



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter September 27, 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.



Congratulations to both our Varsity and Junior Varsity girls volleyball teams as they continue their competitive efforts on the court with Coach Cullen. Above our JV team celebrates their 2-0 record this season including (from left to right) Amelia Eustice, Gemma Carley, Clare Moilanen, Madeleine Hanley, Ella Meinhart, Christina Maki, Teresa Deemer and Charlotte Hanley.

***Congratulations Girls~!
Go Irish~!***

~ Events Calendar

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



Monday, September 27th

October Lunch Orders Due to Main Office by 3 PM

(See attached order form and instructions.)

Thursday, September 30th *This Week!*

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

St. Thomas 2021-2022 Parent/Student Policy Handbook~

Tomorrow, Tuesday, September 28th, parents will receive from your oldest or only student our St. Thomas Directory, our Parent/Student Handbook along with a signatory page for parent and student signatures. We ask that all families review the policy documents, sign the signatory page and return it to the main office by **Friday, October 8, 2021**. Please note two additions to our policy handbook this year:

- Appendix I contains the Diocese of Lansing Sexual Identity Policy—The Human Body and the Human Person, which pertains to all diocesan institutions, diocesan personnel, and diocesan school communities (page 34).
- Fourth through Eighth Grade academic subject grade weighting standards (page 10)

Thank you for your diligence in reviewing our school policies and submission of your agreement declaration by the October 8th date. Please feel welcome to contact the school office if you have any questions regarding the policies upon which our school community relies on to create a setting of order, efficiency, and effectiveness for all our stakeholders.

COVID Procedures Update~

- Please ensure students have a water bottle—preferably plastic—for use during the school day. All drinking fountains remain converted to bottle filling stations.
- Please see the attached image from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services detailing recommended masks.
- Please find attached the 2021-2022 St. Thomas School Re-Opening Plan.

Dimensions Math Homework Support Video Access for Grade 1st – 4th

We are providing parents the following links to provide you guidance in supporting your child in their completion of the Dimensions Math workbook homework assignments. Feel welcome to use the following access links to our Vimeo subscription these videos, selecting the lesson and activity you would like to watch. Tutorials are generally about 4 to 6 minutes in length.

- ▶ **Access 1st Grade Homework Support**
- ▶ **Access 2nd Grade Homework Support**
- ▶ **Access 3rd Grade Homework Support**
- ▶ **Access 4th Grade Homework Support**

Lunch is Served!

We are pleased to be able to offer ordered lunches beginning Monday, October 4th. The attached lunch order form is due by 3e PM, Monday, September 27th. Note that milk or water is to be ordered/paid for separately for all lunch meals. Please use [eFunds](#) to pay for your month's lunch order, turning in your order to the school office by the due date indicated at the top of the order. *Bon appétit!*

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](#)