



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas K-9 School Newsletter

September 6th, 2022

School Mission Statement

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School exists to form disciples of Jesus Christ. Educating in the Eucharistic culture and classical intellectual tradition of the Catholic Church, students are led to encounters with the transcendental good, true, and beautiful. In wonder, confidence, and virtue, students are prepared to engage our broken world for the glory of God, the good of others, and for their own sanctification.

Virtue for the School Year: *Devotio* (Devotion)

- Having the will to give oneself readily in the service of God

Virtue for Margaret Mary Term: Sacrifice

- Offering something to God by setting it aside out of reverence for Him



~ Events Calendar ~

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

Wednesday, September 7th

Parent Orientation Night (parish hall), 6:30-8:00 PM

News/From the Headmaster

Parent Orientation Night

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow evening. I will present in the parish hall from 6:30-7:15, after which we will have classroom sessions. The parent handbook will be available to pick up in the parish hall. For those not able to attend, one can be obtained from the office or from our website (it will be posted some time this week). Each family needs to sign and return by September 30th a declaration of agreement form acknowledging your receipt and understanding of the handbook.

Fall Events

I am currently working with the Parent Association to finalize dates for a bake sale, fall festival, and Turkey Trot. Once finalized, these will be posted in newsletters and on the school calendar.

Fun in Preschool

Our preschoolers are off to a great start!



Virtue of the Term: Sacrifice

Father Gerald before Mass today reminded the students that the Mass is a ritual sacrifice. He explained that we have nothing that we can offer the Father that will truly be a worthy gift, so He Himself supplies us with the Offering: Jesus Christ, the perfect offering of Love to the Father. This is the motion of the Mass: the offering of the Perfect Sacrifice on the Altar to the Father, and we in turn, by participating in the Sacrifice of Love, becoming filled with His Holy Spirit. There is no assembly this week, but Father's words fit well with what I would have talked about anyway! The practice of the virtue of sacrifice must constantly draw its life and meaning from this Supreme Sacrifice.

Afternoon ESP Starting 9/6

Our afternoon Extended School Program is starting today, Tuesday, September 6th. Preschoolers begin at 3:10 and K-9 students begin at 3:25. Please register with Khrista Boes, our bookkeeper, and pay the \$15 registration fee if you plan on using ESP this year. **Please see the accompanying attachment for full details.**

School Policies/Reminders

P.E. Clothes

A reminder to parents of 6th-8th graders to pay \$24 for gym clothes. This can be done at the office with cash or check, or on eFunds.

Dress Code Reminders

Please refer to the dress code for policies on shoes, socks, and belts. These three items have been the most frequently violated areas. Boots are not allowed, and shoe height should remain at or below the ankle area. Shoes must be of uniform color – either black or dark-toned, with girls allowed to wear all-white shoes. Socks need to be crew, and thus at or above the ankle bone. Boys need to wear belts. Beginning this week, we will begin calling home for repeat offenders to have proper wear brought to school.

Lunch Ordering

Hot lunch ordering will begin for the month of October (more details to come). **Please note that, this year, the school will not place a lunch order for any student whose parent did not submit an accompanying payment with their order.** That will cut down on the confusion and headache surrounding outstanding balances.

Volunteers Needed!

St. Thomas Parish Picnic

The annual parish picnic will be held on Sunday, September 11th from 1:00-4:00 PM. We will need parent volunteers to help run various stations and provide food. I am including the sign-up form links. Thanks!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945afae2cabff2-stthomas3>

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

Substitute Teachers

Please let me know if you'd be interested in being on the substitute teaching list. This is a major service to the school and any help would be greatly appreciated. The school pays subs \$12 an hour.

Rescue Project

St Thomas Church is excited to offer three opportunities for school families to participate in Fr John Riccardo's new program called The Rescue Project. We will be offering a weekly evening format for parents, a home-based monthly format for the whole family, and a weekday format for school moms with young children. The Rescue project focuses on how the Gospel message is explosive, extraordinary, and the life-changing news of Jesus' defeat of the power of Sin and Death. The Rescue Project is an 8-week program that consists of a community meal, video and discussion groups. This is such a wonderful opportunity to get to know other St Thomas families! To register go to <https://www.mission-suite.com/forms/78880665-a69f-4c5e-b270-b07683875b21/submit>. For more information *please contact Caroline Gambale Dirkes, Director of Evangelization: 734.761.8606 X 2904; cdirkes@sta2.org*

The Rescue Project for School Moms

**** Young Children Welcome**

Dates: Thursdays, Sept 29- Nov 17th

Place: Room 250

Time: 9am-11am

Cost: \$20 (light refreshments)

The Rescue Project for Families

Dates: 2nd Saturdays (monthly format)

Place: Meinhart's House

Time: 4:00pm-7:00pm

Cost: \$50

In Christ,

Michael Sauter