



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas PreK-11 School Newsletter

June 2nd, 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

Have a blessed summer!



~ Upcoming Events ~

June 3rd

Gabriel House Award Day

June 4th

Last Day for Preschool

Dress-down day – K-8 Field Day, 1:45-3 p.m.

June 6th

Last Day for K-11: Morning at Island Park: 9-11 a.m. (dress-down)

June 12th

Report Cards Published

June 9th-19th

Summer Office Hours, 8-1 M-Th

August 11th

School Office Re-opens

August 18th

Teacher In-Service Begins

August 22nd

Welcome Back Picnic, Burns Park, 4-7 p.m.

August 25th

First Day of School (full day for K-12)

August 26th

Parent Association Meeting/Elections, parish hall, 7-8 p.m.



Congratulations Boniface Term Virtue Award Winners!

Kindergarten: Jane Atzinger

First Grade: Julius Lengyel

Second Grade: John Lakatos

Third Grade: Hadrian Roberts

Fourth Grade: Caroline Hanley

Fifth Grade: Aida Dauw

Sixth Grade: Max Sproule

Seventh Grade: Madeleine Hanley

Eighth Grade: Francis Pearson



Congratulations Student Vocation Award Winners!

Kindergarten: Lucy Lakatos
First Grade: Eloise Roberts
Second Grade: T.J. Miller
Third Grade: Nate McClelland
Fourth Grade: Clare Caldwell
Fifth Grade: Abigail Moilanen
Sixth Grade: Henry Sauter
Seventh Grade: Clare Moilanen
Eighth Grade: Ellie Dauw



Congratulations to Gabriel House!

The overall winners for the school year (by only 7 points!), the K-4 members of Gabriel House will receive a dress-down day, treat at lunch, and afternoon of play at Wheeler Park tomorrow, June 3rd. Parents, of Gabriel House members, please be sure to fill out permission forms sent home today!

From the Headmaster

I want to thank you for entrusting your children to us this past school year. Each one is a great gift! To borrow an image used by Pope Benedict XVI upon his election, we are workers in the Lord's vineyard, and whatever time the Lord gives us is precious. I pray you have a restful and joyful summer. The students have worked hard this year, and so have our teachers and staff!

Personnel Updates

As we close out the year, I have a few more updates to provide on the hiring/personnel front.

First, Miss Benz, who has been teaching upper-school theology and literature, has discerned that the Lord is calling her back to teach at Fr. Gabriel Richard. She was great supporter of our classical Catholic vision and contributed much to our upper-school culture, but she sees that she is being called to work in a different mission field. We will very much miss her; I am attaching a short letter she composed for the school community further explaining her decision.

We are fortunate to have a replacement hire to announce as well. Robert Peters, who taught Latin at St. Thomas from 2016-2019, is back with us as a Theology and Literature teacher! He has a B.A. in philosophy (2014) and an M.A. in theology from Sacred Heart Seminary (2018). During his formation with the Dominicans of the Eastern Province, he received his S.T.L. at the Dominican House of Studies in 2023. He recently discerned out of the Dominican order to respond to God's call to others things, but still with a great desire to teach! In addition to his time at St. Thomas, he has taught Latin at St. Augustine's Homeschool Enrichment Program, an intensive course in philosophy to the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, a course on spirituality at Sacred Heart Seminary, and high-school theology during his time with Dominicans. I am excited to have him back with us. In addition to theology and literature, he will be leading our upper-school schola and teaching logic and philosophy.



We will be saying good-bye to Mrs. O'Meara, our third-grade teacher. She deeply loved the school and her experience here, seeing it as a highlight among the schools at which she's worked. Personal and family issues are calling her to make a move at this time. She recently accepted a position to teach and consult for a school seeking to take on a classical identity in the diocese of Columbus. We will definitely miss her wisdom and expertise! In the meantime, I am already networking to find a replacement, so please keep that search in your prayers!

I am pleased to announce that Miss Marisol Cruz has accepted the position as preschool director and 3-year-old lead teacher. Miss Cruz is originally from Columbia, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. After moving to the U.S., she completed her Early Childhood Associates Degree from Oakland Community College in 2007. She then went on to earn a Master's in Management from Walsh College (2012) and a Master's in Pastoral Studies (2017) from Sacred Heart Seminary. During this time, she worked as a childcare provider and spent three years as a catechist at the Shrine of the Little Flower. Since 2018, she has been the Faith Formation Director at Cross in the Woods Catholic Shrine in Indian River. Miss Cruz has extensive experience for working with children and a deep love for the Catholic Faith. She has had the opportunity to visit our school multiple times and to see the preschool in action, and she is excited to join this beautiful endeavor!



End-of-the-Year/Next Year

- 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 through this Wednesday.
- This 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 8th graders for a special breakfast after Mass to mark their transition into high school.
- NWEA scores will be sent home this week with each student and mailed to absent families.
- 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).**

Additionally, we will keep an eye on the forecast. If we are rained out, we will cancel the park time. If we are cancelling, we will send out a notice the evening before.

Saints and Scholars Campaign

For those among you who are parishioners, you may have been seeing various notifications about the survey for the upcoming Saints and Scholars campaign. The parish is currently discerning running a “double campaign” with a more ambitious goal in order to more deeply impact a few targeted areas, the primary one being helping us to continue to compensate our teachers better! Please consider providing feedback during this preparatory stage run by the Steier Group, who is partnering with the parish in this endeavor. Voices from the school side of things are important in providing the overall picture of the parish response.

Parent Association Elections

I have scheduled the first parent association meeting for August 26th 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.