



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter January 10, 2022

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.



St. Thomas Spelling Bee 2022~!

Last week our 4th through 8th grade classes conducted grade level spelling bees to determine participants in our school-wide Spelling Bee taking place next Monday, January 17th. The schoolwide bee will then determine the two 4th through 6th grade participants, and the two grade 7th and 8th grade participants, who will represent St. Thomas School in the Knights of Columbus regional spelling bee on Saturday, January 29th taking place at St. Thomas. Our current grade level participants are:

- 4th - Ella Meinhart (1), Alex Skoczylas (2)
- 5th - Sophia Jeyaraj (1), Sam (2)
- 6th - Charlotte Hanley (1), Sophia Jeyaraj (2),
- 7th - Owen Dauw (1), Ben Rutherford (2)
- 8th - Paul Biskner (1), Jackson Meier (2)




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VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 1-5 PM ON ZOOM




- Virtual Classroom Tours
- Meet Teachers
- Ask Questions
- Preschool-8th Grade
- Scholarships Available!
- Enrollment Begins Soon!



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SIGN UP TODAY:



sta2.org/school/openhouse

See details below on registering for the upcoming St. Thomas Preschool, Kindergarten, Lower School and Upper School online Open Houses on Sunday, January 30th.

~ Events Calendar ~

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



Monday, January 17th
De. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Half Day of School
 Dismissal at 11:40 AM

Thursday, January 27th
St. Thomas School Development Committee Meeting
 Parish Hall ~ 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 30th
St. Thomas School Open House
[Sign-Up](#)

Sunday, January 30th – Saturday, February 6th
Catholic Schools Week

From the Headmaster

St. Thomas 2022-2023 School Year Open Houses

We are hosting a Virtual Open House on **Sunday, January 30 from 1-5 p.m.** on Zoom. Please tell your friends, family, and neighbors about this important event so St. Thomas can continue to grow. Attendees will have a chance to meet teachers, ask questions, get virtual classroom tours, and learn more about the scholarships that we have available. Our schedule of sessions are:

Preschool: 1 PM
Kindergarten: 2 PM
Lower School (1st – 4th Grade): 3 PM
Upper School (5th – 8th Grade): 4 PM

Anyone who is interested in attending should sign up now at this link:
sta2.org/school/openhouse

Parents can earn a \$750 tuition credit by referring a family who enrolls at St. Thomas School. Help us to spread the good news about classical Catholic education! Send the registration link (sta2.org/school/openhouse) to anyone you know who might be interested. To learn more about our tuition credit referral program, please call the school office at (734) 769-0911. Attached is a poster for the Open House. Please share this as well~

Welcome Sr. Mary Avila to St. Thomas Preschool~!

This week we welcome Dominican Sister of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist to Mrs. Gruetzmacher's 3 and 4 year old preschool classroom. Sr. Mary Avila is currently earning her early education degree at Eastern Michigan University and is conducting her student teaching with Mrs. Gruetzmacher through the month of April. We look forward to our children having the blessing of her support, guidance and prayer! Welcome Sr. Mary Avila!



COVID Communication Update:

Based on revised CDC guidelines, the Washtenaw County Department of Health has issued **new requirements** in regard to isolation of positive COVID-19 cases and quarantining of exposure individuals.

- Positive COVID Case Protocols:
 - Isolate at home for at least 5 days after symptom onset: Day 0 is the day symptoms started or test sample was collected.
 - On day 5, does case have no symptoms or symptoms are resolving?
 - If yes, can stop isolation on day 6. *Continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others through day 10.*
 - If no, should NOT stop isolation - continue isolating until symptoms resolve or 10 days have gone by since tested positive or first developed symptoms. If case has a fever, continue to isolate until fever goes away.
 - "Resolving symptoms" means symptoms have gotten noticeably better. Some symptoms (like fatigue and loss of smell) may last a longer time

- COVID Exposure Protocols:
 - If exposed in a lower-risk school setting no contact tracing is required. This includes most in-school contacts, including classrooms, buses, lunch, and most extra-curricular activities. Individuals should closely monitor symptoms for 10 days.
 - If exposed in a higher-risk setting, complete contact tracing and 5 day quarantine per above.
 - Household contacts of a positive case.
 - Outbreaks: if part of outbreak class/group.
 - NOTE: High risk exposure is also eligible for the ‘Test and Stay’ quarantine with 10 day masking and testing based on vaccination status, previous COVID-19 illness (within last 90 days).

School wide information is available on our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

COVID Case History:

Week of:	Number of Cases
DEC 6	0
DEC 13	0
DEC 20	2
DEC 26	0
JAN 3	2