



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas PreK-11 School Newsletter

October 21st, 2024

School Mission Statement

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School exists to form disciples of Jesus Christ. Educated 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: Hope

- Having a firm trust that God will help us be with Him in heaven

Virtue for Nicholas Term: Meekness

- Moderating anger according to right reason



~ Upcoming Events ~

October 23rd

**Lunch orders due
Report Cards Published**

October 24th-25th

No school: Teacher PD with ICLE

October 29th

PSAT (Juniors)

Gabriel House Award Day
Wine and Poetry Night, school library 6:30-8:00 (details below)

October 30th
School All-Saints' Celebration (see below)

October 31st
No School – Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

November 1st
No School – All Saints' Day (holy day of obligation)

November 7th
Upper-School Open House, school library 6:30-8:00

November 8th
School EF Mass – Sung (chant) Requiem
Chili cook-off, parish hall 6:00-9:00 p.m.

November 11th
Martinmas Celebration (see below)

November 19th
Art and Poetry Night (required student attendance), parish hall 6:30-8:00

Check out Flocknote for Parent Association Info:
<https://sta2school.flocknote.com/dashboard>



At Assembly Today...

**Congratulations to the following winners of the magnanimity award for
Margaret Mary Term:**

K: Thomas Farnsworth
1st: Zelig Sharp
2nd: Wyatt Smith
3rd: Joshua Amadi

4th: Jack Sauter
5th: William Hanley
6th: Ariel Sharp
7th: Ellie Meinhart
8th: Francis Pearson



Congratulations also to **Gabriel House**, who won the Margaret Mary Term Angel House Competition! Members of this house will receive a dress down day, treat at lunch, and an extra recess on Tuesday, October 29th.

This morning at assembly, our 2nd graders, led by Miss Berger, gave a short performance of the Parable of the Good Samaritan. They did an excellent job not only remembering their parts, but speaking loudly and clearly! Great work!





From the Headmaster

We have a number of school events coming up, as our calendar listing at the beginning of this newsletter shows! I want to highlight our upcoming wine and poetry night with Miss Schoenle and Miss Benz next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Parents sometimes wonder how they can better understand what classical education is. Certainly, there is plenty out there to read about it, but it can also be helpful to see it in action, as it were. This will be a low-stress event. We won't be trying to sell you anything or get you to sign up for something or ask you to pay for something! You can just come and listen and drink wine if you want. As we read and discuss George Herbert's "Mattens" and "Evensong," we hope you'll experience a little of what we mean by pursuing for its own sake something that is good, true, and beautiful. There is both a delight and a demand made on the mind to pursue something in that way, and that will give you a glimpse of the distinct approach we work to follow at St. Thomas.

I also want to highlight our Martinmas festival on November 11th. This will be held from around 1:00-2:45 at Wheeler Park (weather permitting!). At the park, students will participate in a traditional Martinmas procession, which will pass through various stations at which our upper schoolers (9th-11th graders) will give miniature performances related to St. Martin's life. The procession will be followed by "Goose Gallup" races among the students, organized by the teachers. This will provide students with another chance to wear their household shirts. We will end the event with Martinmas-themed refreshments. This promises to be another fun event for the school community, replacing our "Turkey Trot" of years past. We'd love to have parents join us!

Reminders

- Don't forget to register for the Chili Cookoff on November 8th! This is a fantastic opportunity to support our athletics department while having a great time and delicious chili! See attached flyers.
- Registration for boys' basketball and girls' cheer is due today. Please submit payment promptly so we can confirm rosters for the season.
- Be on the lookout for instructions from your child(ren)'s teacher(s) about signing up for a conference time next Thursday. Feel free to reach out to a teacher if you need to set up an alternative time or talk with a part-time teacher. Conferences next Thursday will be with full-time teachers.

All Saints' Celebration

The school will celebrate All Saints' Day on October 30th. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as a saint. Those not wishing to dress up may come in their school uniform. After Mass, we will pray a litany of saints as a school in the church. We will then make our way to the parish hall to allow the K-4 students to show off their costumes. In the days leading up, 5th-11th graders will be participating in a class competition to deliver the best encomium, a short speech offered in praise – in this case – of the saint they are dressed as. The winner from each class will receive a prize and deliver the short speech to the school that morning. During the course of the day, classes will be having their own celebrations as well.

Upper-School Open House – Nov. 7

Our open house for the upper (high) school will be held in the school library on November 7th at 6:30 p.m. Please help spread the word if you know of anyone who might be interested in joining the upper grades. We are excited to be adding the final grade next year!

November 8th Extraordinary Form School Requiem Mass

Our next EF school Mass will be on November 8th, which falls within the octave of All Saints, a perfect time to offer a Requiem Mass for the faithful departed. This will be a great opportunity for students to focus on a major liturgical theme for the month of November and participate in a spiritual work of mercy.