



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Nascantur in Admirazione*

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

November 18, 2019

Nicholas Term – Week III

School Year Theme: *Beatudinem* (Happiness)

November Virtue: Patience



St. Thomas fourth through eighth graders enjoy the performance of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra at Hill Auditorium, including 'Overture to America the Beautiful' to which guest composer Mrs. Jai Wang presented the background at her guest visit to our students in October.



Statues of the St. Thomas Angel House archangels Gabriel, Michael and Raphael stand vigilant in the St. Thomas School office as our students seek to grow in their virtues guided by the Holy Spirit and their guardian angels.



Students were introduced at Monday Assembly to our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive led by our St. Thomas Upper School Student Council. Please contribute any can good or packaged non-perishable food items that will be donated to through this week until next Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you~



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*~Christmas Poinsettia, Wreath & Garland Sale~*

Decorate your home and support our St. Thomas Rome Trip by purchasing Poinsettias, Wreaths and Roping. Drop off the attached order to the school office by **Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**.

Items will be available for pick up after 1pm on **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall from 1pm to 4pm**. Use e-Funds to make your payment or attach a check made out to St. Thomas.

*Thank you!*



All students will gather in the gymnasium for this Friday's monthly Angel House Jean Day festivities as the Upper School takes on the faculty in an ultimate frisbee competition!

## ~ Events Calendar ~



Monday-Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**St. Thomas School Food Drive**

Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
**December Lunch Order Forms Due**  
Order form attached.

November 18<sup>th</sup> – December 10<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Thomas Christmas Poinsettia, Wreath & Garland Sale**  
Order form attached.

Wednesday - Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> -- 29<sup>th</sup>  
**No School - Thanksgiving Break**

Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Thomas School Christmas Choir Concert**  
6:30 PM in St. Thomas Church

Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Thomas Winter Celebration of Wonder**  
6:30 PM in the St. Thomas Parish Hall

Friday, December 20<sup>h</sup>  
**Half Day - Dismissal at 11:40 AM**  
**St. Thomas Christmas Party**



## ~ Attachments ~

Weekly Parent Schedule  
December Lunch Order Form  
Christmas Decoration Order Form  
Science Olympiad Event List & Interest Form

### From the Headmaster

Our thanks to the parents and parishioners who joined us last week at the **Fall School Stakeholders Forum** at which we laid the foundation for the work ahead in deepening our life as a learning community here at St. Thomas School.

I ask each of our parents take an active role in who we are as a school by reviewing and [signing up](#) in our **St. Thomas Parent Stakeholders Network** in one of four key areas of contribution listed below.

Note that the Parent Association has a representative sign-up slot for each grade while the other three teams have one slot per classroom. More slots can be added for each grade or classroom as we may need, but to begin I ask that we have one Parent Association Representative/Room Parent sign up *per grade* and the one parent *per classroom* sign up in the three other key areas of our development. The uppermost slot for each team is a team parent chair, who may also be a St. Thomas Advisory Board Member, who will join with a faculty member in provide support to the team. Please discern where you can serve your family and our entire school family in any of the following roles~

**School Parent Association:** Fostering the School Community of Families--  
Sponsoring events that bring our families together for fellowship, friendship and food.

**School Spirituality Team:** School Evangelistic Outreach to Families--  
Providing opportunities for our families to grow in the life of our Catholic Faith.

**School Marketing Team:** Promoting/Marketing St. Thomas School Regionally--  
Developing and implementing marketing strategies to promote St. Thomas School.

**School Culture/Library Team:** Deepening our Culture of Classical Catholic Education--  
Supporting the role of classical Catholic education in the transformation of our families, our school, and our community.

We are a school community committed to our own, our family's and our community's educational and spiritual growth. Your contribution to the development of our Catholic learning community is an essential gift of time and talent that will serve as a legacy for many years ahead. Thank you in advance for your contribution in [signing up](#) to serve in any role you see your gifts and calling leading you.

Timothy J. DiLaura