



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

October 28, 2019

Margaret Mary Term – Week X

School Year Theme: *Beatudinem* (Happiness)

October Virtue: Counsel



During this month of the rosary, students participated in a 'Living Rosary'. Candles were lit around the rosary of students from Kindergarten through 8th grade as each student lead either the Our Father, Hail Mary or Glory Be.

We prayed for all the intentions of our St. Thomas families.





Congratulations to all our 4th through 8th graders for their participation in the first annual St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee! Thank you Mrs. Kelly for organizing and moderating our bee. Congratulations to our place winners! Blessings on our 1st and 2nd place winners who will represent St. Thomas at the K of C regional bee in January.

4th Grade

1st ~ Charlotte Hanley
2nd ~ Stephanie Dudley
3rd ~ Sophia Savarino

6/7th Grade

1st ~ Adriana Dudley
2nd ~ Francis Rutherford
3rd ~ Ethan Korpela

5th Grade

1st ~ Stasio Fil
2nd ~ Benedict Rutherford
3rd ~ Maria Maki

8th Grade

1st ~ Paige Zauel
2nd ~ Alexandra Maszatics
3rd ~ Allison Wicks



Our thanks to our Parent Association and participating families for a wonderful afternoon and evening of games, delicious chilis and treats last Friday at our St. Thomas Fall Festival. Please join in our Parent Association and become a part of making our school community a wonderful fellowship of faith, hope and love here at St. Thomas School through such events.

~ Events Calendar ~



Thursday, October 31st
Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra
Guest Pianist & Composer Assembly
2:20 - 3:10 PM Parish Hall

Friday, November 1st ~ All Saints Day
All Saints Day Noon Mass
St. Thomas All Saints Day Party
1:30 to 3:10 PM
Saint Dress Up Day

Monday, November 4th
First Day of Nicholas Term

Wednesday, November 6th
Kindergarten – 8th Grade Conferences
3:30 – 5:30 PM, Classrooms & Parish Hall
Margaret Mary Term report cards and Fall NWEA reports sent home.

Thursday, November 7th
Kindergarten – 8th Grade Conferences
3:30 – 8:30 PM, Classrooms & Parish Hall

Friday, November 8th
No School/Records Day

Tuesday - Thursday, November 12th – 14th
St. Thomas School Bookfair
Library & Media Center, See times below.

Wednesday, November 13th
St. Thomas School Stakeholders Forum
6:30 – 8:00 PM, Cafeteria
(Note revised date to accommodate late girls volleyball game
and travel schedules of board members.)

~ Attachments ~

Weekly Parent Schedule
Boys Basketball/Girls Cheer 2019 Season Schedule



From the Headmaster

Family prayer is the most effective means of family spiritual and physical well-being. To come together before God as a family in prayer is a source of innumerable blessings, of spiritual and physical protection, guidance, healing, and intimacy with each other and with God. During this month of the Rosary, we encourage all our families to pray in a special way to Our Lady of the Rosary. This past week we prayed to Our Lady for all the intentions of our school community with a “living rosary”. As a school we also offer monthly the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual

Help after Mass. St. Thomas the Apostle School was consecrated to Mary last school year and we renew this consecration each May. May Our Lady continue to be a protectress and motherly guide to this community of faith and learning, which is joined with her as she seeks to combat the works of the evil one in our day and age. We dedicate this school and all our efforts to the intentions of her Immaculate Heart for St. Thomas School and for each of our families.

Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-Up

A key aspect of our partnership for the success of each student is the upcoming parent/teacher conferences taking place next Wednesday afternoon and Thursday afternoon and evening. Please use the following sign-up genius links to make your appointment with each classroom teacher. Specials teachers will be available for a drop-in conference in the parish hall Thursday afternoon and evening, or you may email them to make a specific appointment time. Note that Kindergarten through 5th grade conferences will take place in their respective classrooms, and 6th through 8th grade conferences, with the specials teachers, in the parish hall. At least one parent for each child is expected to participate in a conference. Our goal is to confirm the academic and social development of each student and to ensure that the school is providing, in concert with parents at home, the supports needed for each child's success.

[Mr. Pietryga - Kindergarten Conferences](#)

[Ms. Kelly - 1st Grade Conferences](#)

[Ms. Cullen - 2nd & 3rd Grade Conferences](#)

[Mr. Creaser - 4th & 5th Grade Conferences](#)

[Mr. Burton - 6th-8th Grade Math & Science Conferences](#)

[Ms. Lorang - 6th-8th Grade English & History Conferences](#)

All Saints Day: Noon Mass—Celebration—Dress Up

This Friday St. Thomas will joyfully celebrate the love of God revealed in the saints.

- All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, all students will participate in Noon Mass. Parents are invited to join their students for Mass or plan accordingly.
- The St. Thomas Upper School will host an All Saints Day celebration from 1:30 to 3:10 PM in the parish hall.
- All students are encouraged to dress up as a saint or blessed for the day. Classroom teachers will select candidates for an all faculty selection of classroom 'best saint dress-up' and a lower school and upper school 'best saint dress-up'. Winners will receive Saints statues.

October 31 Special Assembly: Ms. Jai Wang

Ms. Tull and our school community welcome Ms. Jai Wang from the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra this Thursday from 2:20 to 3:10 PM at a special assembly. Ms. Wang will discuss composing music, perform her Overture to America the Beautiful, along with our own student cadet and concert ensembles performing. A light reception will also be provided for this occasion dedicated to helping our students discover their own creative possibilities to produce new works of beauty through the discipline and appreciation of excellence.

Library Committee

We are happy to introduce our St. Thomas Library Committee lead by our Librarian, Mrs. Sarah Davignon. Mrs. Davignon is joined by volunteer parents Mrs. Pia Gavigan, Mrs. Stephanie Kung, Mrs. Kimberly McKee, Mrs. Brittany Osman and Mr. Chris Russ. In the weeks and months ahead the library committee will be spearheading a deeper understanding and appreciation for reading, the irreplaceable role of books in the development of the child, and a significant development of the St. Thomas Library Collection. Development projects are planned to include:

- A Library Mission Statement
- Alignment of the Library Collection with our Classical Curriculum
- Design of the Library Environment as a Reading Room
- Launch of a Library Collection Donation Program
- Library Website Presence



4th – 8th Boys Basketball Begins Today

Boys 4th through 8th grade practice begins today from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. We welcome Coaches Jon Stoneback and Noah Borgdorff. Please come dressed in appropriate athletic attire and practice jerseys. If you didn't play basketball last year, you will be able to buy a practice jersey. Athletic Director Miller will host a parent meeting at **4:30 pm on Friday, November 1st** to go over important info and answer any questions. See the attached season schedule for game dates and locations.

To play upper school sports, participants are required to pay a \$50 fee and provide an up to date physical. Athletics fees are to be paid through your eFunds account selecting 'Athletic Fees'. The physical must be dated after April 15, 2019 and clear the student for physical activity.

4th-8th Grade Girls Cheer Begins Wednesday

4th-8th grade girls are invited to join the St. Thomas Cheer Team, with starting practice this Wednesday, October 30th. Practices will be every **Wednesday and Thursday** from 3:30 PM until 4:30 PM in the gym. Mrs. Karen Eustice will be coaching with assistant coach Emma Eustice. The St. Thomas Cheer Team will cheer at the five home games and the basketball tournament—see attached schedule for home game dates.

If your daughter is interested in joining, please send them with a change of clothes, athletic shoes, a snack and a water bottle on Wednesday. To play upper school sports, participants are required to pay a \$50 fee and provide an up to date physical. The physical must

Who needs a tiara
when you have a bow?



be dated after April 15, 2019 and clear the student for physical activity. Please **log into [e-Funds](#) and click on "Athletic Fee" in the drop down menu, to pay the \$50 fee.** If that will be a problem, please let Mr. Conrad Miller know as soon as possible.

Book Fair Time is Coming

This year we host a new Book Fair provider which will be providing quality, enriching and engaging reading in all topics for our Preschool through 8th grade students. Students will be visiting the book fair on Tuesday to create 'wish lists'. Parents will be able to visit during any of the book fair hours below. Feel welcome to contact our Librarian [Mrs. Davignon](#) if you have any questions.

Tuesday, November 12th ~ Open After school: 3:30-4:30 PM

Wednesday, November 13th ~

Open after school: 3:30-4:30 PM

Open before stakeholder's meeting: 5:30-6:30 PM

Thursday, November 14th ~ Open after school: 3:30-4:30 PM



Divine Mercy Classroom Presentations

This Tuesday, Mrs. Barbara Yaich, mother of Mrs. Emily Hanley, will be presenting to each classroom her message of Our Lord's Divine Mercy based on her recent pilgrimage to Poland and to the Divine Mercy sites of Sr. Faustina. This will be an opportunity for all our students to gain a deeper understanding of God's love for each of us, especially when we fall, and how we are each called to extend God's mercy to all those around us.

Our Lady, Queen of the Rosary, pray for us~

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