



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter March 29, 2021

Boniface Term Virtue: Modesty

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.



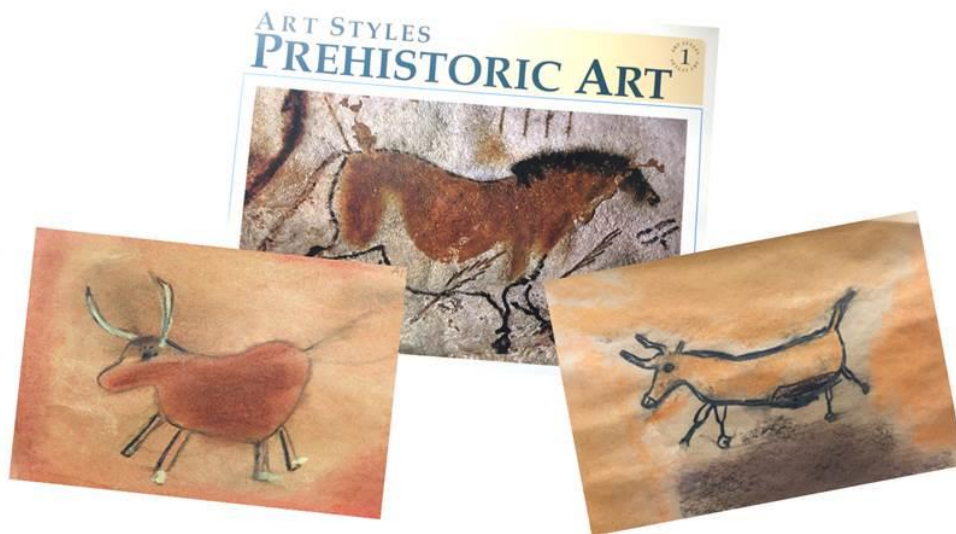
Once, St. Teresa was overwhelmed with God's Goodness and asked Our Lord
"How can I thank you?" Our Lord replied, "ATTEND ONE MASS."

St. Teresa of Avila



Kindergartener **August Liao** gives us a sweet foretaste of spring in her beautiful painting created in Mrs. Mangan's visual arts class.

... while the 2nd and 3rd graders replicate the powerful images of prehistoric cave paintings.



Congratulations to **Gabriel House** for winning the Scholastica Term Angel House Point Competition~!



Gabriel House students will have Jean Days on **Friday, April 16th** and **Friday, May 7th**. We congratulate and thank all our students for their wonderful model of **Docility** lived out during our Scholastica Term.



The upper school choir is reunited in the gym and begins practice on a piece to be produced in conjunction with the University of Michigan's Music Department.



March is Reading Month Guest Reader, **Dave Coulier**, has fun reading 'Fair is Fair' and 'Stories of Curious George' to our lower school students.

~ Events Calendar ~

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



Friday, March 19th – Wednesday, March 31st

St. Thomas Spring Bookfair

Visit: <https://www.goodnewsbookfair.com/virtual-fair/>

Monday, March 29th

Start of Boniface Term

Wednesday, March 31st

Scholastica Term Report Cards Available Online

Thursday, April 1st – Sunday, April 11th

Easter Break – No School

Wednesday, April 14th
2020-2021 Parent Survey Responses Due

Friday, May 14th
**St. Thomas Spring Gala
with Fr. Robert Sirico**

President of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty
Pastor of Sacred Heart Classical Academy in Grand Rapids

Save This New Date!

~Tickets Available Soon~

From the Headmaster

2020-2021 Parent Survey ~ Each year we reach out to parents to obtain vital information on our progress as a school-- classroom by classroom and the school setting as a whole. We again ask your input on our annual survey which provides an anonymous and focus means to communication you and your child(ren)'s experience at St. Thomas. The survey consists of 1) five questions regarding the classroom environment, 2) six questions concerning the schoolwide setting, and 3) three open ended questions seeking your input. Thank you ~ ! Please note:

- We ask *every family* to participate in this key activity that constitutes a vital responsibility in our partnership at St. Thomas.
- We ask that each family complete the survey once by either parent.
- A Jean Day will be provided to each classroom with 100% participation.
- We ask families to complete the survey by **Wednesday, April 14th**.
- Please access the survey at: [St. Thomas School--Family Survey 2021](#)

The St. Thomas Book Fair Ends this Wednesday! ~Looking for Easter gifts? Give the gift of a great book! If you haven't visited our Virtual Book Fair, we would invite you to take a look at the beautiful books that the Good News! Book Fair has this year.

Visit <https://www.goodnewsbookfair.com/virtual-fair/> and use our school code **STA2**. Books could take up to a week to arrive so order them soon!

St. Thomas Enrollment Update ~ Please feel welcome to share the link to our Virtual Open House videos with interested Catholic friends, family, neighbors or coworkers. The link is: <https://sta2.org/school/2021-virtual-open-house/> . Also remember our \$750 tuition credit earned through our St. Thomas enrollment referral program.

School Year	Students Enrolled	Count Change	Percent Change	Count Change Since Last Report
21-22	106	+22	+26%	+2
20-21	84	+14	+20%	
19-20	70	+10	+17%	
18-19	60			

Our current enrollment by class: Kindergarten: 16 [Full], First Grade: 18 [Full], Second Grade: 14, Third Grade: 10, Fourth Grade: 10, Fifth Grade: 12, Sixth/Seventh Grade: 15, Eighth Grade: 11.

Whooo's Reading

Thank you to all our parents and teachers for making this year's Whooo's Reading activity so successful! **Through your support our students have reached both our Pledge Goal of \$5000—currently reaching \$9,278, and our Reading Goal of 50,000 minutes—currently reaching 72,110 minutes!** A special word of thanks to Erin Savarino and Pai Gavigan for making this month so special for our students. We look forward to seeing the results of our door decorating after our Easter Break~!