



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admiratione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas PreK-12 Summer School Newsletter

August 25th, 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: Charity

- Loving God and others with God's own love

Virtue for Margaret Mary Term: Piety

- Giving due honor to our parents and country



~ Upcoming Events ~

August 26th

Half day open house (9-11) for preschool

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

August 28th

Dress-down day

September 2nd

First day for ESP (after-school care)

September 3rd
Dress-up day

September 4th
Back-to-School Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m., parish hall

September 8th
Our Lady's Birthday

September 11th
Votive 8 a.m. School Mass to the Holy Spirit, followed by Eucharistic Procession

September 19th
Extraordinary Form School Mass

Picnic and First Day Pictures







From the Headmaster

It is a great blessing to begin another year in service to Our Lord and the school community. We once more undertake our common work as school and families in partnership, seeking to lead our children to Jesus Christ and His truth!

After a busy and fruitful in-service week, it feels very good to have the students back and once more have a filled school! We began, as we have in past years, by commending our school and the school year to Our Lady. Having focused on the virtues of faith and hope the last two school years, we are completing the theological virtues by looking at charity this school year. As I talked about our focus for this school year, I mentioned an important “secret” for the Christian life, which is to recognize that the virtue of charity is first and foremost a *gift*, unearned, given in baptism. This is a key to growing in loving with the love of God, which is what charity is.

We also announced our new lower-school households at our opening assembly. Instead of three archangel houses, we will have four Evangelist households:

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, each with its own color, scriptural symbol, and house mentor (see the attached roster).

Staffing Updates

I am pleased to announce, for those who haven't already been told, that Dr. Edward Peters has agreed to step in to replace Miss De Long as our other Latin teacher in the middle and upper school. Today was his first day!

We are still working to draw in 1-2 more aides to help out part-time in the preschool.

Reminders

- As we have in years past, we will begin providing an order-out option for lunches in the month of October, with ordering opening at the beginning of September. This year, we will order out on three days—Mondays (Panera) Wednesdays (Jimmy John's), and Fridays (Pizza Bob's)—instead of four.
- ESP starts next Tuesday and runs through the end of the school year on all full school days.
- I look forward to seeing many of you at our PA meeting tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. You can enter by the side door (off the alley in between the south building and the rectory) that leads directly to the stairs going down to the hall.
- Please note our back-to-school night, which is a great time to hear firsthand from teachers and to hear from me on the overall state and direction of the school. Thank you for making the time and effort to be present at that important evening next week. Family handbooks will be made available electronically and in paper copies next week.
- For our dress-down day this Thursday and our dress-up day next Wednesday, please refer to the dress code update sent out by email on July 23rd.