



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas K-10 School Newsletter

November 13th, 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 Nicholas Term: Patience

- Bearing evil with an equal mind



~ Upcoming Events ~

November 14th

Upper (High) School Open House, 7:00 p.m., school library

November 15th

Parent Association Meeting - 2:00 p.m., parish hall

November 16th

Order forms for poinsettias and wreaths due (see flyer)

November 17th

Dress-down day

November 22nd-26th
Thanksgiving Break

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



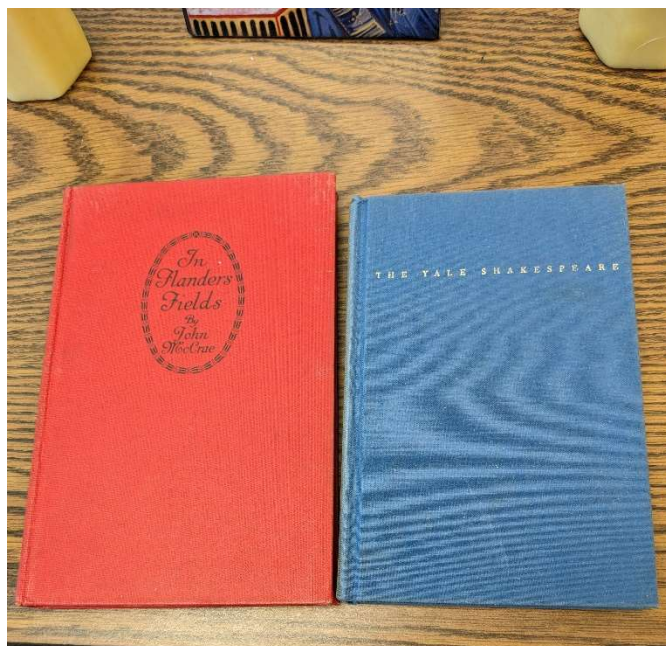
Turkey Trot

Many thanks to Pia Gavigan, Laura Johnson, Becky Caldwell, and all our parent volunteers for helping make the Turkey Trot a great success! We earned a total pledge amount of \$3,512.90! Special recognition to our 4th-grade class, who, with a school-high 78% participation rate, earned the highest class amount of \$896.70!



“In Flanders Fields” Recitation at Assembly

Congratulations to Paul Restuccia and Teresa Deemer, the grand prize winners of the recitation contest! In addition to a candy bar, Paul received a 1961 Yale University Press copy of Shakespeare’s *Henry V*, while Teresa received a collection of John McCrae’s poems printed in 1919, just four years after he wrote “In Flanders Fields.” Notable mention was made of Jonathan Sauter (2nd place), Julian Magenau (3rd place), Ella Meinhart (2nd place), and Ruth Schloss (3rd place). Congratulations to all of our middle- and upper-school winners from each class, and thanks to our faculty judges, Miss Schoenle, Mr. Mileski, and Mr. Snyder.



Upper-School Field Trip to Sacred Heart Seminary

Last Wednesday, our 9th and 10th graders took an after-school trip to Sacred Heart Seminary to meet up with the transitional deacons due to be ordained next spring.

Each upper schooler was “assigned” to make a confessional stole for one of these seminarians. They had a wonderful time praying, eating, and talking together, and each upper schooler came away with the measurements they needed to get a start this week on the stoles with Mrs. Widawski!



From the Headmaster

The Turkey Trot was another great success for the parent association this year. We had wonderful volunteer help this year, and the addition of a balloon arch! The money raised will be a wonderful support to growing our library collection and improving its décor, both projects on which Mrs. Deemer has already been working hard.

Please consider coming for the parent association meeting this week (Nov. 15th), when we will be not only looking at future events to organize, but also clarifying the organization of the parent association and the process of using its funds. The parent association is a forum for parents to give their input on school events and projects, as well as an opportunity for parents to volunteer to fill needed roles. One item that will be presented on Wednesday will be our ongoing needs and vision for the school library. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

We had a wonderful turnout of 11 parents for last week's wine, cheese, and poetry night. Parents experienced a "seminar" discussion that ultimately highlighted the great depth and beauty of Gerard Manley Hopkins's poem "God's Grandeur." We hope to have a similar night later in the school year!

As a reminder, our upper school open house is tomorrow evening in the school library (changed from the parish hall). All parents are more than welcome! This is a great opportunity to attract people to our school generally, and parents provide a great witness to a school's vitality and community.

Prayer for the School

Please join other parents in offering a Divine Mercy Chaplet once per month for our school, students, and staff. We will meet on the Second Monday of each month (unless otherwise noted) in the School Chapel directly after drop off in the morning, shortly after 8am. Each decade will be offered for a different intention. If you are unable to join physically, please join wherever you are able!