



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

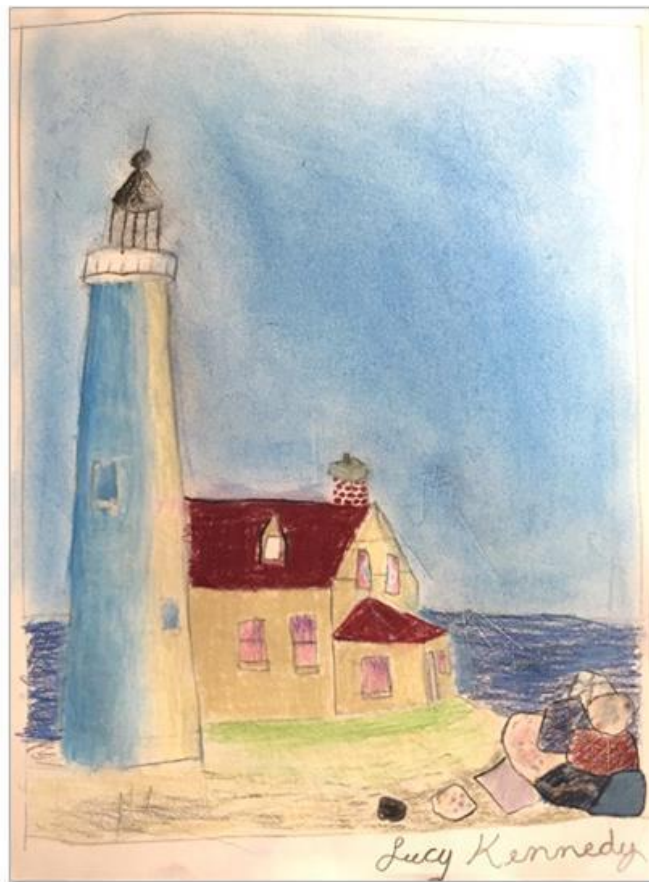
Nascantur in Admiracione
"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter

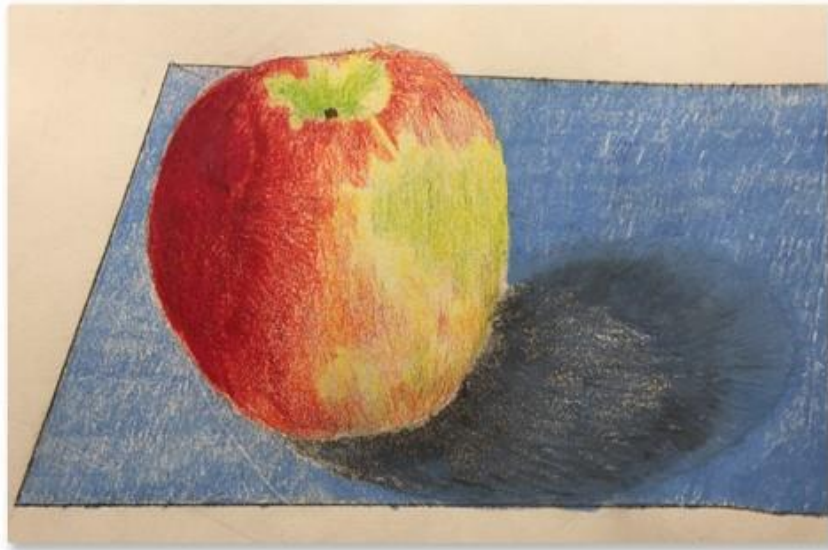
2020-2021 Theme ~ *gratia cantantes* (Gratitude)

Margaret Mary Term Virtue: Patience

October 26, 2020

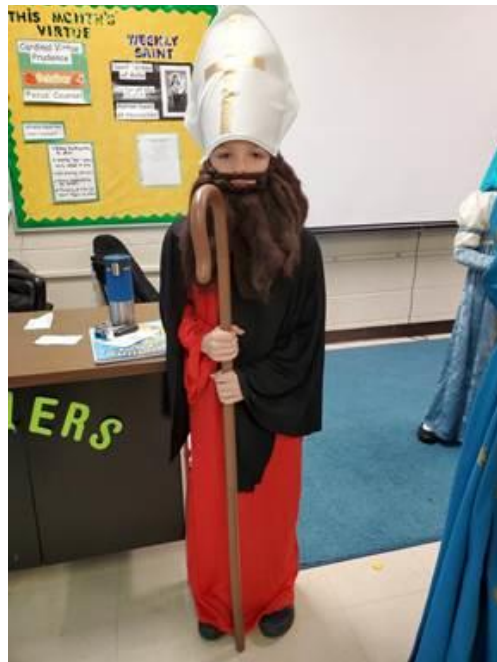


Lucy's Lighthouse



Apple Still Life ~ Gabriel Cherney

All Saints Day Celebration & Dress Up~ This Friday, October 30th



St. Augustine of Hippo

- Saints Procession around St. Thomas School & Church
 - Saints Dress Up Competition
- Students will enjoy classroom cider and donuts courtesy of our Parent Association
- Students will enjoy game sessions (in class cohorts) in the hallway outside their classroom
- Games are hosted by the St. Thomas Student Council with prizes courtesy of St. Thomas Parent Association

~ Events Calendar ~

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



Friday, October 30th

**Last Day of Margaret Mary Term~
All Saints Day Celebration ~ Saints Dress Up Day**
(Jean Day Rescheduled to Thursday, November 5th)

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/>

Monday, November 2nd

**First Day of Nicholas Term
Leadership Dress Day
Margaret Mary Term Virtue Recognition Presentation**
(All School Mass)
Start of Boys Basketball Practice
3:30 – 5:00 PM

Thursday, November 5th

**Jean Day
Margaret Mary Term Online Parent-Teacher Conferences**
3:30 – 9:00 PM
Sign-up Below

Friday, November 6th

No School

Friday, November 13th

4th-8th Grade Basketball Fee [Due](#)

Monday, December 7th

St. Thomas Picture Day
Mark Your Calendars!

From the Headmaster

Parent-Teacher Conferences: As we come to the close of our first term of the school year, it is vital that teachers have extended time to confer and partner with parents to review the progress of our students, identify goals for the upcoming term, and collaborate on any

student supports needed. Conferences will take place the afternoon and evening of Thursday, November 5th via video conference sessions.

Please access the conference sign-up page links below to reserve your time(s) to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher. These conference sessions are a required expectation of our school community—please contact your teacher if you need to schedule a time outside those posted on the sign-up pages. We look forward to this opportunity to strengthen our collaboration in supporting your student's spiritual, social and academic success through the year ahead.



[Mr. Pietryga - Kindergarten Conferences](#)
[Miss Kreifels - 1st Grade Conferences](#)
[Miss Cullen - 2nd/3rd Grade Conferences](#)



[Mr. Creaser - 4th Grade Conferences](#)
[Miss Block - Upper School Conferences](#)
[Miss Lorang - Upper School Conferences](#)

Lunch Update: Our thanks to parents for your support of our school re-opening plan as we ask you to provide daily packed lunches for your children. We look ahead to being able to begin our lunch order program in February. In the meantime, we ask parents to remember:

- If you provide your child a food item that requires a fork or spoon, please provide that with their lunch.
- If you provide your child a food item that requires microwave heating, please ensure that it is in a microwavable container.

Extended School Program email Billing

For all our families participating in morning or afternoon ESP, you should have received via email your billing statement for the period beginning with the start of the school year. Families are invited to contact [Mrs. Mary Beth Sobel](#) if you have any questions regarding your billing statement. Families are asked to pay for your service using your [eFunds](#) account.

School Service Teams Re-convene

Please review our St. Thomas service teams and their activities below and contact the parent or staff leader to express your interest in helping St. Thomas School move forward in each of these areas.

Parent Association—*Building Student and Family 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 Our Student and Family Faith.* [Rebecca Pearson](#)

Marketing Team—*Promoting St. Thomas School.* [Mike Hanley](#)

Curriculum Team—*Sharpening Our Classical Focus.* [Mr. DiLaura](#)

Library Team—*Promoting & Developing our Collection.* [Sarah Davignon](#)

We are St. Thomas~!

Boys Basketball Begins Monday, November 2nd.

All 4th-8th grade boys are invite to come out. **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.

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 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. Please make your \$50 fee payment through [eFunds](#) by **November 13th.**