



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

St. Thomas K-9 School Newsletter

October 17th, 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](#).

Tuesday, October 18th

Picture Day – Dress-up or Uniform Wear

Friday, October 28th

End of Margaret Mary Term

Thursday, November 3rd

Half Day (11:40 Dismissal) – Parent-teacher Conferences

Friday, November 4th

No School

Tuesday, November 8th

3rd-9th Grade Confessions

Friday, November 11th

Turkey Trot

From the Headmaster

Margaret Mary Alacoque

Today at assembly, I told the students a little about the saint after whom our first school term is named. She is the one who helped to start and spread the devotion to the Sacred Heart. Her feast day used to be today (the 17th – the day she died), and now is on the 16th. I encouraged students to pray to her and to the Sacred Heart this week as we near the end of her term.

Follow-up on Definitions Series

Thanks to those of you (if any!) made it through the five-week series. I think it's important to develop a shared understanding at this school on terms often thrown about in Catholic circles. For those interested, here two good starter books/references for that "vision" about which I often spoke:

- *The Crisis of Western Education* by Christopher Dawson
- *The Death of Christian Culture* and *The Restoration of Christian Culture* by John Senior

Picture Day – October 18th

I forgot to mention picture day in my last newsletter. Addressing the students this morning, I misspoke and said they should wear their uniform. **However, as in the past, they have the choice of dressing up or wearing their uniform.**

November Lunch Menu Attached

Thanks for filling that out and returning with payment by October 24th.

Mass Intentions

School families will have first dibs on getting in Mass intentions for school Masses.

These should be submitted to the parish office, not the school office. Beginning in November, intentions at school Masses will be opened up to anyone. Please contact the parish office for further questions.

Parent-Teacher Conferences and Report Cards

Report cards will be published for parents to see by 3:30 on Wednesday, November 2nd. Conferences this year will run from 1:00-8:00 on November 3rd, which is a half day (11:40 dismissal). **A sign-up will come out this week.** These conferences are mandatory. **As a note, there will be no ESP on that day.** Generally, we will not have ESP on half days.

All Saints' Day

For the Solemnity of All Saints this year, students can come to school dressed as a saint of their choice. Costumes should be appropriate and wearable for the whole school day. We will have an all-school Mass that day. Students will receive a special treat at lunch, and teachers will be adding their own special touches to the day.

3rd-9th Grade Confessions

Ordinarily confessions are scheduled each first Friday, but we will not have an available first Friday until December. I have rescheduled the November time for November 8th.

Upcoming Events – From the Parent Association

Turkey Trot – Friday, November 11th

Please see the attached flier for the t-shirt design contest (for 5th-8th graders) for this event, which will take place during school.

Other News

School Projects Update

The State Street steps will likely be finished this week. Work on the retaining wall around the playground might begin soon, in which case the entire playground area will have to be closed. I will keep you posted.

Fall Festival

A hearty thanks to Pia and the Parent Association for organizing the Fall Festival, which was a great success (see next page for photos)!

