



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

## St. Thomas School Community Newsletter November 9, 2020

Nicholas Term Virtue: Generosity  
School Year Theme ~ *gratia cantantes* (Gratitude)



### Margaret Mary Term Academic Honors

*Cum Laude*

[B+ Average]

Michael Savarino  
Gabriel Cherney  
Francis Rutherford  
Anastasia Eustice  
Tanner Miller  
Anne Maki

*Magna cum Laude*

[A- Average]

Maria Maki  
Victoria Maszatics  
Stasio Fil

*Summa cum Laude*

[A Average]

Charlotte Hanley  
Sophia Savarino  
Jasmine Dinh  
Amelia Eustice  
Lydia Birhanu

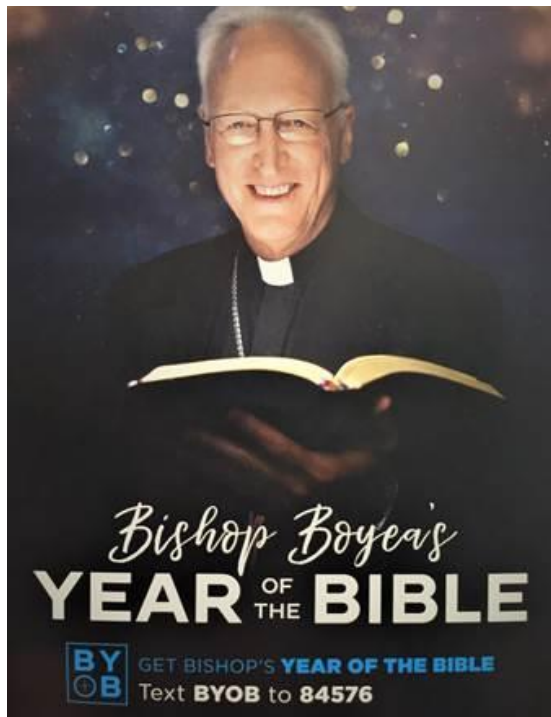
Academic Honors are based on an average of students term grades in  
**Religion, English, History, Math, Science and Latin**  
based on the following criteria:

***Summa Cum Laude*** 'With Highest Praise': 96% (A) overall or above with a minimum grade of 92% (A-).

***Magna Cum Laude*** 'With Great Praise': 92% (A-) overall or above with a minimum grade of 88% (B+).

***Cum Laude*** 'With Praise': 88% (B+) overall or above with minimum grade of 82% (B-).

## The Year of the Bible (Beginning this Advent)



Listen to Bishop Boyea explain how you can participate with him in the Diocesan Year of the Bible (1:50 min):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jk4VusC4RMY&feature=youtu.be>

## In the Classroom...



Mrs. Lashaway and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders celebrate **All Souls Day** in Spanish Class.



Miss Cullen and her students keep track of all their phonetic sounds by placing them in key groups in their 'sound city' map, a key learning tool in our *Institute for Excellence in Writing* program which also strongly supports students' reading development.



Mr. Creaser facilitates a Socratic discussion based on our Jr. Great Books literature program which focuses on deepening student reading comprehension and critical thinking skills through question based dialogue in which students express their own and listen to others' responses to key questions. Students during this special discussion time refer to each other by their last name.

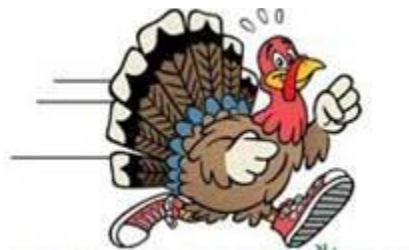
## ~ Events Calendar

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



Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
**4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Fee Due**  
**Raphael House (only) Jean Day**

Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Marketing Team Meeting**  
*Join us at either occasion to participate in promoting our school community~!*  
In Person: 8:05 AM in the Parish Hall after drop off  
Online: 8:00 PM via [Video Conference Link](#)



Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Thomas Turkey Trot Fundraiser**  
(see attached pledge sheet)

Wednesday - Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>  
**No School - Thanksgiving Break**

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Raphael House (only) Jean Day**

Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Thomas Picture Day**  
*Mark Your Calendars!*

## From the Headmaster

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Our thanks to all our parents for your collaboration as we chart our path forward for each of your student's progress in self-mastery, attentiveness, critical thought, and virtue. Our teachers appreciate your partnership as we put into place those focused supports as needed to ensure each of our students is achieving their best and experiencing the rewards of their efforts.

### St. Thomas Communication Director

We welcome St. Thomas School Parent, **Chris Russ**, to our St. Thomas Parish Staff as Director of Communications. Chris and Angela have Michael (first grade) and Michelle (Kindergarten) at St. Thomas. Chris brings a wonderful skill set and enthusiasm to our promotion of St. Thomas School in our region. Chris has already identified *three key audiences* and will lead our **St. Thomas Marketing Team** in implementing the strategies to engage these audiences to grow our community of faith and learning at St. Thomas School.

Learn more about these audiences and possible strategies as an Ambassador of St. Thomas School by joining in the strategy discussion of the Marketing Team taking place at two separate opportunities next week **Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** at 8:10 AM in the parish hall, and at 8:00 PM [online](#).

## Parent Association Update: The St. Thomas Turkey Trot!

Please join the St. Thomas Upper School Student Council in a "Turkey Trot" on Friday, November 20th. Students will trot laps around the school, or the gym, class by class for pledges that will go directly to a charity chosen by our student council.

Sponsors may sign up to pledge a flat dollar amount and/or a per lap donation. Laps will be counted on the day of the event and your child will come home with the number of laps. Please return the pledge forms along with \$6 for the "Turkey Trot" t-shirts that students will wear during the trot. Thank you all for your support!

**Timothy J. DiLaura**

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