

Dear SMCS Community,

As this year comes to end, we are already in full swing of preparing for next year. The Cathedral School of St. Matthew continues to strive to give our children the best it can by providing them with ample opportunities and building their core values. This, unfortunately, does come at a cost and it is up to us to do what we can to offset as much of it as we can. The Bishop Crowley Memorial Golf Outing was created to do just that.

The Golf Outing is the largest fundraiser of the school and the proceeds go directly to improving the school's technology. In recent years this included 75 Chromebooks, 25 iPads, and 3 portable iPad stations. Technology is constantly changing and if we do not keep up with it, we can quickly fall behind. It is much more economical to make small improvements annually than to try to catch up later. Being able to understand and utilize different forms of technology is essential to everyday life. Here at St Matthew's we understand that circumstances are different from home to home, but with these upgrades and purchases, we are able to bring technology to each student and provide them with the latest forms available to them.

Every year we set a goal for the Golf Outing in terms of profits. This year our goal is \$10,000 profit. In order to reach this goal, it requires participation from everyone in our community. We have some wonderful corporate sponsors that have been extremely generous, but we cannot rely solely on them. First and foremost, we want you to **PLAY** in the outing. We are scheduled for **August 23, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.** The children are in school, and the school is offering free aftercare for participants. Second, we are looking for sponsors. If you know someone or you have the means to donate funds to the Outing, it goes a long way to offset the costs of the Outing. We are also looking for items to be donated for use in a raffle and silent auction. Last year we raised approximately \$1,000 from donated items.

New this year, we are offering families the opportunity to sponsor a hole on behalf of a student. There will be no maximum number of student sponsorships available. They will be available at a cost of \$25 dollars per student, but after 4 sponsorships purchases, any additional are free. On the day of the outing, we will have signs posted on all of the holes that will have the name of the student, the sponsor, and any special message you provide for the student. We will also have pictures of students at each hole. We want players and sponsors to know what their money is going towards. We want to put a face to our cause.

Lastly, if none of the options above are possible at this time, then please consider donating your time. It takes a lot of people to make this Outing happen. We will gladly take any and all volunteers that wish to come out and help on August 23. We also provide food and beverage for volunteers as well.

Each year we want the outing to grow both in profits and participation. So, ***please*** mark your calendar, **Friday August 23, 2019**, for The Bishop Crowley Memorial Golf Outing. Sign-up to play, donate (funds or items), student sponsorships, and/or as a volunteer. We are grateful for anyone who is willing to help make this year's Outing great. On behalf of the students and staff of the Cathedral School of St. Matthew, I want to thank you all for helping make our school what it is, and what it will continue to be.

Sincerely and God Bless,

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