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January 19, 2024



# STS Newsletter

## From the Principal's Desk.....

Happy Friday St. Thomas Families,

We had an exceptionally short week because of inclement weather, we appreciate your diligence in helping keep instruction in front of students during those closings. Father Logan was in Middle School this week helping guide students to their Saints. This was a great connection to Sunday Mass where the Holy Spirit has guided us to our Saints for this year. He encouraged them, and us, to research and ask them to pray for us daily.

Our students and staff are excited for Catholic Schools Week beginning January 29. We're attaching a schedule of events and casual days. Please be sure all attire is school appropriate and in-line with casual day expectations. From JA in a Day to the Staff vs Student volleyball game, the week promises to be faith centered and fun filled.

We're also attaching information about Project Juntos. If you have a 7th or 8th grade student inter-

ested in participating, please fill out the following Google form. This is a great way to get more involved in 4H and be on campus at St. Thomas. [<ProjectJuntosLink>](#)

Looking forward to next Friday, we have a half day to offer professional development for our staff in The Science of Reading. **We will dismiss at 12:30** with professional development to begin at 1:00. We very much appreciate your support to offer this wonderful opportunity to our staff.

Thank you for supporting our students and staff in all you do. Please stay warm and safe this weekend.

All the best in Christ,

Chris

Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only Love can do that. ~Rev. King

## UPCOMING!!!

### Free Casual Day

1/25/2024

### Early Dismissal

Friday, January 26, 2024

12:30 PM

### **NO AFTERCARE**

### Ed Fair

Tues, January 30, 2024

6—7 PM

### Talent Show

Wed, January 31

2 PM School  
Performance

6 PM Evening  
Performance

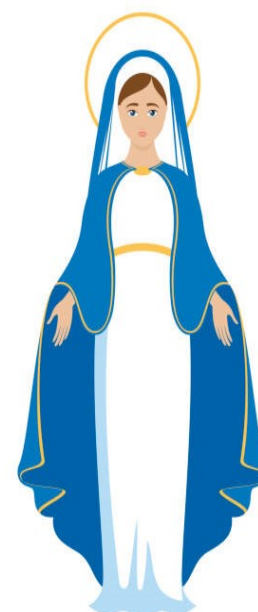
### Early Dismissal

Tues, Feb 13, 2024

12:30 PM

*\*NOTE: Update of time*

### **NO AFTERCARE**



SAVE THE DATE - GRANDPARENTS DAY  
FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024~More details to come!

## Chess Club

1st Meeting will now  
be on the next  
scheduled date—  
Jan 30 at 3:30 PM—  
then every other  
Tues.

## REPORT CARDS

Please make sure to sign  
your child's envelope  
and send it back to their  
homeroom.

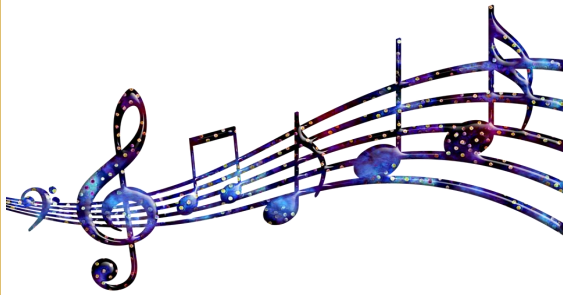


## Lunchroom Volunteer Call Out!!!

We are in great need of lunchroom help on Fridays! We have lost our only volunteer. Can't help on Friday, but have another day? Cannot commit to every week? We would still love to have you!

Lunch is from 11:00 until 12:45-ish. We have teachers supervising lunch periods this year so you would help students open items, help wash tables, and sweep. It is a great opportunity to see your child interact with their peers and get to know our wonderful Spartans!

All volunteers are required to complete a background check every 3 years. Please email [mmorey@stselkhart.com](mailto:mmorey@stselkhart.com) if you are interested in volunteering!



## SAVE THESE MUSICAL DATES!!!!

*Tuesday, March 26th -*

4th/5th Music Program at 6:30pm

*Thursday, May 16th -*

Middle School Spring Program at 6:30pm

*Tuesday, May 21st -*

Spring Band Concert at 6:30pm

## **Pictures for the yearbook! Semester 1 classes and activities are over... Do you have any pictures to share?**

Attention all parents, coaches, club leaders, and more! Is there a game, play, or other special event that you would love to see in this year's yearbook. Get your pictures to the St. Thomas yearbook coordinator Evelyn Ponce at [yearbook@stselkhart.com](mailto:yearbook@stselkhart.com) or upload directly to <https://plicbooks.com/go/C54N7Q>.



## **KEYS FOR THE NEW YEAR!!**

*We love our volunteers and the community use of our building...but...*

*\*\*If you have a key or door fob from an activity that is no longer ongoing, please bring your keys and fobs to the St. Thomas School Office\*\**



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# ¡Presentamos Juntos 4-H!

## ¿Qué es Juntos 4-H?

- **Juntos 4-H es un programa académico gratuito diseñado para reunir y proporcionar a jóvenes y padres latinos grado 7 y 8 conocimientos, habilidades y recursos para conocimientos, habilidades y recursos para mejorar el rendimiento académico y aumentar el acceso a oportunidades universitarias y profesionales.**



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## ¿A qué te dedicas?

- **¡5 noches de compromiso familiar!**
- **¡5 reuniones del club 4-H!**
- **¡Viaje 4-H a la Universidad Purdue!**

## ¿Cuándo/dónde es la primera reunión?

- **22 de enero de 2024**
- **St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School**
- **Impartido en español e inglés.**







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# Introducing Juntos 4-H!

## What is Juntos 4-H?

- Juntos 4-H is a free academic program designed to bring together/provide 7th-8th grade Latino youth/parents knowledge, skills and resources to improve academic performance and increase access to college and career opportunities!



## What do you do?

- 5 Family Engagement Nights!
- 5 4-H Club Meetings!
- 4-H Trip @ Purdue University!

## When/where is the first meeting?

- January 22, 2024
- St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School





# STS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EVENTS

## MONDAY JANUARY 29TH CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

Bring in a package of diapers or wipes and you can **wear your pajamas** to school!

Donations will go to First Light Mission: A Goshen based place of refuge and fresh starts for families. STS Families may donate a box of diapers or wipes to cover multiple children. Donations will be collected throughout the week.

## TUESDAY JANUARY 30TH CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

What a better day than the 100th day of school to celebrate our students.

**Wear mismatched clothes or dress like you're 100.**

Mr. Adamo and Ms. Morey will host bingo games for students during lunch and of course there will be prizes!

Celebrate student work during our Middle School Ed Fair at 6pm.

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31ST CELEBRATING OUR NATION

Gather your pennies, nickels, dimes, dollars, and quarters for [freedomssystem.org](https://freedomssystem.org) - An Elkhart based not for profit that helps veterans acquiring the skills and knowledge needed to successfully adapt to civilian life. Class who collects the most wins an ice cream party. Top 2 students who bring the largest donation get to throw a pie in Mr. Adamo and Ms. Morey's face after the Friday volleyball game.

**Dress in your fanciest and formal red, white, and blue.** All school mass at 8:15am. Watch our Spartans perform during the talent show at 2pm and 6pm.

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1ST CELEBRATING VOCATIONS

Each class will participate in JA in a day sponsored by Junior Achievement.

**Dress in business attire or your future career.**

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2ND CELEBRATING OUR STAFF

Gear up for the Staff vs Class of 2024 Volleyball game.

Students can **wear maroon in support of staff or gold in support of the Class of 2024.**



# Marian Girls Basketball Welcomes our Future Knights

Marian Knights vs. Elkhart High School  
Friday, January 26, 2024



6:30 pm - Registration

6:30-7:00 pm Meet & Greet with players in cafeteria

7:30 pm - Varsity Game

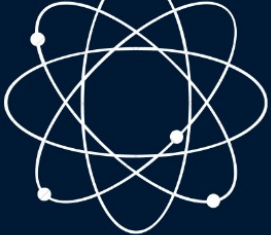
Free admission to our Partner School students wearing their Marian basketball Camp t-shirt, sports team uniform or school spirit wear.

**Follow Marian Athletics:**

Twitter- @marianhsknights

[www.marianhsathletics.org](http://www.marianhsathletics.org)

## GO KNIGHTS!



St. Thomas Middle School

# Ed Fair

Join us on Tuesday, January 30th from  
6-7pm for an Education Fair Open House  
showcasing the following projects:

## 6TH GRADE:

GENIUS HOUR - LANGUAGE ARTS (CAFETERIA)

OFRENDAS - SPANISH (ROOM 18)

## 7TH GRADE:

LOCKER MUSEUM EXHIBITS - SOCIAL STUDIES (ROOM 19)

## 8TH GRADE:

SCIENCE FAIR - SCIENCE (COMMONS)

## 6TH, 7TH, 8TH:

MATH PROJECTS - MATH (ROOM 20)

## ST. THOMAS SPARTANS “MINDFUL MOVERS” CHESS CLUB

Where: Meet at the St. Thomas Commons

When: Starting Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> after school(3:30pm)

Moderator: Lisa Dykes

Chess is great for all ages and especially for growing minds!

It can help kids develop critical thinking skills for academia and for daily life.

**Some of these skills include:**

**\*Problem solving   \*Abstract reasoning**

**\*Calmness under pressure   \*Patience**

**\*Sportsmanship   \*Creative thinking**

**\*Pattern recognition   \*Strategic thinking**

**\*Logic   \*Attention to detail**

**\*Discipline   \*Explaining difficult concepts   \*Collaboration**

Come join our club **January 16<sup>th</sup> !!!**

We will meet every other Tuesday.

Chess boards will be available or can bring your own.

Timers are welcome.

If you plan to have your child (ren) attend please email Lisa Dykes at  
[ldykes@stselkhart.com](mailto:ldykes@stselkhart.com)





# January Lunch Menu 2024

St. Thomas the Apostle School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>No School</i>	2 <i>No School</i>	3 <i>No School</i>	4 <i>No School</i>	5 <i>No School</i>	6
7	8 <i>Chicken nuggets/roll</i>	9 <i>Fish sticks/roll</i>	10 <i>Hot turkey slider/fries</i>	11 <i>Mini corn dogs/bakes beans</i>	12 <i>Cheese pizza/corn</i>	13
14	15 <i>No School</i>	16 <i>Mac and cheese/roll</i>	17 <i>Bosco w/ marinara/ yogurt</i>	18 <i>Chicken patty sandwich/ baked beans</i>	19 <i>Fish sticks/roll</i>	20
21	22 <i>Cheeseburger sliders/fries</i>	23 <i>Nachos w/ black beans and cheese</i>	24 <i>Penne w/ alfredo/roll</i>	25 <i>Pepperoni and cheese calzone/corn</i>	26 <i>Biscuit chicken pot pie</i>	27
28	29 <i>Chicken nuggets/roll</i>	30 <i>Hot turkey slider/fries</i>	31 <i>Baked cheese ravioli/roll</i>			


Lunch is served with choice of veggies/fruit//milk

Happy New Year!!!





# JANUARY 2024

\*UPDATED Friday, January 12, 2024\*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!	2	3	4	5	6
CHRISTMAS BREAK ~ NO SCHOOL ~ RETURN 1/8/23						
7 Solemnity of the Epiphany	8 WELCOME BACK SPARTANS!  A	9  B	10 All School Mass 8:15AM PTO Mtg after Mass C	11 \$2 Casual Day D	12  A	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR DAY	16  B	17 All School Mass 8:15 AM Talent Show Auditions 3:30 PM C	18  D	19  A	20
21	22  B	23  C	24 All School Mass 8:15 AM D	25 Free Casual Day A	26 Early Dismissal 12:30 PM NO AFTERCARE	27
28	29	30 Ed Fair 6—7 PM	31 All School Mass 8:15 AM Talent Show			
Catholic Schools Week January 28—Feb 3						
	C	D	A			

# FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 JA in a Day	2	3
			Catholic Schools Week January 28—Feb 3			
				B	C	
4	5 D	6 A	7 All School Mass 8:15 AM PTO Mtg After Mass B	8 \$2 CASUAL DAY C	9 D	10
11	12 A	13 Early Dismissal 12:30 PM NO AFTERCARE B	14 ASH WEDNESDAY All School Mass 8:15 AM C	15 D	16 A	17
18 	19 NO SCHOOL President's Day	20 B	21 All School Mass 8:15 AM C	22 FREE CASUAL DAY D	23 A	24
25	26 B	27 C	28 All School Mass 8:15 AM D	29 A	Saint Valentine, Bishop & Martyr, pray for us.	