



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admiratione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas K-9 School Newsletter

May 22nd, 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](#).

May 25th

Choir Concert: 6:30 p.m. in the church

May 26th

Jeans Day

May 29th

Memorial Day – No school

May 30th-June 8th

No hot lunches

June 1st

Purchased yearbook available

June 2nd

8th Graduation and Awards Ceremony – after Mass in the parish hall

June 6th

Angel House Reward Day – 11:15-3:00 at Island Park

Upper School Survey Follow-up Town Hall – school library, 7 p.m.

June 7th

Angel House Field Day – 1:00-3:00 at school

June 8th

Awards Day – after Mass in the parish hall

June 9th

Last day/Half day – All-school picnic at Southeast Area Park (9-11 a.m.)

June 12th

Report Cards Published



Celebration of Wonder

Many thanks to the parents, teachers, and students that made our evening of art, poetry, singing, and drama another great success!



New Davignon Baby!

Henry Joseph Davignon, born May 18th! Congratulations to Sarah and Andrew!



Science Fair

There were a number of impressive displays and experiments at the science fair last week. Based on results from parent and staff judges, the following won the top three spots for their respective classes. Congratulations!

5th

- 1st - Dymphna Sproule
- 2nd - Madeleine Hanley
- 3rd - Gemma Carley

6th

- 1st - Teresa Deemer
- 2nd - Serena Jeyaraj
- 3rd - Luca DiMattia and Josephine Maki

7th

1st - Charlotte Hanley

2nd - Amelia Eustice

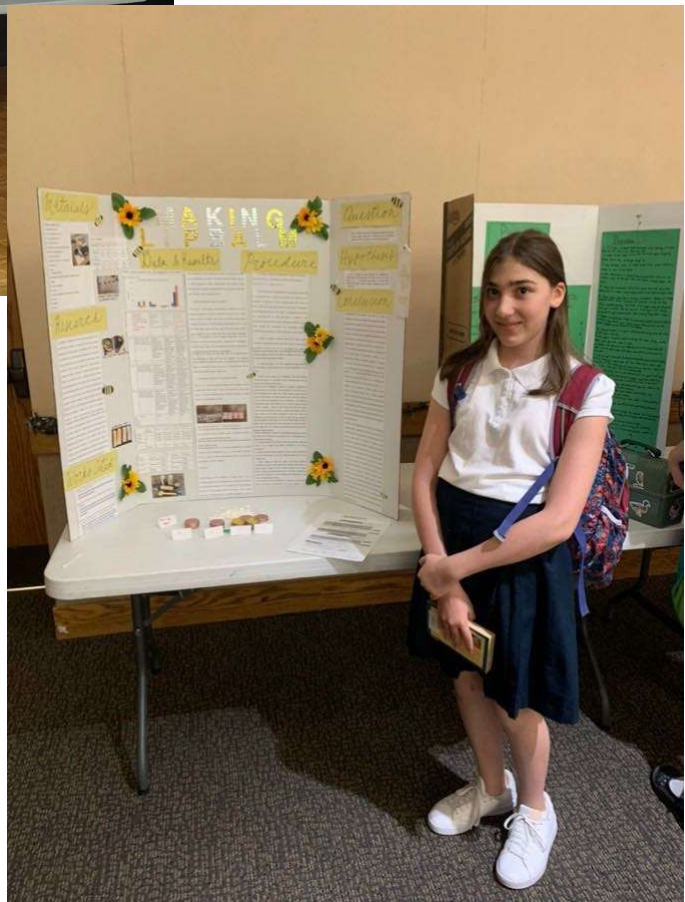
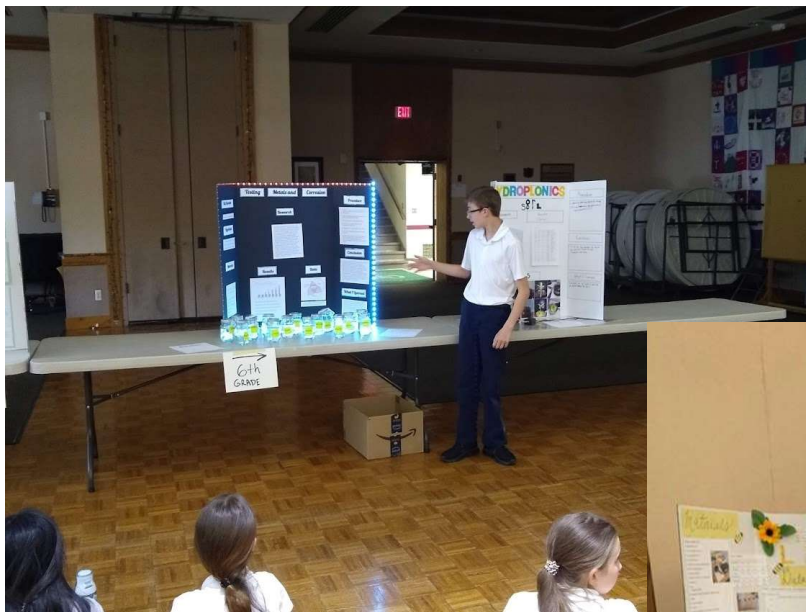
3rd - Sophia Jeyaraj

8th

1st - Aidan McClelland and Maria Maki

2nd - Fulton Deemer

3rd - Cecilia Walusek



Upper (High) School Feedback Survey/Town Hall

Thank you to the 20 parents who have responded thus far! If interested, please fill out the upper school survey by June 2nd: <https://forms.gle/s2U1WMxWrBYX3vGMA>

As a follow-up, **we will be having a town hall discussion about the survey and upper school on June 6th at 7 p.m. in the school library.** This will allow for Mr. McCoy and me, in light of the survey feedback, to present further explanations and clarification and to listen to and consider parent input as we proceed into next school year.

Book Signing – May 26th, 3:40-4:15 p.m.

This Friday, Maura Dalian, Miss Dalian's mother, will hold a book signing for her newly published children's book, *I'm Alright, Goodnight* (location at the parish/school TBD), illustrated by her daughter, Caili, and promoted by her self-appointed publicist, Miss Dalian! Maura is a fourth-grade teacher at St. Francis School in Ann Arbor, where she has taught for 41 years. She is also a graduate of St. Thomas High School, Ann Arbor.

St. Thomas Parish Family Retreat

Theme: Fully Alive!

Saturday, June 3rd 10am-4:15pm

Cost: \$75 for the Whole Family, \$35 per Parent, \$10 per Child

Scholarships are available upon request

The Office of Evangelization and Family Life is excited to kick off our first family retreat! The theme is centered around St Irenaeus' quote "The glory of God is man fully alive!" This will be a wonderful day for your family to create special memories, have fun together, share a meal, fellowship with other families, and experience God in a deeper way. Our retreat will end with a beautiful time of family prayer and Eucharistic Adoration.

Seating for this retreat is *limited* to a 150 people. Pre-registration is required and participants will be accepted on a ***first-come first-served basis. Walk-ins will not be accepted.***

Chris Pagett will be our speaker. Chris holds a Master's degree in Theology from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the International Marian Research Institute. He has been doing ministry for over 30 years. He is an author, musician, teacher, comedian, and motivational speaker. Chris has been married to his high school sweetheart for 31 years, and they have nine children. He has appeared on television and radio and has been a regular speaker and entertainer at Steubenville Youth Conferences. Chris currently is a professor of Theology at Catholic

Distance University. The Padgett family lives in Central New York. Check out chrispadgett.com and his YouTube channel, Happy Place Homestead and <https://chrisandlindapadgett.com/home> to learn how to have a stronger marriage.

SCHEDULE

10:00-10:15	Registration
10:15-11:15	Opening Session/ Minute to Win It- Parish Hall
11:15-12:15	Lunch/ Bounce House & Games- Gym
12:25-1:10	Talk: Fully Alive- Parish Hall (Kids 18 months- 10 years go to their tracks)
1:10-1:55	Small Group- Parish Hall
1:55-3:00	Family Scavenger Hunt & Family Activity - St Thomas Campus & Parish Hall
3:00-3:15	Talk: The Power of a Father's Blessing- Parish Hall
3:15-3:30	Family Prayer
3:30-4:05	Eucharistic Adoration
4:05-4:15	Closing Prayer
4:15-4:30	Break
4:30-5:30	Mass- Church