



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter February 1, 2021

Scholastica Term Virtue: Docility
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.



To begin our Catholic School Week at St. Thomas, Fr. Bill led our preschool through 8th grade students and staff in a Eucharistic Procession through the school in thanksgiving for this year of grace at St. Thomas and to honor him as our Eucharistic King in our school community. Left: Upper school students prepare to enter the procession. Right: Lower school students enter into the procession in front of our upper school students before proceeding to the social hall for benediction and our Monday all school Mass.

We give thanks to Our Lord Jesus Christ for the gift of love and learning at St. Thomas the Apostle School~!

Nicholas Term Upper School Honors Awards

Cum Laude *Magna cum Laude* *Summa cum Laude*

[B+ Average]

Gabriel Cherney
Francis Rutherford

[A- Average]

Stasio Fil
Michael Savarino
Anne Maki

[A Average]

Charlotte Hanley
Sophia Savarino
Amelia Eustice
Lydia Birhanu
Maria Maki
Victoria Maszatics
Jasmine Dinh

Cum Laude 'With Praise'

88% (B+) overall or above with minimum grade of 82% (B-)

Magna Cum Laude 'With Great Praise'

92% (A-) overall or above with a minimum grade of 88% (B+)

Summa Cum Laude 'With Highest Praise'

96% (A) overall or above with a minimum grade of 92% (A-)



Congratulations to our Nicholas Term virtue award recipients for their model of Generosity!

Please see the attached for our teachers beautiful descriptions of each student.

Kindergarten: Rosie Doherty
First Grade: Abigail Moilanen
Second Grade: Oliver Derderian
Third Grade: Jade Dinh
Fourth Grade: Peyton Barwig
Fifth Grade: Sophia Jeyaraj
Sixth Grade: Stasio Fil
Seventh/Eighth Grade: Anastasia Eustice
Faculty: Miss Lorang/Mr. Pietryga



Mrs. Mangan's 7th and 8th grade class study and beautifully reproduce iconic images from the nativity story.

Clockwise from upper left: Anne Maki, Victoria Maszatics and Stasio Fil.

~ Events Calendar ~

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



Upcoming Catholic School Week Events at St. Thomas
Sunday, January 31 - Friday, February 5th

Monday: Eucharistic Procession/All School Mass & Lunch: Special Project

Tuesday: Service Projects

Wednesday: Handwriting & Essay Contest

Thursday: Pizza Party & Handwriting/Essay Contest Awards

Friday: Teachers vs. Students Volleyball Game / Sports Top Jean Day

Monday, February 1, 2021

First Day of 2021-2022 School Year Registration

Current Family Registration Due **Thursday March 11th**

Next Grade Seating Reserved up to March 11th

Monday, February 15th

No School – Winter Break

From the Headmaster

As we begin our celebration of Catholic Schools Week, I want to express at least in words my pride and gratitude in our accomplishments this year. I hope, in the midst of this difficult year and the extensive collaboration it has required, that you are able to feel a sense of being a part of something very special here at St. Thomas School. From students who are spiritual thriving to academic results on our Winter NWEA testing showing student academic growth higher than any results I have ever seen at St. Thomas.

Thank you for accommodating all the provisions we have had to implement to open this school year and maintain our health which has avoided classroom wide quarantines, school closure, etc. and allowed our students to prosper through in-person instruction.

Thank you for the commitment you have made to have your family be a part of our community—your sacrifices, communication, partnership and prayers have been a spiritual and psychological support to the entire community.

Thank you for your witness of faith in Our Lord who has made all this possible.

Indeed we have done something very special for our children this school year and I am grateful for the gift of self each one of our staff, students and parents have made which has made this possible.

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week—I ask the Lord to abundantly reward and bless you for your faithfulness to His call upon your children, your family and our school.

Happy Catholic Schools Week~!

ESP Reminder: All students staying for ESP are to bring a snack to be saved for after school.

Registration Opens for 2021-2022 School Year

- Registration packets for current families are being sent home today.

- \$150 registration fee will be credited to tuition if submitted by Thursday, March 11th.
- Current enrollment seating for the next grade will be reserved only through Thursday, March 11th. Newly enrolling families' registrations will be accepted for any open seats beginning Friday, March 12th.
- Class size limit ~ Kindergarten – Eight Grade: 16
- Classroom Model: Single grade classrooms: K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th. Combined grade classroom: 6th/7th [Pending enrollment count]
- Projected 2021-2022 Enrollment: Preschool~35 students, Kindergarten – 8th Grade~100 students.

St. Thomas Catholic Student Reading Room and Library Collection Update



Buy a Book to Enrich the St. Thomas Library Collection

From Mrs. Sarah Davignon, St. School Librarian

Our St. Thomas school library has been a place of discovery and joy this year! During Catholic Schools Week, you can help to build this incredibly valuable resource by making a book donation to our library. Your gift will help to cultivate the joy of reading in our students!



Please support the St. Thomas school library by purchasing a book from our Amazon wish list: bit.ly/STA2LIBRARY. These books have been carefully selected to support the St. Thomas curriculum and to bring new stories of meaning, character, and virtue to our children.

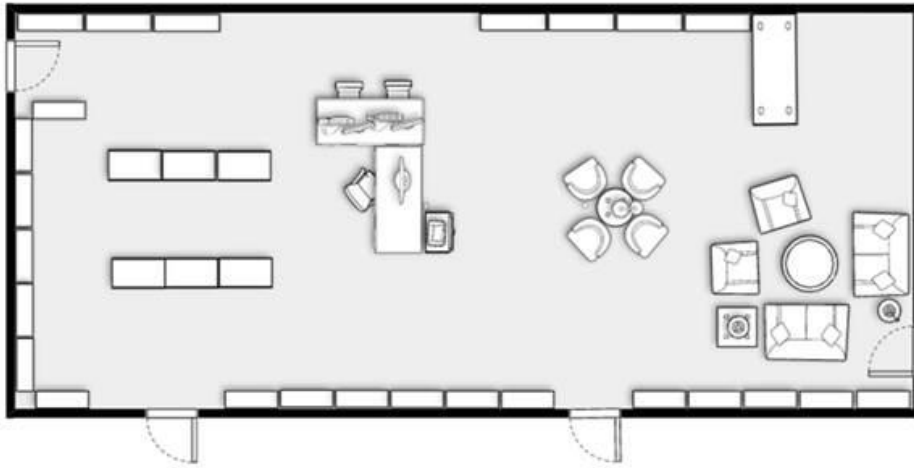
We are glad to recognize the donor or to honor the memory of someone you name on a bookplate placed in the book(s) you donate. Please contact our school librarian Sarah Davignon at sdavignon@sta2.org if you have any questions. If you would prefer to purchase a book on the wish list from a vendor other than Amazon, please let her know so she can update the list.

Help Create a Catholic Students' Reading Room

Our whole vision for the library extends beyond the books we have available. We want to create a space where our children delight in the activity of reading, a place where they can stop, rest, and savor the words and illustrations they encounter in our books.

We are collecting art and updating our furniture to make the Library a space of repose - to turn the Library into a Reading Room. If you are interested in donating to this effort, please take a look at our MyRegistry.com wish list or contact Sarah Davignon at sdavignon@sta2.org. Below is a floor plan of our much anticipated reading room.





Beginning Scholastica Term~ What Can You Do?

As we begin this third term of the school year, we renew our partnership for your student's success at St. Thomas. Parents can provide these keys supports to their children's progress:

- 3rd – 8th Grade: **Confirm your child's completion of all assigned homework.** Their planner is to come home daily and come back to school each morning. Parents may also check the classroom web portal for assignments.
- Provide **practice at home** in learning math facts, practicing spelling/vocabulary words, etc.
- **Have your child read to you**—this includes older students as well!
- **Read to your children**—including your upper school students! Hearing text/prose at a higher level than they themselves can read being read to them is one of the most powerful means of developing a child's reading and writing abilities—as well as providing a wonderful setting for a family or parent-child time together!



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 above.) 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