



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas K-9 School Newsletter March 13th, 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](#).

March 17-20

Winter Break

March 20th

ARK Testing Window Opens

March 21st

April Lunch Orders Due

March 31st
End of Scholastica Term

(Reminder) April 24th
Teachers' PD Day for Diocese Sophia Press Roll-Out – No school

(Reminder) April 28th
St. Thomas Gala/Auction at Weber's, 5:00-9:00

From the Headmaster

At morning assembly today, I talked about how, as Christians, we are all soldiers in a spiritual battle. This theme is present right from the beginning of Lent in the Gospel about Jesus and His 40-day fast in the desert. By resisting the temptations of the devil, He was highlighting how we are at war with ourselves (our concupiscence and pride – the “flesh”), the world, and the devil. After reading from St. Paul’s description of our warfare (from Ephesians, Chapter 6), I talked about the different ways by which we can open a door to the evil one, such as habits of lying, of disobedience, and of bitterness and unforgiveness. But we have powerful help from heaven! I highlighted the two saints whose feasts are upcoming – St. Patrick, who fought demonic forces in Ireland, and St. Joseph, “Terror of Demons,” whose purity and obedience give him great power against the devil. I asked students to pray for God’s help and the intercession of St. Patrick and St. Joseph to close those doors to the devil’s influence. In the end, Jesus Christ has the victory, and we have a choice to participate in His victory.

Playground Update

The new playground installation is tentatively scheduled to begin after April 15th, during which time (around 2 weeks), the playground area will be closed.

Tutor List

Please see the attached list of names. 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.