



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas K-9 School Newsletter

December 5th, 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](#).

Wednesday, December 7th

Dress-Up Day

Celebration of Wonder: 6:30 in the parish hall

Friday, December 9th

Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession/Performance before 8:00 School Mass

Thursday, December 15th
Christmas Choir Concert: 6:30 in the church

Thursday, December 22nd-Tuesday, January 3rd
Christmas Break

Robotics Competition

Over the weekend, our robotics teams from the K-6th grades competed in a statewide competition. All of our teams did very well for their first time out, placing in the top half in some of the competitions and taking home a number of trophies, including the “Breakthrough,” awarded to one of our 4th-6th grade teams for their progress in confidence and capability over the course of the competition, and trophies for the younger kids’ team poster, team model, and engineering. I am proud of their results and the great sportsmanship that I heard about from their coach, Mr. Bob DiMattia. At one point, two of older kids realized they had accidentally broken a rule during a run-through, but it hadn’t been noticed by the judge. The two students decided to report it after the fact, expecting to be disqualified. The judge was very impressed with their honesty and awarded them the points anyway. Many thanks to all the parent volunteers, and especially to Bob, who started and ran the program with great dedication from the start. An impressive job all around!



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 2nd 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 19th. 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**.

Events

Celebration of Wonder

I am looking forward to seeing what the students have prepared for our Celebration of Wonder evening on December 7th, including poetry, music, art, and drama! Students should come in their dress-up wear (what they are wearing to school that day). As a reminder, we are inviting families to bring two dozen Christmas cookies or treats to share.

Christmas Choral Concert

I also look forward to hearing what our K-9th graders have prepared to sing for next 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 16th.