



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Nascantur in Admirazione*

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

## St. Thomas PreK-11 School Newsletter

February 10<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 ~

February 11<sup>th</sup>

**Fr. Bill Meeting, parish hall, 7 p.m.**

February 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

**Midwinter Break**

February 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Trivia Night, parish hall, 6 p.m.**

February 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Dress-down day**

March 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Financial Aid Deadline**

March 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Ash Wednesday**

March 20<sup>th</sup>  
**Dale Ahlquist Talk - gym, 6:30-8 p.m.**

April 5<sup>th</sup>  
**School Gala**

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



## From the Headmaster

Today at assembly, we talked about St. Scholastica, whose term we are in, the brother of St. Benedict and a model of deep love and obedience. As we did last year, we read the famous story of the storm, when Scholastica prayed to God to keep Benedict from returning to his monastery for the night, thus allowing them to keep conversing about the joys of heaven all night. A terrific thunderstorm was the result, and Scholastica had her way. While Benedict, rightly, sought to be obedient to his monastic rule, Scholastica was obedient to the higher law of love, and it was her deep love that “trumped” Benedict’s will. As I pointed out to the students, when we love someone, we seek to submit ourselves to their will, to fulfill their wishes and please them. This characterized Scholastica’s relationship with Our Lord, and He was pleased to allow her to have her will, since she had submitted her will to His.

On another note, this is a gentle reminder that financial aid applications are due March 1<sup>st</sup>, which is the deadline established by the diocese to determine the aid they distribute to families. As a note, a family needs to have their enrollment packet submitted to be considered, both by the diocese and the parish.

## Gala Packets Going Home Today!

Informational packets for the Gala are going home today with the oldest and only students. Tickets are now on sale! Please see <https://sta2.org/school/featured-events/greengoldgala2025/> for more gala information and links.

## Trivia Night

Don't forget to pre-register for **Trivia Night** (by 2/17), proceeds from which will go towards supplying a high school chemistry lab and helping to fund school library décor and book purchases. **Please see the following sign-up genius for food/drink donations:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084AA5A82AA46-55059523-2ndannual>

## Bake Sale Supporting Our Robotics Team

A bake sale will be held after masses on Sunday March 30th to support our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade robotics team and their trip to the invitational in Boston this June. Parents can donate baked goods for purchase. Also, we have a general donation link if anyone would like to donate to Robotics directly: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/st-thomas-robotics-team>

## Dale Ahlquist Talk, March 20<sup>th</sup>

Dale Ahlquist, celebrated author and speaker and, in Joseph Pearce's estimation, "the greatest living authority" on G.K. Chesterton's life and work, will be giving a talk at 7 p.m. in the school gym on Thursday, March 20th. Mr. Ahlquist co-founded the first Chesterton Academy, a classical high school in Minnesota, which is the flagship school of the Chesterton Schools Network. He will be speaking on "How to Create Complete Thinkers" at 7 p.m., followed by Q & A. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be provided. Attendees are welcome beginning at 6:30 to explore a selection of Mr. Ahlquist's books for sale. This will be another great opportunity for our parish community to deepen its knowledge of classical education.