



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas PreK-10 School Newsletter January 8th, 2024

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 ~

TODAY – 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

January 25th
Parent Meeting on the Upper School, school library, 7:00 p.m. (see below)

February 5th
Registration Due for Returning Families

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



Class Christmas Parties

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From the Headmaster

Happy Epiphany and Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord! At assembly today, we talked about the meaning of “epiphany” and what each of the three gifts revealed about Jesus. We also talked about the three events that are intertwined in this feast: namely, the visit of the Magi, the Baptism, and the Wedding Feast at Cana, all of which manifest Christ’s divinity. Having faith means seeing His divinity even in the hidden form of a baby; it requires a different level of seeing, one formed through listening to God’s Word and allowing It to penetrate our minds, as well as through the sacraments. Even in the midst of a fallen world in a fallen condition, God’s grace allows us to cling to He Who is Truth Itself, manifested for the salvation of the world.

It is a privilege to partner with you in the formation of your children. Thank you for continuing to entrust these precious gifts to us! Online re-enrollment is now open, as you may have seen from my email this morning, which contains further instructions and details. Thank you again for your patience with this new registration process!

Please note that, unless you hear further from us, the successful submission of an enrollment packet will ensure your child’s “spot” on the official list of enrolled students for next school year. Parents of incoming Kindergartners can look for further information in the coming weeks regarding our kindergarten pre-assessment.

As we open registration, don’t forget to spread the word to interested families! Our open house next Monday will be a great opportunity for them to see the school in action, our best form of marketing.

Snow-Day Notification

As we anticipate more snow this week, I want to remind you that we use a school-wide text to announce a snow day. The text will come from a vanity number, (844) 575-7393. We also post the announcement immediately on our website, via email, and through local radio and TV.

Trivia Night Benefitting the School

The First Annual St. Thomas the Apostle Trivia Night is fast approaching! (January 13th, 6:30-9:30, doors open at 6p)

This will be a great evening of fun, appetizers, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks (first drink is on the house), raffles each round, door prizes, 2 live Auctions (2 tickets to the St. Thomas school Gala, as well as personalized small-batch beer brewed just for you by one of our Parish Brewers, and a *Winning Table prize of \$320*.

The idea is that this becomes an annual fundraiser to specifically grow the school classroom libraries, as well as to start a fund for updating and renovating our school, such as painting the interior and adding an actual "St. Thomas the Apostle School" sign on the building, above the office. This list will change as projects are accomplished.

In order to make this a success, we ask you to please help out by donating food and drink items for the evening. Many of you have already signed up to do this, and we thank you for your generosity!

The signup genius for what to donate has been circulating and is also linked below.

Food and Drink Donation sign upsheet:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/508084AA5A82AA46-46787559-stthomas>

There are also possibilities for volunteering to help set up, serve during the evening, and clean up. Setup will be roughly 4:30-6p when doors open, service during will be 6:30-9:30p, and cleanup 9:30-10:30p, unless there are many hands! Please email Ruth Atzinger if you are able to help in this way. rcatzinger@gmail.com, or send her a text 616-450-7747.

We would also LOVE for you to join us for the evening. Mark your calendars and find a babysitter if needed. If you have kids 10+ years old that want to participate, they are welcome, but they do need a ticket. The link to the St. Thomas events page is below. scroll down a tad and you will see where to pre-register for the night and save your seat!

Trivia night Pre-register ticket purchase:

<https://sta2.org/church/events/>

Meeting on Upper School – Thursday, January 25th, 7 p.m.

All school parents are welcome to attend a meeting in the school library with me and Mr. McCoy to hear about the progress and updates for the upper (high) school, as well as to offer questions and thoughts for us. I look forward to seeing you there!

Join MSO!

Do you have a 6-9th grader who would love to build a glider plane, direct a laser to hit a target, or use chemistry to solve a "crime"? Or maybe a student who enjoys solving puzzles, learning about the human body, forestry, or microbiology? Come join our middle school Science Olympiad team! Our first meeting will be this Wednesday, January 10th from 3:15-5:00 in the robotics room. This will be an informational meeting where we will also decide which events to do. Our goal is to

learn and have fun while making MSO manageable with other school activities. Please email Megan DiMattia (megandimattia@icloud.com) or Emma Sauter (sautern@gmail.com) to register.