



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admiratione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas PreK-11 School Newsletter

March 10th, 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

School Lenten Focus: Making Time for Prayer

Please consider, as a family, how you might dedicate more time to prayer this Lent, and consider also lifting up the school in prayer, that the Lord would continue to guide us and shed His mercy upon us.



~ Upcoming Events ~

March 14th

End of Scholastica Term

March 19th

**Solemnity of St. Joseph – EF School Mass
PA Meeting – Zingerman’s coffeehouse, 2 p.m.**

March 20th

**Dale Ahlquist Talk – gym, 6:30-8 p.m.
Report Cards Published**

March 21st

**Half day, 11:50 dismissal
Optional Parent-Teacher Conferences: 1-5 p.m.**

March 25th

Solemnity of the Annunciation – No School

March 28th

(No dress-down day due to Reading Month)

April 4th

Upper-School Drama Performance, Kerrytown Concert House, 2 & 7 p.m.

April 5th

School Gala – doors open at 5:30

April 7th

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

April 9th

Art and Poetry Night (attendance required), parish hall, 6:30-8 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE: May 16th

Drama Club Performance, Arthur Miller Theatre, 2 & 7 p.m.

Check out Flocknote for Parent Association Info:

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



From the Headmaster

The weather is getting warmer, so it felt like the right time to read the first chapter of *The Wind in the Willows* with the students at assembly today. Mole abandons his spring cleaning for a life of “messing about in boats” on the river with Rat. Lent and early springtime go together. It was traditionally a time to go on pilgrimage, which is a perfect image for our progress through Lent.

Next week we honor St. Patrick on March 17th, but the bigger feast is next Wednesday for the Solemnity of St. Joseph. This is his month, so *ite ad Joseph*—go to Joseph! He is the patron of the Church and a powerful intercessor. For that feast, we will have a school extraordinary form Mass to which a number of our choir groups will contribute.

Drama Performances

This year, we have two performances to look forward to. On Friday, April 4th, our upper schoolers, directed by Mr. McCoy, will be performing *The Wedding Trumps the Funeral*, a one-act/one-scene play I put together. Set in 1950s Cleveland, it looks at an Irish family working through the tension between keeping the Catholic Faith and navigating the modern world. And yes, both an upcoming marriage and a dead person are involved. The upper schoolers will be performing at the Kerrytown Concert House, which is a short walk away from the school. We will be inviting middle schoolers and any parents for the 2 p.m. showing, which will be free. The 7 p.m. showing will be ticketed.

The after-school drama club, led by Mrs. Votel, will be performing *Two Orphans of Boston* at the Arthur Miller Theatre, the same venue as last year, on Friday, May 16th. We are planning on running that day according to the same general plan as last year, with an early dismissal to allow for students to gather at the theater to watch the free matinee at 2 p.m. The ticketed evening performance will follow at 7 p.m.

JV Basketball Tournament Second-Place Finish!

The JV Lady Irish Basketball team started the weekend end-of-the-season tournament with a resounding 20-3 win over SSA Plymouth B squad. They went on to play SSA Plymouth A squad on Saturday morning and won, 21-13. That win sent them to the Championship game versus Washtenaw Christian. The girls played very well and at half time were down 1 point. They pulled even by the 4th quarter and came up just short to end the game 21-18, giving them a 2nd place finish for the year. Well done, Ladies! Next year, they can only go upward!

State K of C Spelling Bee Runner-up!

Congratulations to Serena Jeyaraj for finishing second in the state for the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee, held on March 1st!



March Reading Month

Special Events in March

- MON, MARCH 17
 - Special jeans day with spirit wear or green for St. Patrick and our Irish athletics
- WED, MARCH 19
 - The Feast of St. Joseph- Normal dress code, only the students can wear something red- a shirt, tie, vest, sweater, socks, hairbow, pin, etc. Mrs.

Deemer will set up a St. Joseph Table in the school office hallway, and the students can come by before their lunch period to visit the table and receive a St. Joseph cream puff and/or bread.

- FRI, MARCH 28
 - Last day to earn points for the reading competitions
- GRAND FINALE: MON, MARCH 31
 - During morning assembly, we will have our second annual game of Literary Trivia. Two representatives from each of grades 1st-11th will be selected to compete in trivia competitions (broken up by grade bands) with questions composed by their teachers about literary subjects. Winners of the reading competitions will also be announced.

Gala Reminder

Tickets are now on sale! Please see <https://sta2.org/school/featured-events/greengoldgala2025/> for more gala information and links.

Bake Sale Supporting Our Robotics Team

A bake sale will be held after masses on Sunday March 30th to support our 4th-6th 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 20th

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.