

*News & Notes from the Principal's Desk*  
*†Christ Be Our Light*  
August 26, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to attend our annual Parents as Partners meeting on Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the PLC. You will have the opportunity to meet staff, visit classrooms, and participate in informative presentations by your child's teachers. I look forward to seeing you!

**Wauconda Library Cards:** We are participating in a contest with the Wauconda Library and the Wauconda District #118 schools to attain 100% library card ownership by September 4! The school that finishes closest to reaching the 100% goal will win a pizza party for the school! Please have your child bring his/her Wauconda library card to school between now and Monday, August 31. We will record your child's card number on our class lists. If your child does not have a card, applications are available from your child's teacher and in our school office. New applications must be completed and returned to our school office for processing by September 4! We will give our class lists and new applications to the library on September 4! Let the contest begin!

**Art:** Art can be quite messy and the art room is always in need of baby wipes and paper towels. I am asking that K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade please bring in paper towels and grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> bring in baby wipes. Please have your child's name on the paper towels or baby wipes. If you would like to volunteer in the art room (either from home or in the classroom), please call or email Mrs. Aita: [julia\\_aita3@yahoo.com](mailto:julia_aita3@yahoo.com).

**Campbell Soup and Box Tops News:** Please continue to clip Campbell Soup and Box Tops labels for the school. Over the summer, we continued to clip and send in labels, which raised \$130.00 and 1,200 points. Great job and thanks for your support!

There is a box in the school entrance way and another box in the church vestibule to deposit labels. Please only give us the UPC label and not the entire label. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Karen Lazaro at 847-526-0818.

**Special Presentation:** St. Mary of the Annunciation is hosting an author, Matthew Kelly, who will present "Becoming the Best Version of Yourself" on September 24, 2009. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

**Lottery Calendar:** Congratulations to our \$50.00 winner, Larry Zemko!

**Parent/Student Handbook:** Please read and discuss the handbook with your child(ren). We want to ensure that each family receives and reads it. Please sign and return the form from last week's folder.

**Uniforms:** Thank you for your help in assuring that your children are dressed in uniform each day. We remind the students to tuck in their shirts as needed throughout the day. Thank you!

**Mandatory Raffle Tickets:** The School Board will issue raffle tickets to families in the upcoming weeks. We are extending ticket sales to February 5, 2010. Thank you for your patience.

**New Family Orientation Meeting:** Tuesday, September 1, 2009, in the Atrium at 7:00 p.m.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Tina Vakilynejad  
Principal

# Transfiguration Tikes

**Transfiguration Tikes, a program for children aged 20 months to 36 months and their caregivers, begins September 11, 2009. Our program will provide a stimulating and nurturing learning experience emphasizing the needs and interests of the children in a developmentally appropriate environment. Children will have the opportunity to develop their skills (social, emotional, cognitive, language, motor, etc.) while interacting with their mothers, fathers, grandparents or caregivers in our Catholic setting. Caregivers must accompany their children to classes.**

**Transfiguration Tikes will meet from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on Fridays in the preschool classroom, adjacent to the Atrium. The class fee is \$50.00 for each child. Registrations will be taken in the school office on a first come first served basis. A birth certificate and current health record are needed for registration. Classes will meet on Fridays from September 11 through November 20. Class will not be held on Oct. 16, 2009. Please call the school office at 847-526-6311 for information.**

August 19, 2009

Dear Transfiguration Parents,

I am pleased to announce that the kindergarten through eighth grade art classes will be participating in the Artsonia program for a third year in a row. For those of you who have not heard of Artsonia, it is a website to showcase students' artwork on the Internet. Artsonia is the world's largest online art museum with thousands of artwork by students in over 100 countries.

I believe that this project will help boost the students' pride and self-esteem, technology awareness and multi-cultural understanding. We have had great success with the program the past years. Further, the project also enables parents, relatives and friends to view the child's artwork online. I encourage you to take an active role in your child's art education by participating in Artsonia.

As a registered parent, you can submit artwork to your child's gallery, invite family and friends to join the artist's fan club and also approve any comments that visitor's leave in your child's guestbook. You can see your child's artwork as well as other artwork by visiting [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com) and browsing to our school gallery. If you are not yet registered I will be sending home a registration and permission form with your child.

Besides showcasing our students' artwork on the Internet for the world to see, Artsonia also offers parents high quality gift items imprinted with your child's own artwork. The school arts program will receive 15% of all the order revenue. Therefore, not only are these products excellent gifts for friends and family, but your order directly supports the arts program here at the school. I encourage you and your family members to visit the website and enjoy all of its educational benefits!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Aita



Registration Form

# Matthew Kelly

“Becoming the Best Version of Yourself”

Thursday, September 24, 2009

St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church  
22333 W. Erhart Rd., Mundelein IL 60060

New York Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly is widely recognized as one of the best speakers of our time, energizing audiences in more than 50 countries for the past decade. Kelly possesses a powerful ability to help listeners see their essential purpose as human beings and the challenges and blessings of life in a new light.

- Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for check in and seating.
- Matthew Kelly to begin speaking promptly at 7:30 p.m.
- Evening to end with book signing and fellowship.

Matthew Kelly is author of many best-selling books including:  
*The Dream Manager* \* *The Rhythm of Life* \* *Rediscovering Catholicism* \* *A Call to Joy*  
 \* *Building Better Families* \* *The Seven Levels of Intimacy*  
 More information on Mr. Kelly is available at [www.matthewkelly.org](http://www.matthewkelly.org).

This presentation is for all teens and adults seeking true and lasting happiness. Don't miss this opportunity to hear his positive message and spread the word about the event!

Registration is required to attend.

Please register for the event if you would like to attend, even if a donation is not possible.

- To register, return this form with any contribution to St. Mary parish office (address above).
- Make checks payable to “St. Mary of the Annunciation.”
- Registrations may be placed online using a credit card at [www.events.org/stmaryregistration](http://www.events.org/stmaryregistration)
- Tickets will be mailed to registration address by 9/15. Any registrations received after 9/15 will be held at the door for pick up.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email\* \_\_\_\_\_ \*Confirmation sent to email if provided



Registration Item	Quantity	Suggested Donation	Total
Event Ticket (recommended age 12 – Adult)		\$ 5.00	\$
Sponsor a Teen or RCIA Candidate to attend		\$ 5.00	\$
Additional Support for the Event		\$	\$

More information is available at [www.stmaryfc.org](http://www.stmaryfc.org).