



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter

October 13, 2020



Parent Association Fall Festival ~Tomorrow Afternoon!



Kindergarten & First Grade: 1:30 – 2:00 PM

Second - Fourth Grade: 2:05 - 2:30 PM

Fifth – Eighth Grade: 2:35 – 3:10 PM

- Children will safely enjoy fall festival games with prizes
- Proceed to the school playground at assigned times and remain in masks
- Remain in their separate class cohorts in an extended area (playground and parking lot)
 - Use social distancing markings for all game activities
 - Be monitored by volunteers to maintain social distancing
 - Disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer will be provided at each activity
 - Materials will be sanitized before each use
- Games include 'Ring the Pumpkin', 'Pumpkin Patch Stomp', 'Pumpkin Bag Toss', 'Pumpkin Can Knock-Down', 'Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin'

- Children will receive a premade individual goodie bag to take back to their classroom
- Preschool children will have their own Fall Festival crafts and activities in their classrooms

(Email your child's teacher should you choose to have your child opt out of the Fall Festival.)

Our thanks to our Parent Association and our PA Leadership for organizing this event for our students~!



Congratulations to our newly elected St. Thomas Student Council officers!

From right to left: President~ Michael Savarino,
 Vice-President ~ Francis Rutherford
 7th Grade Representative ~ Angelina Perez
 6th Grade Representative ~ Stasio Fil
 5th Grade Representative ~ Sophia Savarino

~ Events Calendar ~

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



Wednesday, October 14th
St. Thomas In-School Fall Festival
 1:30 – 3:10 PM

Thursday--Friday, October 15th & 16th

No School
Diocese of Lansing
Teacher Professional Development Days

Sunday, November 1st
St. Thomas 'Walking with the Saints' Pilgrimage
Between 2:00 – 6:30 PM

For more information/to register:
<https://www.stfrancisa2.com/walking-with-the-saints/>

Thursday, November 5th
Margaret Mary Term Parent-Teacher Conferences
3:30 – 9:00 PM

Friday, November 6th
No School

Monday, December 7th
St. Thomas Picture Day
Mark Your Calendars!

From the Headmaster

I am very pleased to introduce to you our new faculty member, Dr. Giovanni Brigunte (pronounced: bri-gin-tē), a parishioner of St. Thomas parish, who will advance our upper school students in the appreciation and performance of instrumental music. Dr. Brigunte, a flutist and a recent University of Michigan doctoral graduate in music, is providing a safe and focused instrumental music performance class for our 7th and 8th students beginning immediately.



Contribute to Our St. Thomas School Community:

After our community's successful start of in-person instruction at St. Thomas we look to re-convene our school service teams who support the school community by contributing toward a vital aspect of our school life. *We are reaching out to all parents to get involved in celebrating and growing our St. Thomas school community.* Please review the teams and their activities below—please contact the parent or staff leader to express your interest in helping St. Thomas School move forward in each of these areas.

These teams include:

Parent Association—*Building Community.* We ask that at least one parent representative from each grade join in work together to provide opportunities for our students and families celebrate the St. Thomas School community through the feasts of the school year. [Laura Johnson](#)

Spirituality Team—*Deepening Faith.* Faculty, parents and school leadership working together to provide resources and opportunities for the spiritual growth and maturity of the school and community. [Rebecca Pearson](#)

Marketing Team—*Promoting St. Thomas School.* Parents, faculty, with school and parish leadership, working together to promote St. Thomas School in the Catholic regional community. [Mike Hanley](#)

Curriculum Team—*Sharpening Our Classical Focus.* Parents, faculty and school leadership working to support the ongoing development of St. Thomas School's classical Catholic curriculum. [Mr. DiLaura](#)

Library Team—*Promoting & Developing our Collection.* Parents and staff working together to promote reading and the development of our St. Thomas library collection as a resource for our classical curriculum and student progress in reading competency. [Sarah Davignon](#)

We look forward to conducting our first team meetings in the next few weeks. It takes all of us to make St. Thomas who we are—please reach out to our team leaders and offer your help to make this year special for our students and families.

We are St. Thomas~!

Fighting Irish Faithful~

The 2020 Boys Basketball and Girls Cheer seasons are fast approaching!

Boys Basketball will begin on Monday, November 2nd. We are pleased to announce that this season our coach will be Brian Stange. Brian has coached both our boys and girls basketball teams in the past, and done an excellent job.

I encourage any and all 4th-8th graders, that might be interested in playing basketball, to come out and give it a try. This is also an excellent way to stay in shape or get ready for other sports. **Practice times are from 3:30pm until 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.** If you are not able to make every practice due to other commitments, please don't let that stop you from playing. Many of our families are in that situation and we practice every day to make sure as many players can come as often as they are able.

Please come dressed in appropriate athletic attire and practice jerseys. If you didn't play basketball last year, you will be able to buy a practice jersey. I will host a parent meeting at **4:30 pm on Monday, November 2nd** to go over important info and answer any questions.

To play upper school sports, participants are required to pay a \$50 fee and provide an up to date physical. If you have a physical on file from last year that will be valid this year as well due to Covid 19 allowances. If not the physical must be dated after April 15, 2020 and clear the student for physical activity.

Please make your \$50 fee payment through eFunds by **November 13th.** If that will be a problem of any kind, please let me know as soon as you can.

Thanks and Go Irish!!
Conrad Miller