



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Nascantur in Admiratione*

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

## St. Thomas PreK-10 School Newsletter

November 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 ~

December 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Dress-up Day**

December 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Pick-up for Wreaths, Garlands, Poinsettias, 12-4 in parish hall**

December 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Immaculate Conception - No school**

December 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Art, Poetry, and Music Night, 6:30-8:00 p.m., parish hall**

December 13<sup>th</sup>  
**Special Performance and Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe, 8 a.m.**

December 15<sup>th</sup>  
**EF School Mass (Low Mass)**

December 20<sup>th</sup>  
**Half day, 11:40 dismissal/Jeans Day**

December 21<sup>st</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Christmas Break**

SAVE THE DATE: February 13<sup>th</sup>  
**Special Presentation: Zach Good, 6:30-8:30 p.m., parish hall**



## 7<sup>th</sup>-Grade Cathedral Models



Mr. Mileski's 7<sup>th</sup> graders were once again tasked with exploring and replicating the great architecture of the Catholic tradition!

## From the Headmaster

At assembly today, we focused on preparing for Advent. I emphasized that Advent is a time of expectant waiting, both for the birth of Jesus and for His Second Coming. I asked the students to think about one sacrifice or extra thing they could do during Advent to help them remain focused on what is most important during these busy weeks. These are the darkest weeks of the year, and yet the gift of faith allows us to see the Light that is coming!

I also reminded students about the importance of carrying a rosary with them. I had encouraged them back in October to do so, hinting at a possible prize for those who had them when I checked. I have since made the rounds to the grade-school classrooms with my “magic box” full of candy. Not many had theirs the first time, but I plan on being around again, so we’ll see who has their rosary this time!

I look forward to our art, poetry, and music night on December 12<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall. Not only will the students’ beautiful artwork be on display and each class have something to present, but students will also be presenting a couple of choral music pieces under the direction of Miss De Long, who has dived in right away to get them ready. In the spring, we hope to have a fuller and separate choral concert once more.

Next week, our dress-up day is scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month as usual. However, I have moved our next jeans day from Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, to Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, the last day before break.

## Join WESO! – Grades 2-5

WESO (Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad) is a fun and exciting opportunity for kids grades 2-5 to gain knowledge and experience in a science-related field. Students can choose one event (or more!) to participate in with their friends. However, we need parent volunteer coaches in order to form our team. Time commitment and location is decided by each coach, but typical expectations are about an hour a week. Practices would not start until mid-late January. The competition is April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please respond to Emma Sauter ([sautern@gmail.com](mailto:sautern@gmail.com)) by **December 15<sup>th</sup>** with any questions, or if you are interested in joining. If we have enough interest, I will send out a survey later for event selection. See <https://wesoscience.org/> for more information.