



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirationse

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

August 26, 2019

Margaret Mary Term – Week I







The first day of school finds our students and faculty busy getting organized in Lower School and already exploring the Earth on google earth and Shakespearian dialogue in the Upper school.

~ Events Calendar ~



Monday, August 26th

First Day of School

September Hot Lunch Orders Due

(Note: Hot lunch service begins Tuesday, September 3rd)

Tuesday, August 27th

Little Saints Preschool Open House ~ 9 - 11 AM

Wednesday, August 28th

First Regular Day of Little Saints Preschool

Friday, August 30th – Monday, September 2nd

No School – Labor Day Weekend Break

Wednesday, September 4th

September Student Leadership Dress Up Day

Parent Orientation 6:30 to 7:30 PM, Parish Hall

Sunday, September 15th

Parish & School Picnic

Noon – 4 PM, Parish Grounds

~ Attachments ~

Weekly Parent Schedule

September Hot Lunch Order

ESP Schedule/Expectations/Billing

2019-2020 School Calendar Update

~ Noteworthy ~

From the Headmaster

Education, to be effective, must understand who the human child is. Any educational pedagogy is grounded in an *anthropology*. Education will bring a child true freedom and happiness only when it is grounded in a true anthropology. Who is the human person—the child? At St. Thomas we understand that the human child is a being *ordered to the eternal*. All education, to truly meet both the natural and supernatural needs of the child, must reflect eternal qualities in the temporal. Anything less becomes boring banality and will ultimately leave the child unmotivated, unhappy and unfree.

Amid the myriad activities, lessons, assignments and due dates ahead—we do not forget at St. Thomas that learning, to be practical and real, must touch a child's imagination and leave them with an intimation of the eternal. As our students at St. Thomas undertake the hard work of learning to read, to count, to think, to understand, and to choose—we will seek to lay a foundation of *purpose, curiosity* and *discovery* for all of these labors. When learning is a labor motivated by wonder, learning becomes an occasion for *happiness*--our school theme for the 2019-2020 school year: *beatitudinum*.

Thank you for being a part of the year ahead. We count on your help in making it an occasion of real happiness for our entire learning community of students, faculty, parents and families. Please contribute your support to the many needs we will have of your help this school year. At our upcoming **Parent Orientation Evening, next week Wednesday, September 4th**, we will share opportunities for you to help make this year an experience of *beatitudinum* for all.

New St. Thomas School Website Launch

Beginning today parents are able to access our new fully re-designed St. Thomas School website, including our Parent Classroom Portal where parents will be able to access current activities, assignments and upcoming events for their child's classroom. Parents may access the site at www.sta2.org/school. Our site is still being finalized and your input is most welcome—both what you find helpful and how you think it could be improved. We look forward to this platform being a valuable communications resource for our parents and those seeking information about St. Thomas School.

St. Thomas Fall Sports Begin

Soccer and Girls Volleyball athletes are invited to represent the proud St. Thomas Irish on the soccer field and volleyball court this fall! Mr. Miller will be sending out details this week. Please see the school calendar for game dates and locations. Please email [Mr. Conrad Miller](mailto:Mr.Conrad.Miller) with your child's interest in playing.

2019-2020 Extended School Day Update

All parents taking advantage of our ESP program are asked to review the attached Schedule, Expectations and Billing summary. Please feel welcome to contact the

school office for any questions, or in regard to billing please email [Mrs. Mary Beth Sobel](#). Please note that the service rate for both morning and afternoon ESP services is \$6.50 per hour and that students must be picked up by 5:30 PM in order to participate in the program.

School Calendar Update

Please note the addition on the attached 2019-2020 School Calendar of Friday, October 11th as a day of no school when our faculty will be participating in the Diocese of Lansing Professional Learning Institute. For our 8th grade students, there will be an opportunity on October 11th to shadow at Fr. Gabriel Richard High School—more information to follow.

Student Mass Schedule

This school year Fr. Bill will be taking Thursday as a day off and so our All School Masses will take place on Monday and Wednesdays. Monthly Leadership Day and Virtue Award presentations will take place after Mass on first Wednesdays of the month. On Tuesday and Thursdays, fourth through eighth grade will also attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Parents are most welcome to join us.



As we begin this school year, we consecrate all that we do and become to Our Lady, entrusting our children and our entire school community to the maternal royalty of her Immaculate Heart.
Our Lady, Queen of the Family—*pray for us!*

