



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter September 13, 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.



Mrs. Herrmann conducts the upper school choir class outdoors during these beautiful late summer days which allow for some mask-free choir activity.

~ Events Calendar

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



Thursday, September 21st
4th – 8th Grade Altar Boy Training
3:30 – 4:30 in the church

Thursday, September 30th
School Development Teams Meeting
7:30PM ~ Parish Hall

Friday, October 22nd
St. Thomas School Fall Festival

Wednesday--Thursday, November 3rd-4th
Margaret Mary Term
Parent~Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 5th
No School – Records Day

Friday, November 19th
Save the Date~!

St. Thomas Parent Evening
with **Dr. Mary Healy**

Made in the Image of God: Faith, Gender and Education

Wine and Hors D'oeuvres
7:00 PM ~ Parish Hall

From the Headmaster

Measures of Academic Progress Fall Assessment Begin

This week our Kindergarten through 4th grade students, and our 5th through 8th grade students next week, will take their annual Fall nationally standardized Reading, Mathematics and, this year, Grammar assessments. Please see teacher portal pages for specific schedules. This assessment is a tool that allows teachers and parents to understand our students' progress with respect to a nationwide norm group. These results allow us to both determine, as well as any assessment tool can, the current level of achievement with respect to a grade, season and subject national norm, and the growth our students achieve from Fall to Winter and from Fall to Spring, again with respect to a national norms of growth. While the deeper qualities of student achievement at St. Thomas include imagination, wonder, curiosity and moral judgement—this tool does allow

us to see the power of the subject based critical thinking skills our students attain. We will share these results with you at conferences and track with you your student's Winter and Spring growth through the school year ahead.

St. Thomas Development Plan Update ~ Join us!

We invite everyone interested in the future of St. Thomas School to join us at our upcoming team meetings at which we will develop

- a new mission statement,
- statements of our cultural values for students, faculty and parents,
- operational and crisis management plans, and
- marketing and development plans

As we look to the continued growth and development of St. Thomas School. Please feel welcome to contact our team leads for more information. Join us in the parish hall at 7:30 PM on~

Thursday, September 30th

Thursday, October 28th

Thursday, December 2nd

Mission and Vision: Lead ~ [Mike Hanley](#)

Cultural Values: Lead ~ [Lindsey Robitaille](#)

Operational & Crisis Management Plans: Lead ~ [Tim DiLaura](#)

Marketing & Development Plans: Lead ~ [Chris Russ](#)

St. Thomas School Altar Boy Training

Fourth through eighth grade boys will serve on the altar at our school Masses. We ask that all our 4th through 8th grade boys embrace this call to service as a key lesson in their budding manhood. Please plan on your son attending on **Tuesday, September 21st from 3:30 to 4:30 PM** in the church. Fr. Bill will instruct the boys in this call of service and Mr. Dan Vincke will assist the clergy in training the boys in their altar service. Please plan on picking up the boys at 4:30 PM at the church.