



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admiratione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas PreK-11 School Newsletter

January 6th, 2025

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 Scholastica Term: Obedience

- Promptly fulfilling the just will of a legitimate superior



~ Upcoming Events ~

January 8th

Dress-up Day

January 9th

Raphael House Award Day (see below)

January 14th

Upper School Parent Meeting, parish hall 7 p.m.

January 20th
PreK-12 Open House, 9-11 a.m.; 11:50 Dismissal

January 27th-January 31st
Catholic Schools Week (more info forthcoming)

January 31st
Dress-down day

February 3rd
Monday Morning Prayer and Coffee, school library, 8:30-9:15 a.m.

February 22nd
SAVE THE DATE - Trivia Night

March 20th
SAVE THE DATE - Dale Ahlquist Talk

April 5th
SAVE THE DATE - School Gala

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



Happy Epiphany!

Many blessings during this Epiphanytide, when Christ's divinity is made manifest to the world!

Christmas Parties

Thank you to Pia, Bob, Melissa, Jessica, and anyone I'm missing who helped organize our K-8 class parties and pizza lunch in the parish hall the day before Christmas break. The Upper School organized their own Christmas lunch the day before after finishing midterms (including Mr. McCoy's striking Christmas sweater!). For the last day of term, they went caroling at Nickels Arcade!





Nicholas Term Virtue Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following recipients of the meekness virtue award for Nicholas Term!

Kindergarten: Colton Miller
First Grade: Sebastian Kettinger
Second Grade: Ben Meinhart
Third Grade: Bernard Atzinger
Fourth Grade: Clare Caldwell
Fifth Grade: Michael Russ
Sixth Grade: Mia Arambula-Chavez
Seventh Grade: Josph DiMattia
Eighth Grade: Ellie Dauw



Congratulations, Raphael House!

Raphael House was the winner of the Angel House Competition for Nicholas Term, pulling out a close victory in the final week of the term! Raphael House members will receive a dress-down day, lunch treat, and extra recess this Thursday, January 9th. Great job!

From the Headmaster

We begin our Scholastica Term with a bang, celebrating the traditional date of Epiphany – January 6th. After counting the 12 days of Christmas, we enter the season of Epiphany, which carries on the Christmas season until Candlemas on February 2nd. As we reviewed at assembly, this feast combines three events in Christ’s life: the adoration of the Magi, the baptism, and the wedding feast at Cana. Each one reveals Christ’s divinity – in the gifts the Magi presented, in the descent of the dove and the Father’s voice at the baptism, and in Christ’s first miracle at Cana.

As you may have noticed, I added some upcoming events to our newsletter calendar list. Our annual Trivia Night on February 22nd (specific times TBA) will be a fun opportunity to have a night out and support the school. I had a lot of fun with my wife at last year’s event!

I am excited to host Dale Ahlquist, celebrated author and speaker and, in Joseph Pearce’s estimation, “the greatest living authority” on G.K. Chesterton’s life and work. Ahlquist co-founded the first Chesterton Academy, a classical high school in Minnesota, which is the flagship school of the Chesterton Schools Network. Mr. Ahlquist will be speaking on “How to Create Complete Thinkers” at 7 p.m. in the school gym on Thursday, March 20th. This will be another great opportunity for parents to deepen their knowledge of classical education.

Finally, please make special note of the Gala on April 5th. This is the school’s most important fundraiser. This year, we are hoping to draw in more folks both from the school and parish communities, so thank you in advance for your support and efforts to spread the word. Save-the-dates have already gone out. Tickets will be available beginning on February 5th, just under a month away!

Re-Enrollment Reminder/Open House

Thank you to everyone for working with our new enrollment deadline on December 31st. If you haven’t already, please fill out the re-enrollment packet, which can be accessed through the FACTS family portal. Having filled one out for each of my five children, I can attest that it is fairly quick and painless!

Our PreK-12 open house will occur during our half day on January 20th (MLK Day). Prospective families will be able to tour the school and see it in action between 9 and 11 that morning. Please reach out to invite anyone who might be interested!

Reminders/Looking Ahead

- Our next Monday Morning Prayer and Coffee will be February 3rd at 8:30 a.m., directly after assembly. Come pray for the school, have a bagel and coffee, and hear from me on latest updates and conversation items.
- The diocesan deadline for financial aid applications is March 1st.
- Report Cards for Nicholas Term are published and viewable through your FACTS family portal. Honor roll will be posted next week.

Girls' Basketball Registration Due January 21st

Please see the attached flyer. As the boys wrap up their seasons with tournaments this and next week, our girls' team will begin practice on January 21st. Registration and payment are due by that day. The team is open to 4th-8th grade girls.