days.

School Hours Change-- We will be changing our school hours. The gates will open at 7:45 am and school officially starts at 8:00am. School will dismiss at 3:00pm. There will be before care offered and information on that will be sent out soon. Dismissal is at 3:00pm Monday-Thursday. Dismissal will continue to be at 12:30 on Fridays.

Again, I look forward to getting to know you all. If you should have any questions or need anything please don't hesitate to email at ctax@stmatthewaz.org

Many Blessings,

Christine Tax
Principal
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