

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admiratione "Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas K-9 School Newsletter March 6th, 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



\sim Events Calendar \sim

View the complete St. Thomas School Calendar <u>here</u>.

March 10th Career Day Dress

> <u>March 17-20</u> Winter Break

<u>March 20th</u> ARK Testing Window Opens

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

Choir Festival

The St. Thomas School Upper Choir (6th-9th) achieved a near perfect score (118/120) for their performance at the festival last Friday. Judges at this event are often picky, and it is almost unheard of for a choir to be only 2 points away from perfect! Needless to say, our choir stood out among all the choirs that attended! I was extremely impressed not only by the choir's execution, but also by their maturity and demeanor. Well done, students! And a big thank you to Mrs. Herrmann for all her work in preparing them in so many ways. What she is able to do with young voices is a great gift to the school!



Twins Day!







ARK Testing

The diocese is using a new way of assessing the knowledge of the Catholic Faith of students in grades 2-12. The ARK (Assessment of Religious Knowledge - https://arktest.org/) Test is a "sister apostolate" of the Sophia Institute for Teachers and is designed by Catholics for Catholics. All diocesan schools are required to take it. The test will be taken by our 2nd-9th graders this year, including their teachers. This is an online test, the window for which will open on March 20th and close on April 20th.

Tutor List

Please see the **updated** 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.