



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas K-9 School Newsletter April 3rd, 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: Solicitude

- An alertness and watchfulness for what needs to be done



~ Events Calendar ~

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

April 5th

**Parent Survey Due (see below)
Report Cards Published**

April 6-16

Easter Break

April 24th

Teachers' PD Day for Diocese Sophia Press Roll-Out – No school

April 28th
St. Thomas Gala/Auction at Weber's, 5:00-9:00 – Tickets now on [sale](#)!

May 3rd, 4th, or 5th
Upper School Choir State Choir Festival Competition

May 4th or 5th, and 6th
Drama Club Performance (see below)

Have a grace-filled Holy Week and blessed Easter!



Scholastica Term Angel House Competition Winner: Raphael House!

Congratulations to Raphael House, whose victory was announced at assembly this morning! As a reward, members will receive a dress-down day and a special recess sometime during the first week back from Easter break (day TBD). Members of Raphael will also receive a homework pass for one assignment of their choice, with the agreement of their teacher.

Food Drive Competition Results

The following are the results by class:

K: 87 (6.69 items per student)
1: 123 (10.25 items per student)
2: 88 (7.33 items per student)
3: 609 (33.83 items per student)
4: 626 (44.71 items per student)
5: 364 (33.09 items per student)
6: 430 (35.83 items per student)
7: 22 (3.67 items per student)
8: 23 (2.3 items per student)

Grand total: 2,373 items!

Congratulations to the 4th grade! As a reward, they will be receiving a pizza lunch during the first week back after Easter break (day TBD). Thank you to everyone for your generous donations!

Reading month totals are still being compiled by classroom teachers. I hope to release results via a special email blast either tomorrow or Wednesday.

Scholastica Term Virtue Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized at morning assembly for exemplifying the virtue of perseverance!

- K – Wyatt Smith
- 1st – Kennedy Sharp
- 2nd – Clare Caldwell
- 3rd – Abigail Moilanen
- 4th – Mia Chavez
- 5th – Dymphna Sproule
- 6th – Luca DiMattia (not pictured)
- 7th – Julian Magenau
- 8th – Maria Maki



Parent Survey – Last Chance!

I have received 37 responses thus far. If you haven't already, please provide feedback by completing the parent survey using 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!

Moms' Book Club

Come join other moms at St. Thomas as we develop a book club! We hope to broaden our knowledge about classical education, as well as to have an opportunity to support and foster relationships in our school community. Our first meeting will be Thursday, May 11th at 2:00 pm to discuss the paper "The Lost Tools of Learning" by Dorothy Sayers (available [here](#)). We will meet at the St. Thomas library, but please check in with the front office. Come join us if you are interested, even if you aren't able to read the paper! Little ones are certainly welcome, but childcare will not be provided. Please contact Laura Hess if you are interested or have any questions.

Drama Club's Production Plans

The drama club, under the direction of Mr. Masset, has been hard at work preparing the one-act play "All We Need Is a Confidence Man." There will be two performances, one during the school day on May 4th or 5th, and one the evening of May 6th at 7 p.m. The school-day performance day and time will be confirmed once we know when the upper school choir will be performing at the state festival – it will be a busy first week of May!

Book Fair – Final Reminder

You may make purchases anytime through 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!