

# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

Nascantur in Admiratione
"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

## St. Thomas PreK-11 School Newsletter

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> **Dress-up day** 

#### April 4th

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

April 5<sup>th</sup>
School Gala – doors open at 5:30

April 7th

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

April 9th

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

April 11<sup>th</sup> **Dress-down day (last Friday!)** 

April 17<sup>th</sup>-April 27<sup>th</sup> **Easter Break** 

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



## Reading Competition Winners

Congratulations to the following winners in our reading competitions!

<u>Angel House Winner (K-4)</u>: **Gabriel** (by two points!)

5th Grade House Winner: **Thebes** (Michael Russ, Ambrose Lee, Gabriel Gavigan)

<u>Middle School House Winner</u>: **Viri Prandi** (Francis Pearson, Jonathan Sauter, Erik Martire, Alex Wood, Sebastian Jeyaraj, Oliver Derderian, Max Sproule, Patrick Gibson, Vincent Pearson)

## Literary Trivia

This morning at assembly, Mrs. Deemer organized and ran our annual literary trivia competition to close out March Reading Month. The students from first grade and up showed off their extensive literary knowledge. Congratulations to the green team on pulling out the victory!







### From the Headmaster

Time is running away from us! We are at the end of March and entering the final weeks of Lent. With Easter on the later side this year, a large chunk of Boniface Term falls before the break. By the time we return to school from Easter Break, we will be in the last, half week of April.

This makes for a busy upcoming couple of weeks. First, **this Friday**, I hope many of you are able to make it out to our upper-school play at Kerrytown Concert House. Parents are welcome to join us for the 2 p.m. free warm-up performance, which will be attended by the middle school. That evening will be the 7 p.m. ticketed performance, and we'd love to see you there. Ticket prices have been adjusted down to \$15 per adult and \$7 per kid.

Of course, the following evening is our **gala**, which starts at 5:30. This is one of the highlights of our year for the school community.

**Next Monday**, I will be hosting another Monday morning prayer and coffee directly after assembly. I will give a brief recap of the gala, along with other current happenings and updates on staffing and enrollment.

**Next Wednesday** is our Art and Poetry Night starting at 6:30. This is another highlight for our school community, giving students a chance to show the parents the impact of visual art, music, poetry, and drama on our school culture and formation.

To top it off, I am sending out the **annual survey** for PreK-11 parents to provide feedback. As in the past, this is an anonymous survey. I encourage everyone to fill it out. Both encouragement and criticism are welcome. If the latter, I would ask that it be constructive and respectful, particularly if it involves speaking about other people. As always, your thoughts are appreciated, and I am happy to receive feedback in person as well!

## Track Practice Starts April 7th

Look out for emails on details and sign-up information!

#### School Gala

Many thanks to all those who have donated or purchased tickets! Ticket sales are closed as of this morning. I look forward to seeing many of you this Saturday evening!

#### Diaper and Food Drive Update

Our diaper and food drive is also humming along, with one week to go! Below are updated numbers. Let's make a last push this last week to help support moms in need!

1st Place: 7th Grade, 18.89 2nd Place: 6th Grade, 18.15 3rd Place: 4th Grade, 9.58 4th: 10/11th Grade, 9.29 5th: Kindergarten, 6.88 6th: 3rd Grade, 5.93 7th: 2nd Grade, 5.78

8th: 8th Grade, 5.44

9th: 1st Grade, 4.87 10th: 9th Grade, 3.17 11th: 5th Grade, 2.06

## Not competing:

Pre K - 37 food items, 7 diaper boxes Teachers - 66 food items, 8 packs of diapers