



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas K-9 School Newsletter

January 23rd, 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 Scholastica Term: Perseverance

- Enduring a delay in when a good may be accomplished or realized



~ Events Calendar ~

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

Thursday, January 26th

Report Cards Published

Friday, January 27th

Jeans Day!

Saturday, 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
Thursday, February 2nd
Michael House Award Day

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

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

Thursday, February 16th
Registration Materials Due

Congratulations to Michael House!

St. Michael House, the winner of the Angel House Competition for Nicholas Term, will receive a jeans day, extra house-wide gym time, and a homework pass for one assignment during Scholastica Term, to be used in agreement with a teacher. Well done St. Michael House members!

Nicholas Term Virtue Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students on receiving the award for practicing the virtue of studiousness during this past term. I want to commend them and all the students for their work on developing a keen and moderated desire to know the truth! (See picture on the next page!)

K: Joseph Giszczak
1st: Leo Johnson
2nd: Emma Giszczak
3rd: John Meinhart (not pictured)
4th: Max Sproule
5th: Gemma Carley
6th: Serena Jeyaraj
7th: Francis Elpi
8th: Owen Dauw



Events

- Candlemas/Feast of the Presentation/Purification – Feb. 2nd
 - We will have a candle-lit procession with all of the students to lead into the school Mass on the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord. Parents are warmly invited to participate and to join us after Mass for donuts in the parish hall. You or the students are also invited to bring candles from home to be blessed after Mass by Fr. Bill.
- 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! Bring candles to be blessed!
- 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.

Snow-Day Notification Reminder

Please remember that we will be notifying the school community of a snow day via a texting service. The message will come from the school number (734-769-0911).

Tutors

I am currently in the process of interviewing and vetting potential tutors for the school, particularly in the subject areas of Math (grades 1-9) and Latin (grades 5-9). Once I have a group together who have turned in their Virtus training certificate and finger-printing, I will be sending out their contact information and we would be happy to help you get connected with a tutor that could help your child. From there, parents can arrange directly with tutors the time and place. Parents will also set up a mutually agreeable compensation. The school is happy to provide a location for a tutoring session, and, in the case of pressing financial need, we would also consider offering financial support for parents to afford a tutor. Please stay tuned for further information.