



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas PreK-11 School Newsletter

February 3rd, 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 5th

Dress-up Day

February 7th

Extraordinary Form School Mass

February 11th

Fr. Bill Meeting, parish hall, 7 p.m. (see below)

February 22nd
Trivia Night, parish hall, 6 p.m.

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>



Catholic Schools Week

Many thanks to Pia and classroom parents for helping to coordinate the wonderful thank-you cards and baskets for teachers and staff!

Scenes from our “pilgrimage” in school in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas on his feast day, courtesy the 8th-11th graders!





Household Competitions on Thursday:



Faculty versus Students Basketball Game (faculty won!):





Headmaster Catholic Schools Week Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following winners, who will receive a dress-down day and treat at lunch this Thursday, February 6! Please see the attached winning story and essays that I read at assembly this morning!

K-2 Handwriting Contest (One winner per grade)

K: Jane Atzinger

1st: Walter Cunningham

2nd: Mary Atzinger

3-5 Story Contest

Overall winner: Nate McClelland

6-8 Essay Contest

Overall winner: Ella Meinhart

9-11 Essay Contest

Overall winner: Charlotte Hanley

From the Headmaster

At this morning's Monday Morning Prayer and Coffee, we talked about continuing to develop new ways to promote the school and build more community support for our growth project. Enrollment for next year is once more looking strong, with particularly strong numbers in our preschool and kindergarten. We are both building from the bottom up and adding to the top as we grow the upper school.

Once more, I invite school parents to attend next Tuesday's meeting with Fr. Bill at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. He is passionate about what we are doing at the school and about the development of the full PreK-12 classical Catholic education we can offer. It has been a privilege to team up with him in this pioneering endeavor, and it has been a great blessing to see the wonderful support that so many school parents already give to our school. As I mentioned at our meeting this morning, this is a critical transition time for our school, which means it's a perfect time for our school and parish communities, led by our pastor, to find out more ways they can be involved in this great opportunity we have at St. Thomas. Come be informed and learn about the next steps for our school!

Reminders/Notes/Looking Ahead

- The winter round for NWEA testing has started and will conclude in early February. The spring session will open in April. As usual, results will be sent home at the end of the school year.
- The diocesan deadline for financial aid applications is March 1st.
- Gala tickets go on sale beginning Feb. 5th.
- 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.