



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

February 3, 2020

Scholastica Term – Week II

February Virtue: Docility

School Year Theme: *Beatudinem* (Happiness)



With joy and thanksgiving we celebrated Catholic Schools Week at St. Thomas School—Our thanks to all the teachers, parents and students who made this celebration of our St. Thomas School Community possible. We share the sentiments of Melanie Karls—Eighth grade winner of our Catholic Schools Week Writing Competition, along with Adriana Dudley in 6th & 7th grade, Charlotte Hanley in 4th & 5th grade, Francis Pearson in 3rd grade and Luke Eustice in 2nd grade. These students' writing will be published in our 2019-2020 St. Thomas yearbook.

"Why is St. Thomas Catholic School special to you?"

By Melanie Karls

St. Thomas is unique and special to me because unlike other schools, St. Thomas lets their students dream, lets their students really come to know and acknowledge God in their day-to-day lives. The faculty and staff of St. Thomas allow children to encounter objects and situations that are alive with Christ, even in something as simple as a poem or a book. But before one thinks of St. Thomas as a no-fun and all business school, they should know that they are sorely mistaken. At its core, St. Thomas is a family. Anyone could walk into a classroom, even one with nobody there, and realize that this school, its teachers, staff, parents and students positively radiate Christ's love and joy. St. Thomas School, in its very being, has become a beacon of God's love and light in an otherwise dimming world.





Parent Association Chair, Mrs. Erin Savarino coaches 1st grader Jackson Huber as he stands to recite a poem on Catholic Schools Week Celebrate Students Day before all the students during lunch.



The Maki Family join in the Celebrate the Family Luncheon with many families filling the cafeteria as parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and siblings join in celebrating St. Thomas School.



Congratulations to Our Catholic Schools Week
Penmanship Contest Fountain Pen Winners~

Kindergarten—William Hanley First Grade--Isadore Rutherford
Second Grade—Harper DePorres Third Grade—Josephine Maki
Fourth Grade—Amelia Eustice Fifth Grade—Maria Maki
Sixth Grade—Gabriel Cherney Seventh Grade—Francis Rutherford
Eighth Grade—Alexandria Maszatics

Nicholas Term Upper School Honors Awards

Cum Laude

[B+ Average]

Angelina Perez
Maria Maki
Ethan Korpela
Emma Eustice
Anastasia Eustice
Tanner Miller

Magna cum Laude

[A- Average]

Michael Savarino
Evan Reece
Melanie Karls
Mary Gibson

Summa cum Laude

[A Average]

Allison Wicks
Paige Zael
Hannah Currie
Jasmine Dinh
Alexandria Maszatics
Victoria Maszatics
John Skoczylas
Lydia Birhanu
Nathaniel Cherney
Anne Maki
Nathan Kelly
Gabriel Cherney
Francis Rutherford
Adriana Dudley

“My adult conversion as a Catholic was due to the Theology of the Body... it pierced my heart and I knew it was true.” St. Thomas Parent

An Evening Reflection on the Theology of the Body



Saturday, February 8, 2020
7 PM ~ St. Thomas Parish Hall

Purchase tickets at www.eventbrite.com

Celebrating St. Pope John Paul II's teaching on the Theology of the Body with wine, hors d'oeuvres and dessert for parents, couples, singles & educators... with a presentation by Fr. Tom Wray of Ruah Woods Press and former Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Cincinnati.

~ Events Calendar ~

View the complete St. Thomas School Calendar [here](#).



Monday, February 3rd

Chess Scholars Early Bird Registration Deadline

See attached flyer for details.

Wednesday, February 5th

Leadership Dress Day

Virtue Award Recognition

Following Noon Mass in the Parish Hall

Saturday, February 8th

Theology of the Body Evening Reflection

Wine, Hors d'oeuvres, Dessert

7:00 PM Parish Hall

Purchase tickets [here](#).

Friday, February 15th

Half Day ~ Dismissal at 11:40 PM

Faculty Professional Development

Monday, February 17th

No School

Presidents Day

Saturday, February 22nd

St. Thomas Daddy Daughter Dance

6:30 – 9:30 PM Parish Hall

~ Attachments ~

Weekly Parent Schedule

Winter 2020 Chess Scholars Registration Information

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechist Training Information

St. Thomas Daddy Daughter Dance Information

From the Headmaster

2020-2021 School Year Registration ~ During this school year, we have together advanced classical Catholic education in our region and establish a new vision of the wonderful possibilities for our children's experience of learning. Through our partnership, our students are flourishing spiritually and academically. With a pride in themselves, and with an excitement about what they are discovering in the classroom, our students are living out our school motto of 'being born in wonder.' Thank you for being a part of who we have become at St. Thomas!

We now look ahead to the 2020-2021 school year and are providing you the necessary registration materials for the new school year which are due to the school office by **Friday, March 13th**. Doing so will also allow us to credit the \$150 registration fee toward your tuition for the new school year. Your oldest and only student received the enrollment materials packet today. Please feel welcome to contact Mrs. Steffy if you have any questions in regard to the enrollment process or materials.

Diocesan Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance ~ Bishop Boyea is committed to making Catholic education an option for every Catholic family and to this end has raised the funding provided to support families with tuition. Please visit the tuition assistance website at <https://dolcatholicschools.org/#catholic-schools-tuition-assistance> for additional information and to apply.

Please see you enrollment materials to also learn more about our St. Thomas School Tuition Assistance Program.

From Fr. Gabriel Richard High School Admissions ~

Dear Middle School Families,

The Father Gabriel Richard High School and its Robotics team would like to invite **all middle school students** and their parents to participate in our special **Science & Technology Experience Night on Tuesday Feb. 4th** starting at 5:00 pm and ending at 6:30 pm. This event will be held at Father Gabriel Richard High School, main entrance, 4333 Whitehall Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

Students will engage in fun hands-on STEM activities and learn what it's like to be a member of a high school robotics team --- including operating a robot! While students are participating in activity sessions, parents will be invited to learn about the benefits and opportunities of participating in STEM programs like robotics and hear students' personal experiences.

Both students and parents will also have time to learn more about FGR with a short tour and visit to our robotics lab to see students working on this season's new robot. Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to bytingirish@fgrhs.org

Winter NWEA Assessments Begins

Kindergarten through 8th grade students will begin Winter NWEA testing this week with Kindergarten and 1st graders completing their Math and Reading assessments this week, 2nd through 5th grade next week (February 10th – 13th), and 6th through 8th grade the week following (February 18th – 21th). At St. Thomas we have created a culture of confidence in which our students approach these assessments with an attitude of 'embracing the challenge with focus and diligence.'

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechist Training Opportunity

Would you like to become an assistance or catechist of the CGS program? The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori based faith formation program for young children that deeply impacts a child's religious sensitivities and faith. St Thomas will be offering Level I (for ages 3 to 6 years old) and Level II (for ages 7 to 11 years old) training this summer and the following. Please see the attached flyer for additional information and to register.