



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

September 23, 2019

Margaret Mary Term – Week V

School Year Theme: *Beatudinem* (Happiness)

September Virtue: Affability



Classroom teachers in teams of two, pray over each of their students during Friday adoration. *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*



Our St. Thomas 8th graders represent our school community with Bishop Earl

at the Diocese of Lansing all school Mass. Melanie Karls was selected to read the first reading of the Mass.

~ Events Calendar ~



Monday, September 23rd

October Lunch Orders Due Today
(Lunch order form attached)

Wednesday, October 2nd

Fr. Gabriel Richard High School Open House
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Wednesday, October 9th

Headmaster's Coffee
8:00 – 9:00 AM, Parish Hall

Friday, October 11th

No School

Diocese of Lansing Teacher
Professional Development Conference

Monday, October 14th

Parent Association Monthly Meeting
6:00 PM -- Room 255

See attached minutes from the September meeting—
Come join in the planning!

Tuesday, October 22th (revised)

St. Thomas School Stakeholders Forum
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Parish Hall

~ Attachments ~

Weekly Parent Schedule
Parent Handbook Signatory Page
Parent Background Check Release Form
October Lunch Order Form

~ Noteworthy ~

Required Forms Due October 1st

Parent Background Release Form--The Diocese of Lansing requires parents to provide a release form permitting an online background check. Any parent wishing to spend time in the classroom, drive and participate on field trips, participate in school day events must have a background release form on file.

Parent Handbook Signatory Page Due--Please review the St. Thomas Parent Handbook and sign with your student(s) the Agreement Form found on the back of your handbook or attached to this email. All parents and students are required to indicate their agreement in writing to the policies and procedures of the St. Thomas Parent Handbook in order to be enrolled at St. Thomas.

St. Thomas eFunds Payment Process

We are pleased to announce the launch of e-Funds at St. Thomas. Each family received your family and student IDs and a step-by-step flyer from e-Funds last Friday with your oldest or only child. With e-Funds, parents will pay online for school lunches, ESP bills, athletic fees, field trips, and much more. We will be adding additional payment options to the site. Parents will also be able to track what they paid for and how much they paid throughout the year. Money and checks will no longer be accepted for payment at the school. The link to e-Funds is <https://payments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/56416> Please contact Mrs. Steffy if you have any questions in setting up your account or making a payment.

Upper School Retreat

This Friday our 6th through 8th graders will have the opportunity for prayer and growth in ministry service through a one hour retreat time taken in the school Eucharistic Chapel. Students will hear a teaching on discipleship, have time for silent adoration and prayer and begin to learn to sing Gregorian chant. Fr. Bill, Ms. Lorang, Mr. Burton, Mr. DiLaura and our new parish youth minister, Mrs. Biskner will support our students during this time of reflection and prayer. Please pray for our Upper School students that the Lord will continue for form and lead them in a deeper experience of His love and to clearly hear His call to each of them.



Spirit Wear Link

St. Thomas spirit wear is now available with a silk screened St. Thomas crest. Please visit: <https://stthomaspiritwear2019.itemorder.com/> to place an order for adult or youth green or white polos, or green quarter zip pullovers.

Extended School Day Program Team

This week we are introducing new members of our team of ESP coordinators and tutors who will be providing supervision and support to our students after school. Miss Shannon Burton will continue as Monday and Tuesday coordinator, we

welcome Mr. Andres Davalos as our Wednesday and Thursday Coordinator, with Miss Burton and Mr. Davalos alternating on Fridays. Our Monday through Friday tutors will be Miss Stephanie Alcocer, Miss Caroline George and Miss. Atona Yost. We are happy to be able to have these young professionals serving our after school students with their engagement, care and responsible supervision. Please feel welcome to introduce yourself and to offer any direction on the care of your child during ESP.

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