



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

## St. Thomas School Community Newsletter January 18, 2021

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

### *School Mission Statement*

In partnership with Catholic families, St. Thomas seeks to nurture future Catholic scholars, leaders and saints. Assisted by the Holy Spirit, we inspire students to grow intellectually through a classical Catholic curriculum, forming confident youth leaders grounded in virtue. We guide children to become friends of Jesus—to love as He loves, and join our Catholic community's rich tradition of proclaiming the Kingdom and bettering our world.



Giving thanks to God for the witness of courage, leadership and love given our nation and world by the ministry and labors of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



**Catholic Schools Week (January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 7<sup>th</sup>)**  
includes our annual Handwriting Contest—  
each class will have a winner chosen whose efforts at excellence in handwriting will earn a  
fountain pen (above).

## ~ Events Calendar

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



Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**Last Day of Nicholas Term**

Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>  
**First Day of Scholastica Term**

Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Nicholas Term Report Cards**  
**Available Online after 3 PM**

Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>  
**St. Thomas School Virtual Open House**  
**For Current Parents—learn about your child's teacher and grade next year.**  
**For Future Parents—share the good word about classical Catholic education.**

Preschool Session ~1 PM  
Kindergarten Session ~ 2 PM  
Lower School Session (Grades K – 4) ~ 3 PM  
Upper School Session (Grade 5 – 8) ~ 4 PM

Register at: [sta2.org/school/openhouse](http://sta2.org/school/openhouse)

## From the Headmaster

### **New Diocesan Policy on Gender Dysphoria Promulgated**

Please see the attached press release providing details on a new policy statement upholding in the public forum, including our Catholic Schools, the Church's teaching on gender and its practical implications for schools and all diocesan institutions. We continue to seek to deepen our own understanding of the human person, and the soul-body unity that the human person is, as we look to be a light on a lampstand in a culture which has 'lost its bearings' (St. Benedict) as we teach and communicate to our children, and live out the truth and love that is the Theology of the Body.

*“Wonder is the natural state of the child, continually surprised, delighted, and drawn to that which he cannot quite grasp. Persistent and inquisitive, he is rewarded by the joy of discovery..”*

### **Classical Catholic Education**

As requested last week, I would remind all our parents to please read the attached article written by Executive Director of the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education, Elizabeth Sullivan, entitled *Reclaiming an Education of Joyful Hope*. This article gives clear expression to the fundamental intuition about children and their education that I believe all our parents share at St. Thomas—it will help you understand that conviction more deeply and allow you express it to others more clearly.

### **Outdoor Recess Apparel**

Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor recess dress for cold/snow play—boots, winter coat, gloves, snow pants (optional.) Thank you.

## Virtual Open House—Join Us and Extend the Invitation

Our St. Thomas 2021 Open House will actually be four online events—Preschool (1 PM), Kindergarten (2 PM), Lower School (3 PM) and Upper School (4 PM)—hosted live each at their own time on Sunday, **January 31 from 1-5 p.m. on Zoom.**

Please tell your friends, family, and neighbors about this important event so St. Thomas can continue to grow. Attendees will have a chance to meet teachers, ask questions, get virtual classroom tours, and learn more about the scholarships that we have available. Anyone who is interested in attending should sign up now at this link: [sta2.org/school/openhouse](https://sta2.org/school/openhouse)

Send the registration link ([sta2.org/school/openhouse](https://sta2.org/school/openhouse)) to anyone you know who might be interested. To learn more about our \$750 tuition credit referral program, please call the school office at (734) 769-0911. Attached is a poster for the Open House. Please share this as well!

## New Flynn O'Hara Spirit Wear with St. Thomas Crest Available

High quality, dress code compliant quarter zip pull overs are now available through [Flynn O'Hara](#) bearing the St. Thomas crest emblem on flocking material. (Heavy fleece and sport styles are shown at right.) All St. Thomas apparel available through Flynn O'Hara now bears our standard crest emblem. Flocking emblems are now in and orders will be shipped immediately. Samples can be viewed in the parish office.

