



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascuntur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

March 9, 2020

Scholastica Term – Week VII

March Virtue: Industriousness

School Year Theme: *Beatudinem* (Happiness)



*In support of March is Reading Month the St Thomas Friends of the Library and PTA
invite your family to a Library Open House*



AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE GREAT BOOKS



A FAMILY EVENT
FOR PRESCHOOL TO 8TH GRADE

TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH

5 – 7 PM, PM PIZZA DINNER AVAILABLE

*Donate a Great Book
from our wish list to
have your name entered
in a raffle!

Travel to China with *Ping*, to Paris with *Madeline*, and to Africa with the tales in the *King's Drum* along with other beloved children's stories recently acquired from our Great Books list that will come alive with storytelling & puppets.

COMPLETE PASSPORTS AND MAPS,
COLLECT LITERARY-THEMED SOUVENIRS, &
ENJOY TEA AND COOKIES AT OUR COFFEEHOUSE.

Volunteers needed! More details coming soon.

See details below to RSVP and sign up to help~!



Mrs. Herrmann and our St. Thomas Upper School Choir show off their 'Number 1 Rating' medals earned at last Friday's Michigan School Vocal Music Association's District Choral Festival. Our students achieved a score of 114 out of 120 possible rating points earned through their performance of 'Pie Jesu', "All Things Bright and Beautiful' and a sight reading exercise. *Congratulations Mrs. Herrmann and our amazing Upper School Choir~!*

Treat yourself to a beautiful experience by visiting: [Pie Jesu](#) and [All Things Bright and Beautiful](#)

~ Events Calendar ~

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



**2020-2021 Enrollment Registration
Due This Week ~ Friday, March 13th**

Tuesday, March 10th **Tomorrow**

Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character!
(Moved from this Friday)

Friday, March 13th

2020-2021 Enrollment Registration Due
Please submit registration materials to [Mrs. Steffy](#).

Wednesday, March 18th

Kindergarten – 8th Grade Parent Survey Due
Complete the [Parent Survey](#)

Thursday, March 19th
Kindergarten – 8th Grade ~ No School
St. Thomas Preschool ~ In Session
Grade School Faculty Professional Development

Friday, March 20th
Preschool – 8th Grade ~ No School
Winter Break

Tuesday, March 24th
“Around the World with the Great Books”
Family Literature Night
Upper School Floor/Media Center 5 -- 7 PM

Tuesday, March 31th
All School Stakeholders Forum
7:00 PM in the Media Center

Friday, April 24th
Save the Date!
The St. Thomas the Apostle School
2020 Scholarship Gala
7:00 PM • Gandy Dancer
~Tickets Available Soon~

~ Attachments ~

Weekly Parent Schedule
March is Reading Month Daily Activities Calendar
Chess Scholars Spring Session Information Flyer

From the Headmaster

I often overhear what I call Little People Wisdom—most recently: “Don’t hug on stairways.”

2020 St. Thomas School Parent Survey

Our 2020 Parent Survey Results will be presented at the **All School Stakeholders Forum on Tuesday evening, March 31st at 7 PM in the Media Center.**

Your feedback is entirely anonymous and will be used to support teacher instructional quality, grow our school culture and support school/parent communication. Please take the 5 to 10 minutes needed to complete this survey as we continue to make St. Thomas all that the Lord desires it to become for our children and youth. Please complete this survey by **Wednesday, March 18th**. Classrooms with surveys completed by one of each student’s parents will have a class Jean Day. Thank you~!

[St. Thomas Parent Survey 2020](#)

Or use your phone~



We encourage all our Preschool parents to please respond to the hard copy preschool survey sent home this week~thank you!

2020-2021 School Year Registration Due This Week

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.

CORVID-19 Precautions

With the Diocese of Lansing, and state and federal officials, we are tracking the international, national and local health conditions with the spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. Due to conditions in Italy, we have Currently, the State of Michigan has no confirmed cases but the state is closely monitoring the situation as knowledge evolves. Below are some information sources to ensure you are obtaining accurate information as unreliable outlets propagate as news often dramatized, at times inaccurate, and even hypothetical information. We will be providing additional information and implement any additional procedures as health officials determine are appropriate. Until then, as a community we will be employing our current practices for influenza including:

- Remain at home if you are sick and avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are unavailable.
- Cover cough with a tissue or sleeve.

Teachers welcome parents contributions of antiseptic wipes which we will use to ensure our classrooms remain as clean as possible.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts.html>

<http://publichealth.ewashtenaw.org>

Whooo's Ready for March is Reading Month?

March is Reading Month is off to a great start! Students are making great progress toward our Whooo's Reading reading goals (36,000 minutes of reading & \$5,000 in pledges). We would like to ask that you continue to encourage your students reading and helping them with their reading logs. We would also like to



ask you to help students get pledges for their reading! Whooo's Reading is the only schoolwide St. Thomas School fundraiser this year and we really appreciate your support! Funds from this will help purchase Great Books for the school library as well as support Parent Association family and school enrichment events. To visit your student's log please

visit: https://fund.whooosreading.org/school_orgs/st-thomas-the-apostle-772



Family Reading Festival~ 'Around the World with the Great Books'

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 24th, 5-7 pm

Please be sure to mark your calendars for a special event March 24th. The St. Thomas Friends of the Library and the Parent Association are hosting Around the World with the Great Books! This is an evening of adventure in reading with storytelling and craft souvenirs for the lower school and scavenger hunt and enlightening discussions for the upper school. Pizza and refreshments will be served! Please take a moment to RSVP for this event to help us in our planning for the food and fun! To RSVP please visit:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA5AC2CAA8-rsvp>

Volunteers for help with this special evening are also needed and very much appreciated! To sign-up for a particular role please

visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA5AC2CAA8-around>

We hope to see you all at this wonderful family literary event! (Please note, child care and supervision will not be provided)

Chess Scholars Returns for the Spring~

See the attached information flyer for our upcoming spring session of Chess Scholars. The spring session begins Tuesday, April 7th and runs to June 2nd (no class April 14th.) Sign up at by March 30th for the early bird registration rate. Visit <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup> for details. (Enter course code TAA4.7.20 to register.)

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