



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

## St. Thomas School Community Newsletter March 16, 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.



**Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Solemnity of St. Joseph**  
***St. Joseph, protector of the Church ~ pray for us!***

Pray the Litany to St. Joseph as a family—see the attached.



“The celebration of Holy Mass has the same value as the Death of Jesus on the Cross.”

*St. Thomas Aquinas*



***Congratulations*** to all our JV basketball athletes and Coach Stang who came out ***League Champions*** at last weekend's tournament. Top row from left: Ronan Cullen, Stasio Fil, Ignatius Gregor, Jude Flores, Tanner Miller, Sebastian Brown, Mattheas Gregor, Benedict Russel. Bottom row: Michael Kauffman, Joseph Russel, Francis Pearson. We are proud of you boys~!

## ~ Events Calendar ~

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



Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

## **St. Thomas Spring Bookfair Begins**

Details forthcoming~!

Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

### **St. Thomas Hosts the Varsity Boys Basketball Tournament**

Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

### **End of Scholastica Term**

Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

### **Start of Boniface Term**

Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Scholastica Term Report Cards Available Online**

Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Easter Break – No School**

## **From the Headmaster**

**St. Thomas Enrollment Update** ~ Thank you for the timely return of your 2021-2022 registration materials as we plan in earnest for the upcoming school year. Presently in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade we have 103 students registered. With currently anticipated registrations, actual enrollment at the start of school year is expected to be at least 110 students. Our enrollment history as a classical school is below.

<b>School Year</b>	<b>Number Students</b>	<b>Count Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>21-22</b>	103	+19	+23%
<b>20-21</b>	84	+14	+20%
<b>19-20</b>	70	+10	+17%
<b>18-19</b>	60		

Our current enrollment by class is as follows: Kindergarten: 15, First Grade: 18 [Full], Second Grade: 14, Third Grade: 9, Fourth Grade: 9, Fifth Grade: 12, Sixth/Seventh Grade: 15, Eighth Grade: 11.

**Hillsdale College Online Course on Children's Literature** ~ A free, 9 segment course presenting nine classic works of children's literature is available from Hillsdale College (each segment is approximately 20 minutes long). I highly encourage you to view the 2 minute introduction to the course [here](#). Professor Dan Copeland offers: "One of the reasons we read these great stories to children, is to prepare their minds to receive truth. It is important that these stories have these moral truths about goodness." This course a wonderful opportunity to understand more deeply and re-experience for yourself these treasures of classic children's literature. Enjoy~!





**St. Thomas Catholic Children's Reading Room** ~ Our thanks to those who have been supporting the development of our reading room with book, furniture and icon donations! These gifts will be creating a space where children will feel the recollection of spirit in which they can enter into a good book and have the book enter into them. We are still hoping to complete our Doctors of the Church icon wall—who will surround Our Lord and Our Lady in the center. If you are interested in donating to this effort, please take a look at our [MyRegistry.com](https://www.myregistry.com) wish list or contact Sarah Davignon at [sdavignon@sta2.org](mailto:sdavignon@sta2.org).



## MARCH IS READING MONTH at the St. Thomas Library

**Our St. Thomas Spring Book Fair On Its Way** ~ This Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> begins our spring book fair—this year online. Look for more information coming your way this week.

**Donate a Book to Enrich the St. Thomas Library Collection-**Our St. Thomas school library has been a place of discovery and joy this year! Please support the St. Thomas school library by purchasing a book from our Amazon wish list: [bit.ly/STA2LIBRARY](https://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](mailto:sdavignon@sta2.org) if you have any questions.

## Whooo's Reading



Dimitri Johnson and Reagan Barwig show off their Whooo's Reading Monday Raffle prizes.

Thank you to all our parents for supporting your students during this month of our celebration of reading—especially for your help in our students obtaining a pledge, or pledges, for their reading efforts this month. Attached is the calendar of events for the week ahead. The pledges provided in our students' Whooo's Reading activities support our St. Thomas Parent Association and all their special efforts at St. Thomas, including the support of our St. Thomas Library and Catholic Children's Reading Room. Special thanks to our teachers, Mrs. Savarino and Mrs. Gavigan for all their efforts in making this special month of reading possible~!

### Upper School EDGE Update

Join us at Edge as we listen to Camp Sancta Maria counselor Ted Devine speak about his experience growing up Catholic!

**When:** This Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm - 8:30pm

**Where:** St. Thomas Youth Room

Bring a mask and a friend! God bless!

### Miss the St. Thomas Open House?

Enjoy listening to our faculty and staff introduce you to our classrooms by visiting the link below to our school's webpage for recordings of both the full open house sessions for Preschool, Kindergarten, Lower School and Upper School, or the recorded, individual teacher presentations. Feel welcome to share the link~!

<https://sta2.org/school/2021-virtual-open-house/>