



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Nascantur in Admirazione*

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

## St. Thomas PreK-11 School Newsletter

April 7<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 Boniface Term: Religion**

- Giving God His due in worship and service

### **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 ~**

April 7<sup>th</sup>

**First Track Practice**

April 9<sup>th</sup>

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

April 11<sup>th</sup>

**Dress-down day (last Friday!)**

**Diaper and Food Drive Extended Deadline!**

**Parent Survey Due**

April 17<sup>th</sup>-April 27<sup>th</sup>

**Easter Break**

May 7<sup>th</sup>

**Dress-up Day**

May 8<sup>th</sup>

**Choral Music Concert (attendance required), church, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

SAVE THE DATE: May 16<sup>th</sup>

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

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

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



## **School Gala**

Our gala on Saturday was a great success! With over 120 guests, we had a wide array of supporters from the school and parish to make the night a lot of fun. We were blessed to surpass our paddle-raise goal (of \$50,000) by over \$10,000, taking full advantage of the \$50,000 match! We will be working on final numbers in the coming days. Many thanks to all our sponsors, organizers, volunteers, and donors. Special thanks to Melissa Canzano for her tireless work in leading the gala committee. Thank you also to Laura Fisher, Pia Gavigan, and other parent volunteers who helped organize and realize this wonderful event. We are truly blessed to have such a supportive community committed to the mission and identity of our school.







## Upper-School Play

Our 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders, under the direction of Mr. McCoy, put on two outstanding performances of “The Wedding Trumps the Funeral” last Friday. We had a great crowd for both performances, and the actors didn’t disappoint! Great work!



## From the Headmaster

I was deeply moved by the support that we received from the school and parish community at our gala. At a time in our society when there is growing skepticism with regard to institutions in general, it can be difficult to develop investment in a common work and vision. To invest in something is an act of trust, and it was very encouraging to see that trust at work among so many who deeply believed in the mission and identity of our school. It was certainly a great gift for the teachers that were present to see that support at work!



This week is traditionally Passion Week, during which time statues were/are covered, a practice rooted in the traditional Gospel from this past Sunday's Mass, wherein Jesus "hid himself" to avoid being stoned by the angry crowd. As I told the students at this morning's assembly, Jesus is already entering His "passion," when He subjected Himself to the actions of others in pursuing His Father's will, to the point of death. Our focus now is to accompany Him to the cross and so through His death to the resurrection. We are about to enter the climax of the entire liturgical year!

I look forward to seeing you all at Art and Poetry Night this Wednesday at 6:30!

Don't forget to fill out the parent survey (link included in this email), which is due this Friday.

## Trivia Night Proceeds

Mrs. Jackowski has made some initial purchases using money raised at our latest Trivia Night. We are excited to mark the beginnings of a revamped chemistry lab!



## Diaper and Food Drive Update

Mr. Votel is extending the drive deadline to this Friday! As competition continues to heat up, we look forward to building up our total school donation to bring to the Guadalupe Workers next week!