



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter November 23, 2021

Nicholas Term Virtue: Foresight
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.



A Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving
from our St. Thomas Faculty and Staff
to all our St. Thomas Family and Friends~

May the Lord make us truly grateful for all His benefits and
blessings~!





Christmas Poinsettia, Wreath & Garland Sale!

Decorate for Christmas and help support St. Thomas School by purchasing these beautiful and long lasting Christmas Poinsettias, Wreaths and Roping from Pinters Flowers. Order forms with payment are due to the school office by **Monday, December 6th** by 12pm. Your items will be available for pick up on **Tuesday, December 14th in the Parish Hall from 1pm to 4pm.**

Please use e-Funds to make your payment or attach a check made out to St. Thomas to your order form which is attached.

Thank you!

~ Events Calendar ~

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



Wednesday - Friday, November 24th -26th
No School ~ Thanksgiving Break



Wednesday, December 1st
Leadership Day

School Year Picture Day

*Picture day order forms will be sent home
and are to be turned in on picture day~*

Monday, December 6th
St. Thomas Christmas Flower Orders Due
See attached order form for details.

Wednesday, December 8th
No School
Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 10th
Winter Celebration of Wonder
6:30 PM ~ St. Thomas Parish Hall
Upper School Instrumental Music Ensemble Concert
St. Thomas Strings Ensemble
Kindergarten – 8th Grade Classroom Poem Recitations
Kindergarten – 8th Grade Studio Art Show

Tuesday, December 14th
St. Thomas Christmas Choral Concert
6:30 PM ~ St. Thomas Church

From the Headmaster

COVID-19 Update:

- Per our community wide protocol, **parents are to closely monitor their child's health** and use the symptom profile below to assess the need to test for COVID. Parents are asked to immediately notify Mr. DiLaura of any positive test result.
- Given our current increase in instances of COVID, beginning next week, we will use the following **communication protocol**:
 - Parents of a classroom/grade will be notified of a case in the classroom.
 - COVID cases are personal health information and names of individuals will not be communicated.
 - Any student or staff potentially exposed to a positive COVID case will be notified immediately of the exposure and procedures for quarantine.
 - School wide information will be available on our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#).
- **Quarantine Option for a positive COVID case:** 10 days at home quarantine counting from the first day of symptoms or date of positive test.
- **Quarantine Options for an exposure** are:
 - Option 1: 10 day at home quarantine without test with no onset of symptoms.

- Option 2: 7 day at home quarantine with a negative test on day 5 or 6 with no onset of symptoms.
- Option 3: 14 day in-school quarantine with masking (not available for lunch room, choir or household exposures).
- **Our case timeline** is following that of [Washtenaw County region](#) which has had a recent downturn. This peak very closely follows the same case profile for this time last year, with cases peaking the last week of November.
- **Masking** may provide protection from contracting or communicating illness and is generally recommended under current conditions.

Below are symptom profiles, as recommended by the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, to determine potential COVID infections. We require a negative result of at least the at-home antigen test (or the lab PCR test) before a child is able to return to school if they have either one high risk symptom or two low risk symptoms. We are all grateful for our parents' collaboration in ensuring the health and safety of the school community.

High Risk Symptoms~

- Fever--temperature 100.4 F or higher/chills/body aches
- Cough--new onset or worsening
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Change in ability to taste or smell

Lower Risk Symptoms~

- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Congestion/Runny Nose
- Fatigue

Timothy J. DiLaura
 Headmaster
 St. Thomas the Apostle School
 Ann Arbor, Michigan
 (734) 769-0911



www.sta2.org/school