



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Nascantur in Admirazione*

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

## St. Thomas PreK-11 School Newsletter

May 27<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



### ~ Upcoming Events ~

May 30<sup>th</sup>

**Dress-down day**

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**End-of-the-Year Monday Morning Prayer and Coffee, 8:30 a.m., school library**

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**House Winner Award Day (winner announced next Monday!)**

June 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Last Day for Preschool  
K-8 Field Day, 1:45-3 p.m.**

June 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Last Day for K-11: Morning at Island Park: 9-11 a.m. (dress-down)**

June 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Report Cards Published**

June 9<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>  
**Summer Office Hours, 8-1 M-Th**

August 11<sup>th</sup>  
**School Office Re-opens**

August 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Teacher In-Service Begins**

August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**Welcome Back Picnic, Burns Park, 4-7 p.m.**

August 25<sup>th</sup>  
**First Day of School (full day for K-12)**

August 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Parent Association Meeting/Elections, parish hall, 7-8 p.m.**



## From the Headmaster

As we come to the last couple of weeks of the school year, I give thanks to God for all the graces and mercies He has bestowed on us. His love is super-abundant, and His power is made perfect in human weakness. I find that truth particularly evident in the life of a Catholic school! *Non nobis, Domine, non nobis; sed nomini tuo da gloriam.* "Not to us, Lord, not to us; but to your name give the glory."

The end of the school year means the beginning of a new school term for me! As I did last year, I will be hopping on a plane the Sunday after the last day of school to fly to Florida to participate in the second round of in-person classes for my Master's

in Educational Leadership at Ave Maria University. I will be back on June 20<sup>th</sup>, but will still be in contact via email during my time there.

## End-of-the-Year/Next Year

- We will be giving out end-of-the-year awards at next Monday's assembly. As we did last year, per grade, K-8, we will be giving out two awards: a student vocation award and the virtue award for Boniface term. The student vocation award is given to the student who excelled academically in the class, achieving strong marks and exemplifying the discipline and virtue needed to pursue what is true, good, and beautiful.
- At next Monday's assembly, we will also be announcing the winner of the Angel House competition for the whole year. The reward will be given next Tuesday, including a dress-down day, treat at lunch, and extended play time at Wheeler Park.
- Pray for our upper schoolers, who will be taking their final exams next Monday-Wednesday.
- Next Thursday is cleaning day! Students will be bringing home all their belongings (and trash). The middle- and upper-school teachers and the upper-school students will also be hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> graders for a special breakfast after Mass to mark their transition into high school.
- Next Friday we'll see you at Island Park! Students will come directly to and from the park. This is a fun play time hosted by the school. The Huron River runs through the park, so some students may wade in the shallow part. We'll have teachers posted at key points. **As a reminder, per the family handbook, students are not to have cell phones with them during the park time. Cell phones brought will be confiscated during the park time or given to the parent (if present).**

## Parent Association Elections

I have scheduled the first parent association meeting for August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. I will be hosting this meeting, the purpose of which will be to elect new officers and to begin to map out needs for the school year. Please let me know if you would like to be considered for the position of president or secretary. As a preparation for the meeting, I will be updating and sending out the overall vision and workings of the PA.

## Hiring Update

While she was already doing guidance counseling work this past school year, Emily Hanley has been officially hired as our upper-school guidance counselor. She will be working with 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students to help them discern and understand next steps, offering various levels of support as needed. She will be establishing relationships with college admissions personnel, becoming more familiar with the details and demands of taking the next step after high school graduation. Emily will also be coordinating our upper-school testing. I am excited to have her with us on a regular and official basis. She has worked hard already to pave the way for our incoming seniors and to make all our upper schoolers more aware of the importance and logistics of discerning what comes next.

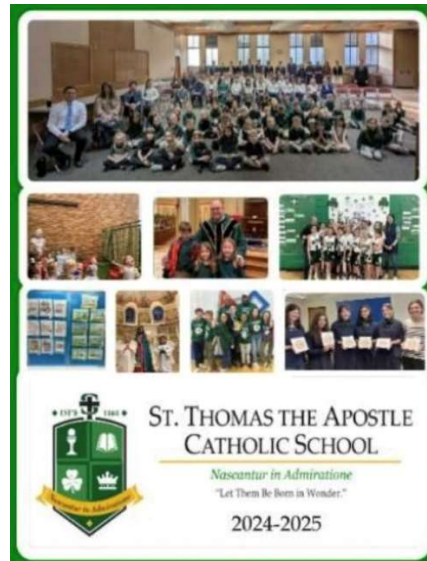
## New Art in the Entry Hall

Using money raised from our poinsettia sale, Mrs. Deemer purchased the beautiful paintings and frames to hang in our entry hall. During last week's assembly, I held a little art reflection with the students, thinking through the meaning and symbolism of each of the works. The paintings are a wonderful testament to our focus at the school, as we seek to lead children to Christ. I deeply grateful to Mrs. Deemer for, once more, bringing beauty to our school!

I am purposely not including pictures of them – go see them in person!

## Yearbook Ordering!

Yearbook ordering is now open via FACTS forms at <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/3YSNI7aX>. Cost this year is \$26. Ordering remains open while supplies last! The yearbooks will likely be delivered by the end of May.



## Note from the Parish

Since the parish is not hosting a vacation bible school this summer, they are recommending the one run by Christ the King. More information can be found at <https://ctkcc.net/children/vacation-bible-school/>.