



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter May 3, 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.



Pope St. John Paul II on attendance at Mass:

"It is not enough that the disciples of Christ pray individually and commemorate the death and Resurrection of Christ inwardly, in the secrecy of their hearts. Those who have received the grace of Baptism are not saved as individuals alone, but as members of the Mystical Body, having become part of the People of God. It is important therefore that they come together to express fully the very identity of the Church." (Dies Domini #31).



~Teacher Appreciation Week~

We offer a special prayer of thanksgiving and blessing on our St. Thomas School teachers as we celebrate this week the gift of their commitment, hard work, wisdom and care of our students.

Thank you teachers for the gift of self you make each day to our children.

May Our Lord reward you as only He can for serving His children and their families as you do each day at St. Thomas~!



Lola Fisher crowns Our Lady at this morning's May Crowning all school Mass, surrounded by flowers students brought to honor the Blessed Mother. Fr. Bill re-consecrated St. Thomas School to Mary's Immaculate Heart and students also made an individual consecration to the Blessed Mother led by Fr. Bill.



Congratulations Sophia Savarino~!

First Runner Up
in the Statewide Knights of Columbus
Spelling Bee

Thank you for representing St. Thomas School so well Sophia—
we are proud of you~!

~ Events Calendar ~

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



Friday, May 14th

Thank you for supporting our families seeking a Catholic education for their children. Join us in this gathering of our community to celebrate who we are as a community committed to each other and the success of our children.

Our silent auction items

Tickets may only be purchased through this weekend~!



You are cordially invited to the 2021

Laura M. Steffy
Scholarship Gala

Friday, May 14th at 7 PM

The Gandy Dancer Outdoor Terrace

with guest speaker Fr. Robert Sirico



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

'Religious Liberty in Our Day - Threats & Opportunities'

Dinner ~ Speaker ~ Silent Auction

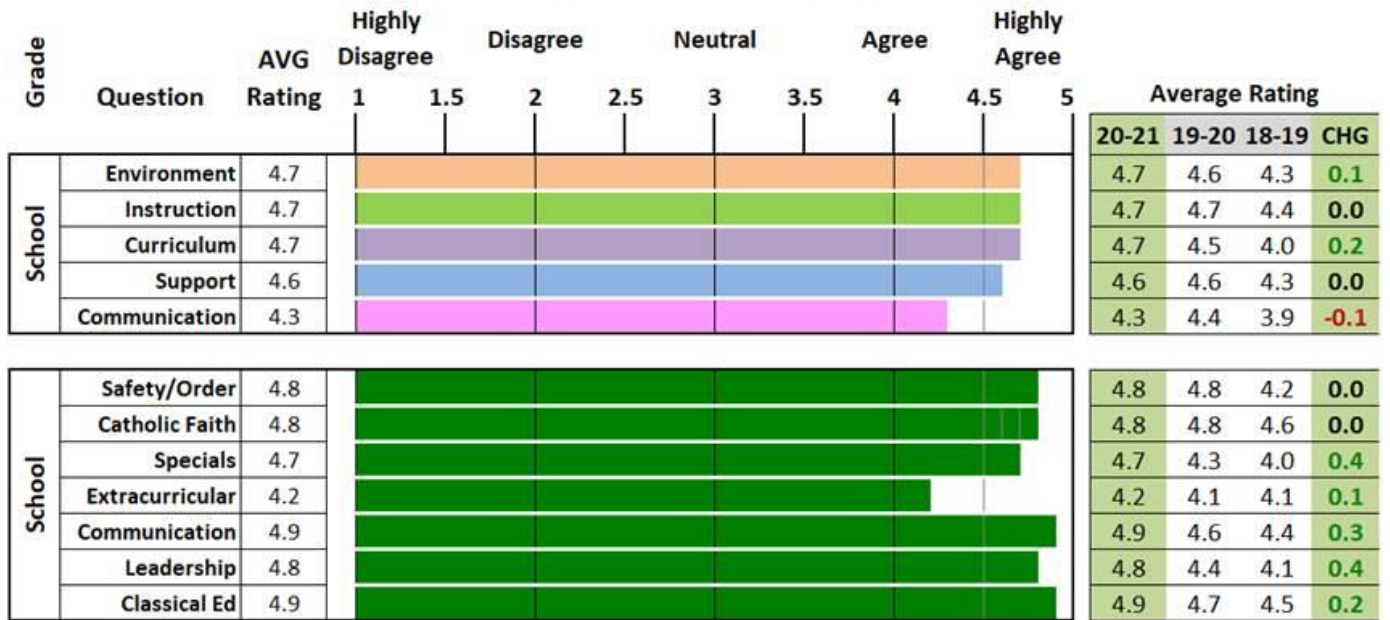
[Purchase Tickets on Eventbrite](#)

From the Headmaster

Our thanks to all for your participation in our St. Thomas Annual Parent Survey which garnered an 88% response rate. The column on the far right indicates the change in the rating average from last year to this year with our three year results history. The classroom results are determined based on the response ratings collected across all six classrooms.

Attached are both the quantitative results along with the comments made to the question "How has St. Thomas School benefitted your children?" Your responses to this first question provide a transparent and telling rendering of our school culture or identity. We are proud to be a part of this environment which your words have captured in describing how St. Thomas School has helped your child grow spiritually, academically and socially. We will share the responses to our additional open response survey questions over the next few weeks.

2020-2021 Parent Satisfaction Survey Results



Classroom Survey Questions	School Survey Questions
1--The classroom's social environment is supportive and caring.	1--My student's learning environment is safe and orderly.
2--The instruction is engaging and motivating.	2--My student is growing in appreciation and practice of our Faith.
3--The curriculum is appropriately challenging.	3--Specials classes are engaging and formative.
4--There is an appropriate level of support for learning success.	4--Formative extracurricular and athletic activities are available.
5--The teacher's communications are regular and informative.	5--The school administration's communications are informative.
	6--The administration provides effective educational leadership.
	7--Classical education is a valuable option for the Catholic community.

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