



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas K-9 School Newsletter

March 27th, 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 29th-30th

Book Fair During Library Time (see below)

March 31st

End of Scholastica Term/Angel House Colors Jeans Day (see below)

April 5th
Parent Survey Due (see below)

April 6-16
Easter Break

(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

May 3rd, 4th, or 5th
Upper School Choir State Choir Festival Competition (see below)

May 4th or 5th, and 6th
Drama Club Performance (details forthcoming)

Shakespeare Day – Best Dressed Class!



2nd Graders Reading with Mrs. Wood's Class



Parent Survey – Reminder!

I have created a survey to receive parent feedback about the 2022-2023 school year. This year, we will use Google forms. The following is the link:

<https://forms.gle/7opBonETwGQvRBck9>

Each parent can feel free to fill it out – it should take no more than 10 minutes or so. The survey is anonymous. Please complete by April 5th, our last day before Easter Break. I will analyze and release results later in April or in early May. Thanks for doing that – it's very helpful to hear from you as we continue to develop and improve the school!

Upper School Choir – State Festival!

Based on their excellent performance at the district level, the 6th-9th grade choir qualified for the invitation-only state-level choir festival competition! They will be scheduled one of the days between May 3rd-5th. This is an amazing opportunity for the choir to experience high-level singing, competition, and judges. Mrs. Herrmann is extremely proud of their achievements and is continuing to work hard with them to prepare them for the next level of competition. Please see the following [video](#) of their district-level performance.

Angel House Jeans Day

This Friday, March 31st, students are welcome to dress in their angel house colors, which I announced at assembly today: green for Raphael, red for Gabriel, and blue for St. Michael. Their shirt can fit the color, and their pants can follow jeans-day rules.

Food Drive Update

The 6th graders have been busy collecting and counting cans and other items for our March Canned Food Drive for Hope Clinic. Totals are in the process of being updated, but, by latest count, the 4th grade was still in the lead with one more week to go!

Book Fair – Update

This week is our annual book fair! During their regular library visit, our students will have a chance to view the books Our Lady of Grace has provided for our fair this year. They will bring home a wishlist and you may make purchases anytime between March 27th and April 7th with this link:

<https://ourladyofgracebookstore.com/category/st-thomas-apostle-school>

Please select "Free - School Pickup" at checkout so the bookstore knows to credit St. Thomas with the order.



Chess and Go Club – Beginning after Easter Break

Mr. Snyder is starting an after-school chess and go game club. The first session will be Tuesday, April 18th. Please see the following flyer for further details. Sign-ups will be handled by Mr. Snyder (bsnyder@sta2.org).

Chess & Go Club

Ancient Games
of Strategy

Tuesdays 3:30–5 PM
School Library
Grades 3 and up



Each meeting includes a half-hour lesson with Mr. Snyder followed by an hour of games

Open to all skill levels! From total beginner to experienced player, all are welcome

Got another ancient board game you'd like to try? Tell Mr. Snyder about it!

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.