



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Nascantur in Admirazione*

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

## St. Thomas K-9 School Newsletter

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 Nicholas Term: Studiousness

- A keen and moderated desire to know



## ~ Events Calendar ~

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

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Choir Concert: 6:30 in the church**

Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>-Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Christmas Break**

## Celebration of Wonder

I am extremely proud of all the students and teachers who made the evening such a great success!



## Sicknesses in the School

We currently have a number of absences across the grades due to illness. The flu appears to be a major factor. For now, we will hold course, but we are monitoring our levels closely. I will be sending out email updates this week as needed, especially in light of our Christmas concert scheduled on Thursday.

## Mrs. Annette Rigan Memorial Giving Tree

Once again, we honor the memory of St. Thomas classroom teacher Annette Rigan by collecting new mittens and gloves for needy children and adults on our entryway Christmas Tree. Mrs. Rigan taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at St. Thomas from 1988 until she passed away from breast cancer in 1992. She was loved by all her students and delighted in surprising them each year with a pair of hand-made mittens as a Christmas gift. Please consider donating a pair of new mittens or gloves from now until December 19<sup>th</sup>. Contributions may be turned into the main office or hung directly on the Christmas tree. Thank you!

## Giving Tree

St. Thomas School has adopted one of our families, who is in need of our help. Please consider purchasing one of the gifts listed [here](#), or go in on a gift with another family. Please wrap your present and place a removable label stating what the gift is on the outside (for sorting purposes). Gift cards may be turned in at the office; wrapped gifts may be placed under the tree by your child. Please turn in your gift by **Monday, December 19th**.

## Lunch Order

The lunch order form for the month of January is attached. Please be sure to include payment with your order. We cannot place a lunch order without timely payment.

## Future Added Day Off

The diocese is asking all K-8 schools to take April 24<sup>th</sup> off for a professional development day for the teachers. This day will be used to introduce teachers to Sophia Press's *Spirit of Truth* series (which we already use at the school), textbooks that the diocese wants all schools to use or align their instruction with.

## Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Looking ahead to the spring, I am wondering if there is any interest among parents of 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders to coordinate a St. Thomas Science Olympiad team. At this point, I am simply looking for someone willing to be the coordinator, whose role would be to organize teams and coaches, schedules, and registration. Let me know if this is something you might be interested in taking on. We would want to start organizing it sometime in January.

## Events

### **Christmas Choral Concert**

I look forward to hearing what our K-9<sup>th</sup> graders have prepared to sing for Thursday's choir concert. Mrs. Herrmann has been hard at work preparing a great lineup of music!

### **Parish Family Adoration Event**

Please see the attached flyer for an adoration time followed by a lasagna dinner the evening of December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Blood Drive – December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Mrs. Nemshick invites everyone to participate in a Red Cross Blood Drive held in honor of her mother between 10 AM and 4 PM on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please refer to the attached flyer and the following link for more information and sign-ups: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Laffey>