



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter October 18, 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.



It Harvest Time for our
Preschoolers~!
Preschoolers enjoy the fruits
of their labors and patience
as their harvest their
pumpkins from their
preschool garden.

*Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts
of joy, carrying their
sheaves.*

Psalms 126:6



~ Events Calendar

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



Friday, October 22nd

St. Thomas School Fall Festival

1:30 – 3:00 PM / Parking Lot

Tuesday, October 26th

November Lunch Orders Due

~See attached order form~

Thursday, October 28th

School Development Teams Meeting

7:00PM ~ Parish Hall

Sunday, October 31st

St. Thomas Parish All Saints Day Party

In the gym after the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses



Monday, November 1st
**St. Thomas School All Saints Day Dress Up,
 All School Noon Mass
 and Classroom Festivities**

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

Friday, November 5th
No School

Friday, November 19th
See the attached flyer to purchase tickets~

**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

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

On **Friday evening, November 19th** you are invited to a unique opportunity to be equipped as a parent or educator to both guide and protect your children from the confusion and errors that are being infused into modern cultural dialogue regarding the nature of the human person and sexuality. Dr. Mary Healy, of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will provide a clear presentation on the Church's profound and beautiful teaching of the Theology of the Body which offers a clear refutation of these errors and a rich and empowering understanding of our sexuality as a reflection of our being made in the image and likeness of the Mystery of Love Who is God. Through this teaching you will be able to verbalize for yourself, your family, and those the Lord calls you to, insights into the design of God in our being made in His image--a sure foundation of happiness in our divinely ordained sexual identity.



Please see the attach flyer for details on purchasing tickets for this evening of formation and fellowship, with wine and hors d'oeuvres. Thank you for your \$25 donation per ticket proceeds from which will allow us to support our Theology of Body Curriculum at St. Thomas School.

St. Thomas 2021-2022 Parent/Student Policy Handbook Signatory Page **Past Due**

Thank you to all those who have submitted their signatory page of our Parent/Student Policy Handbook. For those who have not, please note that we will not be able to release Margaret-Mary Term report cards until your signatory page has been submitted to the school office. Thank you.

Upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences

Next week's newsletter will provide parents with Sign-up links to reserve an appointment to meet with your child's teacher(s) for conferences taking place Thursday afternoon and evening, November 4th. Fall parent/teacher conferences are required for all our parents (at least on parent) at this critical point in our school year. We will seek to strengthen our partnership with you for the success of your child as we ensure a common understanding of their strengths and needs, and the supports that both teachers and parents will provide as needed. Teacher/parent conferences will take place in the parish hall.

Fighting Irish Faithful~

The 2021 Boys Basketball and Girls Cheer seasons are fast approaching!

Boys Basketball will begin on **Monday, October 25th**. Coach Brian Stange will not be returning this year. (If you know a candidate or are interested in coaching, have them [contact me](#) as soon as possible.) I encourage any and all **4th-8th graders**, that might be interested in playing basketball, to come out and give it a try. This is also an excellent way to stay in shape or get ready for other sports. **Practice times are from 3:30pm until 5:00pm, Monday through Friday**. If you are not able to make every practice due to other commitments, please don't let that stop you from playing. Many of our families are in that situation and we practice every day to make sure as many players can come as often as they are able.

Please come dressed in appropriate athletic attire and practice jerseys. If you didn't play basketball last year, you will be able to buy a practice jersey. I will host a parent meeting at **4:30 pm on Monday, October 25th** to go over important info and answer any questions. To play school sports, participants are required to pay a \$50 fee and provide an up to date sports physical. The sports physical must be dated after April 15, 2021 and clear the student for physical activity.

Please make your \$50 fee payment through eFunds by Friday **November 12th**. If that will be a problem of any kind, please let me know as soon as you can.

Thanks and Go Irish!!

Conrad Miller, St. Thomas Athletic Director

St. Thomas Parish All Saints Day Party

You're invited to an All Saints Party in the Parish Hall after the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday October 31. Children are welcome to wear their saint costumes during Mass and at the party! You can help contribute to the party by bringing a bag of candy or by

signing up to run a saints

station. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945afae2cabff2-stthomas2>



5th–8th Grade EDGE Nights

Join our middle school youth group for 6th-8th graders! Edge Middle school youth group meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month from **7pm-8:30pm**. This Thursday is open gym! Location: St. Thomas school gym. For more information, contact Caroline Biskner at cbiskner@sta2.org

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, 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](#)