



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter August 30, 2021

Margaret Mary Term Virtue: Kindness
School Year Theme ~ *Beneficentia* (Generosity)

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.



Special Request ~ !

I would propose that our St. Thomas School families support the Parish Picnic on Sunday September 12th from 1 to 4 PM by [signing up](#) for a one hour block to supervise an activity

or game taking place in the gym (scroll down in the sign-up to the gym location activities.). Please visit [the sign up](#) and support this special day for both our school and parish family.

~ Events Calendar

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



Wednesday, September 1st

Leadership Dress Day

(See attached dress code policy for details.)

Before School Friday, September 3rd – Monday, September 6th

Labor Day Weekend Break—No School

Tuesday, September 7th

Extended School Day Program Begins

Before School: 7:00 – 7:50 AM

After school: 3:20 – 5:30 PM

Sunday, September 12th

Parish Picnic ~ 1:00 – 4:00 PM

[Volunteer~!](#)

From the Headmaster

Leadership Dress Day—Why?

On the first Wednesday of each month this school year, we have all our students and staff wear special apparel to school to give them an opportunity to display pride in their school and in themselves. This act of taking the time and making the effort to dress in a special way—boys with shirt and tie, girls—with dress or slacks, lives out the special meaning of our bodies as revealing the invisible—of our look and apparel revealing the dignity of our created soul and spirit. In an age where how we look and dress our bodies has become meaningless, we counter this error by living out in our appearance the reality of our being created in the image and likeness of God. Thank you for your participation in this work which contributes to our culture and life and continues to communicate to our children in silent but powerful ways their dignity and worth.

Extended School Day Program Begins Next Week

Please find attached the ESP information sheet. We have adopted a new student registration system that will generate monthly billing notifications. ESP payments will be made through your eFunds account. This year we will also require parents to check out their child with the ESP coordinator using our iPad based check-in/check-out system. Upon checking out your child for the first time, you will receive an registration link from Brightwheel to create your billing account. We look forward to providing our families this support with our ESP coordinators and tutoring staff.

Classical Catholic Education Summit Update ~ Join us!

We were pleased to have received 40 participants in our Friday, August 20th summit on classical Catholic education. After presentations by Fr. Bill and Tim DiLaura, which included participants sharing wonderful stories of how they came to become involved in classical Catholic education, Mike Hanley and Chris Russ launched our School Development Teams. The members of these teams are listed below and we invite all others interested in this work for the future of St. Thomas School to join us at the upcoming meetings taking place in the parish hall at 7:30 PM:

Thursday, September 30th

Thursday, October 28th

Thursday, December 2nd

Mission and Vision: Lead ~ Mike Hanley, Elizabeth Block, Denise DeRocher, Lisa Johnson, Erin Morrissey, Andrew Pietryga,

Cultural Values: Lead ~ Lindsey Robitaille, Caroline Biskner, Amy Dalian, Erin Deemer, Denise Gruetzmacher, Celestine Kreifels, Patricia Lengyel, Michael Murphy, Gabriella Rock, Carla Wood.

Operational & Crisis Management Plans: Lead ~ Tim DiLaura, Jesse Kauffman, Michael Lengyel, Maura Cullen, Bryce Snyder

Marketing & Development Plans: Lead ~ Chris Russ, Amanda Fischer, Ron Hopp, Laura Steffy

St. Thomas School Women's Book Club

A book club is being planned for this 2021-22 school year for St. Thomas School moms. The book list will come from The Well-Read Mom (<https://wellreadmom.com/>) which includes both spiritual and classic books. Group discussions will be held on weekday evenings 2-3 times each semester. Contact Lindsey Robitaille at lindsrobit@hotmail.com to be added to the group contact list.