



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Nascantur in Admirazione*  
"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

May 11, 2020

Boniface Term – Week VI

May Virtue: Modesty

School Year Theme: *Beatudinem* (Happiness)



Congratulations to all our Virtue of the Month  
Recognition Recipients for the Virtue of *Humility* ~

Watch today's Monday Assembly Presentation  
to find out our student award recipients:



Click on the image or watch the video at:  
<https://youtu.be/hnXvK19oXXA>

## ~ Events Calendar ~

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



Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Last Day of School**

### From the Headmaster

In March, our St. Thomas School Parent Community participated in our second annual Parent Survey—our thanks to all in our having 100% participation from our St. Thomas families. Below is a summary of our quantitative results for the five classroom questions (averaged across all six homerooms) and those for the seven schoolwide questions. I would like to note that improvements were made in all five classroom categories over our 2019 results, as well as in six of seven of the schoolwide results.

We are grateful for the collaboration which has made this year a success for our students. The School Advisory Board will be meeting to review all our parent comment feedback and planning on how we can engage our families in sharing these results and identifying action steps to continue to grow and improve our St. Thomas School Learning Community. We look provisionally to conduct an online School Stakeholders Forum this spring—more information to come~!

Below are just a sample of parent comments in response to ‘What makes St. Thomas a beneficial experience for your child?’—again, we look forward to providing a forum for our being able to review all the results and continued to build on this two year foundation of classical Catholic education at St. Thomas School.

*“The school instills a love of goodness, truth, and beauty, and my child’s experience here has deepened his faith, which is my top priority.”*

*“The school provides for a beautiful learning experience where our children are really learning who they are, about God’s creation around them, and their place in history. I continue to be extremely impressed with the progress the school is making as a whole given the significant transformation we are undertaking. The size of the school and the methods being employed in the classroom have led to noticeable improvements in the confidence and curiosity I see in my children.”*

*“Kind, compassionate, and engaging teachers; unique & varied curricula (especially Art & Latin and use of Socratic method); focus on faith and family (daily Mass); extracurricular experiences (choir festival, spelling bee, science fair).”*



# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School 2019-2020 Parent Satisfaction Survey Results

Grade	Question	AVG Rating	Response Scale										AVERAGE		
			1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	2020	2019	CHG	
Classroom (Class Averages)	Environment	4.6	[Bar chart showing 4.6 rating]										4.6	4.3	0.3
	Instruction	4.7	[Bar chart showing 4.7 rating]										4.7	4.4	0.3
	Curriculum	4.5	[Bar chart showing 4.5 rating]										4.5	4	0.5
	Support	4.6	[Bar chart showing 4.6 rating]										4.6	4.3	0.3
	Communication	4.4	[Bar chart showing 4.4 rating]										4.4	3.9	0.5
School (47)	Safety/Order	4.8	[Bar chart showing 4.8 rating]										4.8	4.2	0.6
	Catholic Faith	4.8	[Bar chart showing 4.8 rating]										4.8	4.6	0.2
	Specials	4.3	[Bar chart showing 4.3 rating]										4.3	4.0	0.3
	Extracurricular	4.1	[Bar chart showing 4.1 rating]										4.1	4.1	0.0
	Communication	4.6	[Bar chart showing 4.6 rating]										4.6	4.4	0.2
	Leadership	4.4	[Bar chart showing 4.4 rating]										4.4	4.1	0.3
	Classical Ed	4.7	[Bar chart showing 4.7 rating]										4.7	4.5	0.2

### Classroom Survey Questions

- 1--The classroom's social environment is supportive and caring
- 2--The instruction is engaging and motivating.
- 3--The curriculum is appropriately challenging.
- 4--There is an appropriate level of support for learning success
- 5--The teacher's communications are regular and informative.

### School Survey Questions

- 1--My student's learning environment is safe and orderly.
- 2--My student is growing in appreciation and practice of our Faith.
- 3--Specials classes are engaging and formative.
- 4--Formative extracurricular and athletic activities are available.
- 5--The school administration's communications are informative.
- 6--The administration provides effective educational leadership.
- 7--Classical education is a valuable option for the Catholic community.

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