



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Nascantur in Admirazione*

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

## St. Thomas PreK-11 School Newsletter

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>

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

January 20<sup>th</sup>

**PreK-12 Open House, 9-11 a.m.; 11:50 Dismissal**

January 27<sup>th</sup>-January 31<sup>st</sup>

**Catholic Schools Week (more info forthcoming)**

January 31<sup>st</sup>  
**Dress-down day**

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

February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**SAVE THE DATE - Trivia Night, parish hall, 6 p.m.**

March 20<sup>th</sup>  
**SAVE THE DATE - Dale Ahlquist Talk**

April 5<sup>th</sup>  
**SAVE THE DATE - School Gala**

**Check out Flocknote for Parent Association Info:**

<https://sta2school.flocknote.com/dashboard>



## **Robotics Club**

Our robotics team competed in the State Championship. It was a very tough weekend as the team had to repair their robot from two burnt-out motors. They competed very hard and persevered, and ended up receiving the first place Core Value Award! This award scores teams on the presentation of their innovation project, their robot design, and their “gracious professionalism”. Our team displayed extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit, knowing they could accomplish more together than they could as individuals. They showed each other and other teams respect at all times. We get to advance to the Invitationals, which will be held in either Florida, California, or Massachusetts! Great job!!



## From the Headmaster

During Scholastica Term, we will be focusing on the virtue of obedience – every parent’s favorite! At assembly, I talked about Christ’s obedience in the Holy Family, which serves as a model for all of us and challenges us. If the King of the Universe could subject Himself to His own creatures, surely we can learn to obey God and those He places over us!

To us modern Americans, “obedience” can sometimes have a harsh overtone, as demanding our submission and compliance to things we otherwise wouldn’t do. In the Catholic tradition, however, it is a much deeper and richer thing than that. In fact, obedience is of fundamental importance in living the Christian life. As I pointed out to the students, we are all lovers of our own wills, and it can be very difficult to submit to the will of another. On the other hand, as we often learn when we get older and gain life experience, it can be a great relief just to follow another’s will, to be the receiver of directions rather than the giver. It is a scary and dangerous thing to have to be guided simply by our own will, and we know that this is typically a recipe for falling into sin. As we continue to look at obedience, we will be viewing it in connection to humility and love and submitting to Christ’s “sweet yoke.”

As a note, Nicholas Term Honor Roll will be posted later this week as we wrap up a few more make-ups.

## Reminders/Looking Ahead

- Open House next week from 9-11 a.m. for PreK-12!
- I will be finalizing our Catholic Schools Week Schedule this week – stay tuned!
- Our next Monday Morning Prayer and Coffee will be February 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Gala tickets go on sale beginning Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Girls’ Basketball Registration Due January 21<sup>st</sup>

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 21<sup>st</sup>. Registration and payment are due by that day. The team is open to 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls.