



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas K-9 School Newsletter

January 16th, 2023

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](#).

Friday, January 20th

**Last Day of Nicholas Term
(9th Grade Midterms Jan. 17th-20th)**

January 23rd

February Lunch Menu and Payment Due

Thursday, January 26th

Report Cards Published

January 27th
Jeans Day!

January 28th
Regional Spelling Bee Run by the Knights of Columbus in the St. Thomas Gym
4th-6th: 9:45 AM
7th-8th: 10:30 AM

January 23rd-February 3rd
NWEA Testing (Round 2)

Catholic Schools Week
January 30th-February 3rd (see daily schedule below)

Choir Christmas Concert

Once again, I want to express my admiration and gratitude for the wonderful performance the students gave last Wednesday. All the students displayed an impressive level of mastery and beauty in their singing. Mrs. Herrmann worked extra hard this year, surviving two plagues and interrupted rehearsals to conduct a truly memorable performance!





Congratulations: Boys Basketball Varsity League Champions!

Congratulations to our boys varsity basketball team for taking first place at the AAIAA League Tournament this past weekend. They beat Huron Valley Catholic School and both Spiritus Sanctus schools to win. This was a perfect way to cap off a great season! Great job!

From the Headmaster

We had 10 prospective families visit this morning during our open house. Many thanks to Pia, Bob DiMattia, Chris Russ, and the Lengyels for helping with tours! Among the parents who had never been in our school, a number expressed how struck they were by the peace and discipline of the school as well as the cheerful greetings of the students. I am still scheduling tours and shadow days for other families that weren't able to make it today. Our school is definitely known about and being discovered, even by out-of-state families.

In other news, I have two more announcements to make. Mr. Masset's wife Ang is expecting their first, a baby boy! She is due on May 15th. Mrs. Davignon is also expecting their first, and she is due May 14th! We are arranging to cover the last few weeks of the school year for Mrs. Davignon as her due date approaches. Your prayers for the Massets and for the Davignons are greatly appreciated as they enter this new phase of their married lives.

As we approach the end of term this Friday, though there are no scheduled parent-teacher conferences, teachers will be reaching out to parents with whom they would like to meet. Feel free to reach out to a teacher to schedule a meeting as well.

Events

- Catholic Schools Week Tentative Schedule
 - Monday, January 30th: All-school rosary during morning assembly
 - Parents welcome!
 - Tuesday, January 31st: Gratitude Day 1: Teacher Thank-You Letters
 - Organized by the Parent Association
 - Wednesday, February 1st: Gratitude Day 2: Parent Thank-You Letters (in class)
 - Thursday, February 2nd: Candlemas Procession, Mass, and After-Mass Treat
 - Parents welcome!
 - Friday, February 3rd: Students vs. Faculty Basketball in the Gym (Starting around 2:30)
 - Parents welcome!
 - Bonus Jeans Day!
- Spelling Bee – Saturday, January 28th, St. Thomas Gym
 - Students in the 4th-8th grades are currently competing in class spelling bees to determine which student will win the right to represent St. Thomas for his or her grade. I apologize for the short notice, but if winners were able to make it on the morning of the 28th (see times above in the events list), that would be a great way to kick off Catholic Schools Week and represent the school.

- Save the Date!
 - The St. Thomas the Apostle Gala is scheduled to be held at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor on the evening of **Friday, April 28th from 5:00-9:00**. Please touch base with our organizing team, Pia Gavigan, Linda Schneider, and Chris Russ, if you are interested in helping out or contributing! More information to come.

February Lunch Menu

See the attached menu, which is due, with payment, next Monday, January 23rd.