



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

February 18, 2020

Scholastica Term – Week IV

February Virtue: Docility

School Year Theme: *Beatudinem* (Happiness)



Our thanks to all our classroom parent representatives and teachers for making our St. Valentine's Day celebrations possible!
Lucy Kennedy waves 'Hi!' to all her valentines, while the Kindergarteners enjoy valentine, balloons, games and treats--Mr. Creaser enjoys the festivities as well.



Mrs. Kelly's first graders present about knights in medieval times at morning assembly. Each first grader made their own crest and displayed it on their colorful tunic.

~ Events Calendar ~

25 days remain until Enrollment
Registrations are due on March 13th.

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



Saturday, February 22nd

St. Thomas Daddy Daughter Dance

6:30 – 9:30 PM Parish Hall

See attached informational flyer.

Monday, February 24th

March Lunch Orders Due

See attached lunch order form.

Sunday, March 1st

Diocesan Tuition Assistance Application Due Date

[Diocesan Tuition Assistance Website](#)

Friday, March 13th

2020-2021 Enrollment Registration Due

Please submit registration materials to [Mrs. Steffy](#).

~ Attachments ~

Weekly Parent Schedule
March Lunch Order Form
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechist Training Information
St. Thomas Daddy Daughter Dance Information

From the Headmaster

On Our Motto: *“Let Them Be Born in Wonder”*

From the article ‘To Lead a Child: On Reclaiming a Human Pedagogy’, by Elizabeth Sullivan

“The capacity to wonder, St. Thomas Aquinas noted, is among man’s greatest gifts.

Aquinas held that man’s first experience of wonder sets his feet on the ladder that leads up to the beatific vision. Even long before the coming of Christ, ancient pagans such as Socrates and his student Plato recognized that wisdom begins in wonder. But today’s dominant educational system, ordered toward the merely pragmatic and utilitarian ends of “college and career readiness,” has no use for wonder or wisdom. We see its consequences in the weary apathy of students who repeatedly ask, “Is this going to be on the test?” When only that which can be quantified or graded is valued, all else falls away. The factory model of teaching and learning is manufacturing the malaise, anxiety, and even despair that burden so many of the young by depriving them of the two elements their innate sense of wonder seeks to find: the meaning and purpose of things.

For roughly three decades, however, a quiet rebellion has gathered force against this mechanization of education. It was born from the love of parents who, as the primary educators of their children, were willing to go to great lengths to restore the human dimension to learning... Within the last decade, this renewal has been embraced by a rapidly growing number of diocesan and parish schools that are changing the longstanding narrative of their decline. The turnaround can be seen in rising enrollment, supportive parents, dynamic academic engagement, and deeper religious formation. The most striking change in the school culture, seen by administrators, teachers, and parents alike, is the students’ newfound *joy in learning.*”

2020-2021 School Year Registration

Enrollment registration materials for the new school year are due to the school office by **Friday, March 13th**. If your registration is submitted by the 13th the \$150 registration fee will be credited toward your tuition for the new school year. 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. **Applications for tuition assistance are due by March 1st.**

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

Disciple Maker Index Survey

St. Thomas School parents and students who are also members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish are asked to participate in a survey which will allow both parish and diocesan leadership to grow in our service to you and our parish community. Please visit bit.ly/STA2DMI to take the 10 minute survey of your experience of our St. Thomas parish life of worship, fellowship and service. If you would prefer to complete the survey using a hard copy, please feel welcome to pick one up at the school office. Thank you~