



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admiratione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas K-10 School Newsletter October 23rd, 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: Faith

- Assenting, through grace, to God's revealed truth

Virtue for Margaret Mary Term: Truthfulness

- Telling the truth when one ought, as one ought



~ Upcoming Events ~

October 23rd-24th

No school: ICLE Training Days for Teachers

October 25th

Upper (High) School Meeting for Parents, 2:15-3:05, School Library (see below)

Lunch Orders for November Due!

October 27th

**Last Day of Margaret Mary Term
Dress-down day**

October 31st
All Saints' Celebration (see below)

November 1st
All Saints' Day - No school

November 2nd - All Souls' Day
Report Cards Published

November 3rd
No school: Parent-Teacher Conferences, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (see below)

November 9th
Wine, Cheese, and Poetry Night, 7:00-8:15 p.m., school library (see below)

November 10th
Turkey Trot

November 14th
Upper (High) School Open House, 7:00 p.m.

NEW DATE: December 12
Art, Poetry, and Music Night, 6:30-8:00 p.m., parish hall (see below)



From the Headmaster

I am sending this at the conclusion of our first day of professional development with the ICLE, which has provided a great opportunity for the faculty to reflect on our identity as a classical Catholic school. I'll be writing more about our experience next week.

Next week's all-school assembly will be a busy affair! We will be announcing the Angel House winners for the Margaret Mary Term, as well as the recipients of the virtue award for the term. We will also be hearing the winning recitations from the 6th-10th grade boys of the St. Crispin's Day speech from Shakespeare's *Henry V*. They will be judged by faculty to determine the recipient of the grand prize. Parents are warmly invited to join us next Monday morning!

Choral Music Update

We currently are looking at candidates that have emerged in the last week to replace Mrs. Setterholm when she leaves. Pray that we are able to find a good fit to carry on our strong choral music instruction.

Upper (High) School Parent Meeting – Wednesday, Oct. 25th

All school parents are invited to attend a meeting specifically focused on updates and information about our upper school. The meeting will begin at 2:15 p.m. with a Divine Mercy Chaplet in the school chapel and proceed to an overview and discussion session in the school library. The purpose of this meeting is as follows:

- To join in prayer for the upper school
- To hear about specific highlights, trends, and stories among the 9th-10th graders
- To see the latest overview of thoughts for next year and the “bigger picture,” including our place in the broader diocesan picture
- To hear about our upper school November open house and plans for promotion
- To propose thoughts, feedback, or questions

Your support and input are of great importance to the continued development of a full PreK-12 school. Thank you for making an effort to attend!

All Saints' Celebration at School

On October 31st, All Hallows' Eve, students may come to school dressed up as a saint. Costumes should be appropriate and wearable for the whole school day. Students will also receive a special treat at lunchtime. Most importantly, they will have a day off on the Feast of All Saints! Please remember that that is a holy day of obligation!

Report Cards and Parent-Teacher Conferences

Report cards will be published on November 2nd. This is our first go-around with FACTS, so please be patient with any kinks that might arise. Parent-teacher conferences will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 3rd. Sign-ups for conferences will be made available through your family portal. We will confirm when those are up and running for each classroom teacher. While these conferences are required for parents, parents of 6th-10th graders are asked to be selective in choosing the classes about which to have a conference, due to limited slot availability for middle- and upper-school teachers.

Wine, Cheese, and Poetry Night – Nov. 9th, 7:00-8:15

Please join me in the school library for wine and cheese as we enter into an evening of “leisure” and read and discuss the poem “God’s Grandeur” together. This will be a chance just to allow our minds to play over the meaning and beauty of a poem, precisely the activity of the mind towards which we are leading our students. No preparation or reading beforehand is required. Come experience an evening to pursue something beautiful together and see firsthand what we mean by “classical education”! Babysitting will once more be provided!