



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Nascantur in Admiratione*

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

## St. Thomas K-9 School Newsletter February 13<sup>th</sup>, 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, February 16<sup>th</sup>

**Registration Materials Due**

Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>-Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

**Presidents' Day Break**

Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

**March Lunch Order Forms Due**

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**Reading Month and Food Drive – Details forthcoming**

## From the Headmaster

Last week, I wrote about needing pioneers, patience, and personnel for developing the upper (high) school. I want to follow up on that by highlighting the deep formation that a classical Catholic PreK-12 school provides. We have already experienced, in the last 5 years, the fruits of a shift in focus and commitment. Your children are being formed in a school culture built on a peaceful, joyful, and ordered pursuit of Jesus Christ and of the riches of the Catholic tradition of thought and art. And that is precisely the same basis on which the upper school will develop. Indeed, it is the basis on which the entire school will continue to develop (or not at all!). The Catholic liberal arts supported by a deep and lively life of prayer and friendship – this offers a powerful and lasting influence on your children! Everything that we do at the school, whether in academics, the arts, sport, prayer, or in pursuing real-life missions, each in its own way, can contribute to forming the mind and heart. I am excited to be in a position to lead the school and partner with the parents, teachers, and staff in pursuit of what is ultimately for the glory of God and the salvation of your children's souls.

## More on the Virtue of Perseverance

Today at all-school assembly, I talked about how the virtue of perseverance fits well with the upcoming season of Lent. I read from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, where he lists all of the sufferings and hardships he underwent in pursuit of his mission. Perseverance is tied closely to the virtue of hope, whereby we firmly trust in the fulfillment of God's promises, especially His mercy. I told that students that perseverance isn't just about gritting your teeth to get through something; rather, it is about fixing our eyes on our goal and enduring delays in when that goal can be realized. Waiting is particularly hard for us modern Americans, but with the virtue of hope and moved by love of God, we can practice suffering through a period of waiting as St. Paul did! I also told them to read the Book of Acts, where Paul's journeys and work are described. I pray we all experience Lent as a time of refocusing on our true goal.

## Tutor List

Please see the attached list of names. I anticipate this list growing over the next couple of weeks. If you are contacting a potential tutor, please do loop in me, Mr. McCoy, and the relevant classroom teacher. You can handle time, place, and

compensation details confidentially, but if the school is aware of the fact that your son or daughter is receiving tutoring and from whom, we can be in communication with the tutor so they can become familiar with the relevant textbook, expectations, and classwork. Feel free to ask a tutor their background and strengths. Each is Virtus certified and in the process of being fingerprinted.

## Lunch Order Forms

Please note that order forms and payment for March are due next Monday, which is a day off. Mrs. Boes will still need to place orders by that day.