



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter August 31, 2020



What was your child's temperature this morning? Parents are to take their child's temperature each morning. If a child's temperature is at or above 100.4, we ask that they be kept at home for further observation.



Happy Labor Day~!

“What use is it telling me that so and so is a good Christian — but a bad shoemaker? If he doesn’t try to learn his trade well, or doesn’t give his full attention to it, he won’t be able to sanctify it or offer it to Our Lord. The sanctification of ordinary work is, as it were, the hinge of true spirituality for people who, like us, have decided to come close to God while being at the same time fully involved in temporal affairs.” **St. Josemaria Escriva**

“We are at Jesus’ disposal. If he wants you to be sick in bed, if he wants you to proclaim His work in the street, if he wants you to clean the toilets all day, that’s all right, everything is all right. We must say, ‘I belong to you. You can do whatever you like.’ And this is our strength. This is the joy of the Lord.” **St. Teresa of Calcutta**

~ Events Calendar ~

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



Monday, August 31st *Today~!*

Girls 4th - 8th Grade Volleyball Practice Begins
3:30 PM in the school parking lot

Contact [Ms. Cullen](#) for more information

Friday – Monday, September 4th – 7th
No School ~ Labor Day Break

Tuesday, September 8th
Yearbook Orders Due

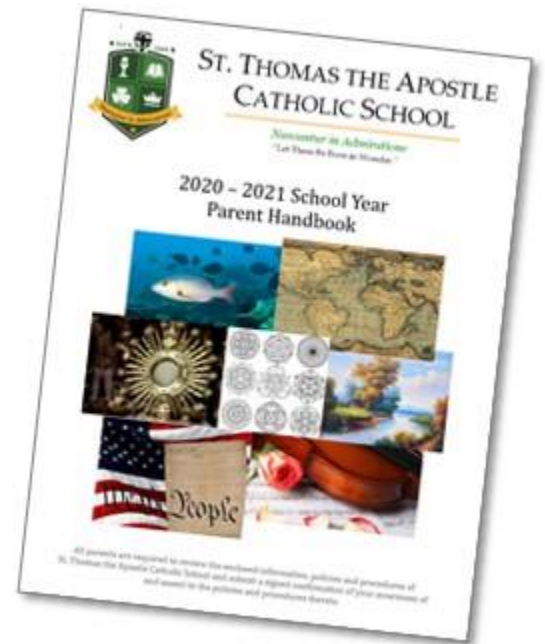
Monday, September 14th
Little Flowers First Meeting
3:30 PM Parish Hall
See attached flyer to learn more.
Email [Emily Hanley](#) for questions/register.

From the Headmaster

Parent Orientation: Each year an important step in beginning our school year is to host parents for an orientation evening at which parents are provided key information in supporting their child's success during the upcoming school year. This orientation includes receiving our St. Thomas Parent~Student Handbook, visiting classrooms and speaking with your child's teachers, and reviewing the grade level curriculum. This year, in order to accommodate our precautions against the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we will be providing this information in a *recorded format*.

On **Monday, September 10th**, parents will be provided links to recordings of a general session and of each teacher introducing themselves, their grade level program, classroom procedures, curriculum, and goals for the school year. Parents will also be provided both a hardcopy (through their oldest/only student) and an electronic copy of the Parent/Student Handbook along with a signatory page which is to be signed and returned upon review of the handbook. Your signatures indicate your support of our policies and procedures, including those in or St. Thomas Re-Opening Plan. This signatory page will be due, Monday, September 17th. We will also be providing St. Thomas School Community Directories for school business use.

As we move forward in our school year, we will continue to make every effort to strengthen our common effort through clear communication in our providing a rewarding learning experience for all our children under these special conditions which warrant our additional patience, care and collaboration.



PowerSchool Access Information Coming Home Today

Today, Monday, August 31st the oldest or only child of a family will be receiving from their teacher an envelope with your ID and password to access your child(rens)'s PowerSchool dashboard. From this dashboard you will be able to view grades and attendance information. All report cards are also electronically accessed through your PowerSchool portal on/after their release dates. If you have any questions or needs in regard to accessing your portal, please contact [Mrs. Steffy](#).

4th – 8th Grade Girls Volleyball

While we wait for further clarification on our being able to conduct competitive games, St. Thomas joins seven teams in the Ann Arbor Independent Athletic Association in preparing to compete on the volleyball court this fall. Practices will take place on Monday and Friday afternoons, with games on Tuesday and Thursday.

Following the currently published MHSAA reopening protocols, Coach Cullen will begin volleyball practice outdoors **today Monday, August 31st**. Physicals on file from last year have been approved to be valid for play this fall. Our first game is scheduled for September 8th at Christ the King, our second game will be again Huron Valley at home. Practices will be conducted outdoors. Email Mr. Miller for additional details and to register for the team. A pay-to-play fee of \$50 will be assessed to support our St. Thomas athletics program. Contact [Ms. Cullen](#) for more information