



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School  
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February 2, 2024



# STS Newsletter

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

St. Thomas Families,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! It has been a busy week to say the very least. We've had a few casual days, raised money for our veterans at Freedom Systems, donated diapers and wipes to First Light Mission, had an Education Fair, enjoyed our annual talent show, the 5th/6th grade girls won their first basketball game, and focused on the virtue of Piety.

Many thanks for the support and helping students learn to serve. We're going to be posting a few pictures from the week soon as each organization came to St. Thomas to collect their respective donations.

The Education Fair in the middle school went exceptionally well. Activities began in the morning with students presenting their Science Fair projects to judges, teachers, and students. The Social Studies, Spanish, ELA, and Math projects were equally impressive, and helped to create a wonderful display of learning to families after school.

The 5th and 6th grade girls won a hard-fought battle against Christ the King on Monday night. The girls were down at halftime, but persevered and won 19 - 16 by the end of the 4th.

The talent show was mid-week and an equally wonderful display of all our students can do. Participants performed with confidence and poise in activities from singing to playing an instrument. Well done all.

The Staff vs. Student Volleyball game will take place in just a few

hours. Staff is looking to redeem themselves after a tough loss last year. Best of luck to all playing.

All the good we've seen this week is rooted in our faith. We have focused on the virtue Piety as we've read scripture from 2 Timothy, 1 Corinthians, Ephesians, and more. Piety has guided our morning prayer and has been the focus for encouraging students throughout the week.

With two days remaining, thank you for all you've done to help support us during Catholic Schools Week. We are truly blessed to be in partnership with you to give students the best foundation for the future Elkhart has to offer.

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

### LUNCH CHANGE!!

Due to supply chain issues, Friday, 2/9 will now be Penne Alfredo instead of Lasagna Rollups.

Boonli has been updated to reflect this change

## UPCOMING!!!

### **Ed Fair**

Tues, January 30,  
2024

6—7 PM

### **Talent Show**

Wed, January 31

2 PM School  
Performance

6 PM Evening  
Performance

### **Early Dismissal**

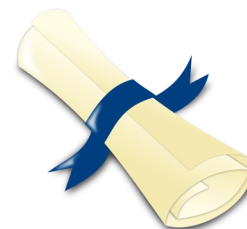
Tues, Feb 13, 2024

12:30 PM

\*NOTE: Update of  
time

**NO AFTERCARE**

## 8th Grade Graduation & Mass



Wednesday,  
May 29th,  
2024

**EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!**

**DATE CHANGE!!!!**

**Daddy—Daughter Dance**

**NEW DATE FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024 NEW DATE**

**Stay Tuned!**



# DRESS CODE REMINDER

LEGGINGS MAY ONLY BE  
WORN WITH A DRESS,  
SKIRT, OR SHORTS. THIS  
INCLUDES CASUAL AND  
THEME DAYS.



## SAVE THE DATE!

PTO SPRING  
MEETING DATES

**FEBRUARY 7TH**

**MARCH 6TH**

**APRIL 10TH**

**MAY 1ST**

JOIN US THE 1ST WEDNESDAY  
OF THE MONTH AFTER MASS  
PTO ROOM 9:20AM

# SPRING PTO

## EVENTS

YOUR INVITED

19

APRIL

DADDY  
DAUGHTER  
DANCE

26

APRIL

GRANDPARENT'S  
DAY

18

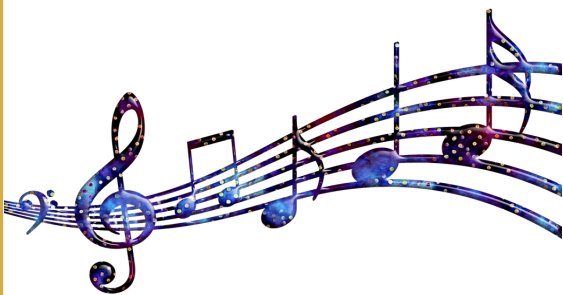
MAY

MOTHER & SON  
NERF NIGHT

ALL STS STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS INVITED TO  
PARTICIPATE ANY PTO EVENT!  
PLEASE JOIN US WITH ANY  
SPECIAL PERSON IN YOUR LIFE!  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

You Can Lend a Hand Fundraising Coupons are being sent home this week with your oldest child. Please check backpacks and read the enclosed material.

Students may wear jeans/athletic pants on all NON-MASS days through February 29 once your coupons have been sold and money returned to the office. Thank you for supporting Catholic Schools!



### 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

# *St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School Spartan Honor Roll*

*Second Quarter*

*October 16, 2023 - December 22, 2023*

All students in grades 5-8 are eligible for the Honor Roll. Students that are included on the St. Thomas Honor Roll are determined by the grades appearing on their quarter report cards. The classes in which the children receive instructions once or twice a week, count for half of the honor points of a class in which instruction takes place five days.

3.75 to 4.0 GPA

The following restrictions apply and could eliminate a student from honor roll: Any F's on report cards; Grade 5: Conduct B- or below; Grades 6 – 8: Two or more detentions; Office behavior referral; Suspension

## Grade 8

Kariya Byer  
Sophia Culp  
Grace Dickey  
Henry Dougherty  
Liam Nickell  
Sullivan Osowski  
Olivia Snell  
Teejay Topolski

## Grade 7

Leo Coates  
Luke Datzman  
Natalee DeShone  
Gavin Franger  
Brenda Gonzalez  
Annabella Guzman  
Alejandro Jaurer  
Emmaly Kwasny  
Nico Melvin  
Caleb Micola-  
von Furstenrecht  
Claire Owens  
Vincenzo Porpiglia  
Stephen Rozow  
Henry Saleh  
Kaylee Sawyer  
Graham Smith  
Madelyn Smith  
Dominic Tinervia  
Ava Zurek

## Grade 6

Laura Aguirre  
Landon Babcock  
Elijah Dibley  
Brielle Harman  
Cecilia Hicks  
Natalie Kiefer  
Gavin LeBaron  
Tenley Montague  
Max Mullins  
Francis O'Neil  
Jazmin Vasquez  
Landon Williams

## Grade 5

Meredith Bailey  
Eliana Burggraf  
Cameron Conley  
Dylan Cowdrey  
Agostino Lacopo  
Jacob Mahoney  
Avery Manzuk  
Isabelle Murray  
Jozsef Szabo  
Stella Szymanowski  
Concetta Varacalli

# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School High Honor Roll

Second Quarter  
October 16, 2023 - December 22, 2023

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3.5 to 3.74 GPA.

The following restrictions apply and could eliminate a student from honor roll: Any F's on report cards; Grade 5: Conduct B- or below; Grades 6 – 8: Two or more detentions; Office behavior referral; Suspension

## Grade 8

Gavin Calvo  
Quinn Miller

## Grade 7

## Grade 6

Seth Amrein  
Crew Craven  
Madeline Grimm  
Avery LeBaron  
Quintin Martens  
Emery Pickard  
Elise Rinehart  
Joseph Rozow

## Grade 5

Kaley Anderson  
Morgan Chiu  
Colt Craven  
Jacob Dykes  
Isaac Fruth  
Jackson Lambert  
Colin Metz  
Isabelle Miller  
Margaret Reverman  
Ellis Vickers

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3.0 to 3.49 GPA.

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## Grade 8

Joseph Cappelletti  
Foster  
Agostino Varacalli  
Anthony Wood

## Grade 7

Farrah Bartolini  
Lucia Lacopo  
Sophia Preciado  
Kianna Sopraseduth  
Aiden Yancy

## Grade 6

Aiden Conley  
Maxton Fruth

## Grade 5

Ethan Dickey  
Wyatt Dickey  
Caitlyn O'Neill  
Allura Osowski  
Isabella Sanchez  
Nicholas Szabo  
Maya Washington



# CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

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JANUARY 31 2024

February is devoted to The Holy Family



Mrs. Camp instructed the 8th grade students, who then led their Family Groups on what is a vocation and what God is calling them to do. Each child created their own future self! Check out the bulletin board the next time you are in the school building.

During Father's Thursday classroom visits the students selected a saint from the basket and prayed a Litany of the Saints. Your children can research this new friend and pray with them each day this year. Father also focused on Luke 15:18 and the Act of Contrition. You can add this prayer to your evening prayers.

## Act Of Contrition

Oh my God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should I love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help,  
to do penance, to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us,  
In His name, my God have mercy.



damascus

We pre-registered 12 girls & 12 boys for Week 1 June 9-14 (Middle School) and 12 girls & 12 boys for Week 2 June 16-21 (High School) for CYSC's newest location, Brighton, Michigan. Contact Jen Horoky [jhoroky@stselkhart.com](mailto:jhoroky@stselkhart.com) to reserve your spot ASAP!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, February 2**

1:45pm Friday Formation

**Wednesday, February 14**

Ash Wednesday

8:15am All School Mass

**Friday, February 16 & 23**

2:15pm Friday Formation  
Stations of the Cross

**Ash Wednesday  
and Good Friday  
are obligatory days  
of fasting and  
abstinence for  
Catholics.  
In addition,  
Fridays during  
Lent are  
obligatory days  
of abstinence.**

FORMED

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

RELEVANT RADIO

SAINT OF THE DAY

USCCB

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ST. THOMAS CHURCH

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

## \*Lunch Room Updates\*

February 1, 2024

Dear families,

Thank you for your participation in our school lunch program. We are happy to see the kiddos picking lots of fruits and veggies to go with their lunch plate! 😊 Please log in to Boonli to order. If you do not have a Boonli account, email me for instructions at [ldykes@stselkhart.com](mailto:ldykes@stselkhart.com).

\*\*\*\*\*Here are few reminders and notifications.

\*Please order by **5 pm** on Friday for the following week. We still have many who are forgetting to order especially at the beginning of the month. Menus for the following month are open weeks in advance.

\*It is ok to bring a lunch from home and order hot lunch if your child is extra hungry.

\*We are OFFER VS. SERVE. Each child needs to pick a grain, a fruit and/or vegetable and a meat/meat alternate for a complete meal.

\*Bottled water price is now .50cents. Milk is .75cents.

***\*\*\*Nationally, schools are dealing with supply chain disruptions. We try our best to fill everything on the menu, but there may be times when we need to substitute and item. We will try our best to communicate this in advance. Please understand that in the event of a snow day(s), we may have to substitute menu items as well.***

**A HUGE THANKS to all our volunteers in the lunch room. You make our day brighter and we appreciate all your help!!!**

Sincerely,

*Lisa Dykes*/Food Service Director



## St. Thomas Families Kids Heart Challenge is coming!

AHA SCHOOLS APP



### 2 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER:

HEART.ORG/SCHOOLS



*Get started by downloading the AHA Schools APP*

- It's time to CELEBRATE heart health with the Heart Heroes!
- Our school is kicking off a service-learning program, Kids Heart Challenge on February 5th!
- Register today and send 10 text messages!
- Prefer to sign up online, visit [OUR SCHOOL PAGE](https://heart.org/schools) and sign up.
- Complete Finn's Mission to know Hands-Only CPR and the warning signs of a stroke. Plus, your student will receive Finn's Lifesaver Award once Finn's Mission is completed!
- Students can also earn the thank you gifts pictured below.

### MEET THE TEAM! INTRODUCING THE NEW HEART HEROES:



**\$5- SPARK  
STEM**



**\$10- SKIP  
No Vaping or  
Tobacco**



**\$25- SPLASH  
Eat Smart**



**\$40- STAR  
Sleep More**



**\$100- BOLT  
Move More**



**\$150- TRU  
Be Kind**



**\$200- BEAT  
Hands-Only  
CPR**

### CAN YOU SAVE A LIFE?

Help us reach 100% of  
families knowing  
Hands-Only CPR®!



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TO RECEIVE A

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WRISTBAND!**

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