



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

## St. Thomas School Community Newsletter

January 17, 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.



The  
**Spelling** 

## St. Thomas Spelling Bee 2022~!

Congratulations to the following students who will represent St. Thomas in the Level I (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade) and Level II (7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade) State of Michigan, Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee at the regional bee taking place Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at the St. Thomas Parish Hall~!

### **Level I**

Charlotte Hanley (1st)

Serena Jeyaraj (2nd)

### **Level 2**

Owen Dauw (1st)

Ben Rutherford (2nd)


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— ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE —  
**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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 734.789.0911

**SIGN UP TODAY:**  
  
[sta2.org/school/openhouse](https://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 30<sup>th</sup>.

To receive an access link sign up at: [sta2.org/school/openhouse](https://sta2.org/school/openhouse)

## ~ Events Calendar ~

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



Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

**Last Day of Nicholas Term**

Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

**Nicholas Term Report Cards Available Online**

Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

**2022-2023 Enrollment Registration Packets Sent Home**

Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

**St. Thomas School Development Committee Meeting**

*Parish Hall ~ 7:00 PM*

Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

**St. Thomas School Open House**

[Sign-Up](#)

Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

**Catholic Schools Week**

Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> – Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>  
**No School – Winter Break**

Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>  
**2022-2023 Enrollment Registration Due**

## From the Headmaster

### End of Term Student Progress Review

As we enter the last week of Nicholas Term homeroom teachers are providing parents for each child a progress report via email or reaching out to arrange a time to talk over the phone. This is a key opportunity at this mid-point of the school year to exercise our partnership between home and school in order to ensure that parents and teachers have a common understanding of their child's performance, strengths and needs. This is also a vital window of opportunity to have common goals for the child and how both teacher and parents can work together to support a child's achieving them. Please take advantage of this key point in our school year to continue to build on the communication that has been ongoing through the first half of this year and we together prepare for your child's progress through the upcoming Scholastica and Boniface terms. Report cards will be available online next week Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade): 3 PM  
Upper School (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade): 4 PM

**Receive an access link to attend by signing up at: [sta2.org/school/openhouse](https://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](https://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~

## COVID 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).
- **Current St. Thomas Cases:**
  - 3/4 Preschool (1)—classroom quarantine
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (1)—low risk exposure
  - Kindergarten (1)—no school exposure
  - Specials Faculty (1)—low risk exposure

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
JAN 10	11