



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admiratione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas PreK-10 School Newsletter December 18th, 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 20th

Half day, 11:40 dismissal/Jeans Day

December 21st-January 2nd

Christmas Break

January 8th

Registration Opens (see below)

CHANGED DATE: January 10th

Leadership/Dress-up Day

January 13th

Trivia Night, 6:30-9:30 (doors open at 6), parish hall (see below)

January 15th

Half day (11:40 dismissal); Open House: 9-11 a.m. (see below)

January 19th

Last Day of Nicholas Term

February 5th

Registration Due for Returning Families

SAVE THE DATE: February 13th

Special Presentation: Zach Good, 6:30-8:30 p.m., parish hall



Art, Poetry, and Music Night

I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the great performances of all our classes. The enthusiasm and energy of the students was outstanding. Special thanks to our teachers for organizing and directing a great program, as well as to Pia and the parent volunteers who arranged refreshments!





Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mrs. Lashaway and the Lower School once more put together a wonderful performance in honor of Our Lady, Patroness of the Americas!





Preschool St. Lucy Visit

The school office was blessed by a visit from our 3-year-old classroom, who, wearing their St. Lucy "crowns," gave us a treat and song in honor of St. Lucy.



Merry Christmas!

Your support and generosity are deeply appreciated. Thank you for being such an amazing school community. We are truly blessed by your work, your care, and the community that you help to shape. I pray that Christ may visit you with His peace this Christmas. God bless you!

From the Headmaster

As you may have heard, Father Bill and Father Gerald announced the establishment of an endowment for the school, with an initial investment, from an anonymous donor, of \$500,000! This endowment is specifically set up to supplement available funds for teacher salaries, which are much lower than those offered in public schools. We hope to continue to grow this fund, through further donations, so as to

provide a significant annual fund for offering competitive salaries to maintain and bring in excellent teachers. You can see this past weekend's bulletin for Father Bill's announcement to the parish.

As noted in the calendar above, we plan to "go live" for online registration through FACTS on Monday, January 8th. The registration deadline for returning families will be February 5th, after which time we will accept all families on a first-come, first-served basis. When we do go live, we will be sure to specially announce the fact in multiple ways (newsletter, email, website), along with specific directions as needed.

There are a couple of other calendar notes for January as well. First, to avoid extra stress on the first day back, our dress-up day will be moved to the second Wednesday of the month, January 10th. Second, our all-school open house is scheduled for MLK day, January 15th, which is a half day. As we did last year, we will invite families to tour the school and see it in action between 9:00 and 11:00 that morning.

Trivia Night Benefitting the School

St. Thomas is hosting its inaugural Trivia Night on January 13, 2024, from 6:30-9:30 in the parish hall! This presents our school an opportunity to provide a St. Thomas parish-wide evening to build community and support for our school. Funds raised will be directed to classroom libraries and school beautification.

In this, we are asking for the school families to give with their time and talent, generously! Please use the following link to sign up to bring wine and food for the event: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084AA5A82AA46-46787559-stthomas>.

We have also asked for volunteers to set up and clean up, as well as for middle and upper school students to be runners between rounds with score sheets and water pitcher refills. Lastly, if you have items you make or own that could be used for a raffle between rounds or for a live auction at halftime, please let Ruth Atzinger or Sarah Meinhart know (such as bread, cakes, crafts, Irish gear, Catholic books, etc.).