

St. Thomas More School

December/January 2011/2012 Newsletter
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“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests on his shoulders; and he is named wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

Dear Families and Friends,

As we listen to the Gospel readings for the time of Christmas, we can follow the thread of Mary's story: how she listened to God and trusted his promises, how the Holy Spirit worked in her life and filled Elizabeth and later Simeon, how many rejoiced in God's mighty power, how her prayers became prayers of the church, and how she said “yes” to God's plan for her. If we walk with Mary through these sacred days, we will deepen our understanding and enjoyment of this holy time. Please listen to these readings closely as we journey through the Christmas season.

Faith Integration – December – Spirituality

Spirituality is the search for God. This thirst for knowledge leads individuals to a deeper discovery of God – the ultimate source of knowledge, wisdom, truth, beauty, and perfection.

Band Update

STM Band Director Miss Strnad would like to thank the following families for their help with the Holiday Parade:

Lee Family – Amber, Chenzen, Hwjchi, Kaiyu, Eisen and Sunny
McDonald Family – Dan, Paula, and Katie
Kippley Family – Theresa, Charles and Louis
Mr. Steve Wengrzyn
Mr. Scott Petasek and Ross
Mr. Chris Gierczak and Kaycee

A special thank you must go to the Gierczak family for the use of their garage and to Chris for driving the float. (And Thank you, Ms. Strnad, for all of your work with our students!)

Plan on attending our STM Band Christmas concert on Monday, Dec. 19th at 6:30 pm in the social hall.

Math Night

We had over 50 students attend the St. Thomas More math night on December 1. A special “thanks” must be given to Mrs. Barb Staszak and Mrs. Brenda Rank for planning this event.

Booster Club Update

We are still looking for members on our Booster Club Committee. The group meets most months on the second Tuesday at 5:30 pm. (This club generates funds for our athletic programs at STM.) Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping with this group. The committee is also seeking a person to act as a “contact” for our spring track program. This typically begins in March.

Family Advent Liturgy

Thank you's must be offered to our teacher committee who planned and rehearsed the event this year. Our teachers on this committee are: Mrs. Staszak, Mrs. Rank, Mrs. Maternoski and Mr. Dempsey.

Marketing/Development Committee

Our marketing/development committee is looking for parents and friends of STM to help with school promotion at the parish level, development of printed materials, and a video presentation. Please sign up for these on the enclosed half sheet. The next meeting for this group is on January 19th at 4:15.

Book Fair

The book fair went very well this year. We exceeded our goal of selling 325 books by selling 350 books. The school earned 18 free books from the fair because of your support. Thank you, Mrs. Wendy Gierczak and her volunteers for making this year's sale a success.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thank you to Miss Palubicki and her grade 7th and 8th students for the prayer service on Dec. 12. This will be an annual event at St. Thomas More.

Welcome

We welcome Morgan Yates who recently joined our eighth grade class. Morgan was previously enrolled at Lombardi Middle School. Please tell your family and friends about the high quality faith filled education that St. Thomas More offers.

Power School

We hope that the Power School Program is a valuable tool for your family. You have noticed some changes in our report card format with the implementation of this program. Thank you for understanding.

Popcorn Sale

Our technology committee is sponsoring a popcorn sale on select Wednesdays at 3:00pm. (These are listed on the calendar.) Popcorn is \$.75 a bag and is available on a first come, first serve basis. The next sale date is on Wed. Dec. 21st. Thanks must be given to Mr. Francis Dempsey and Mr. Dan McDonald for their work on this project.

Non Uniform Days

The following are non uniform days: Dec. 22 (Red & Green), Jan. 6 (School Spirit) and January 13 (Green and Gold). Watch for more green and gold days if the Packers continue their winning ways.

Christmas Break

Please have a safe and blessed Christmas and new year. Classes dismiss for Christmas break on Thursday, Dec. 22nd at noon, and school resumes again on Monday, January 2nd. (If you need any Scrip before Christmas, please place your orders by early Monday, Dec. 19th.)

Market Days

Market Day orders are due January 3 and 31, with orders being delivered to school the following Tuesday and pick up between 3:00 and 4:30 pm.

Aluminum Can

Our next scheduled aluminum can drop off is Sat. January 14 from 8:00-9:00 in our school parking lot.

Happy Joe's Technology Fundraiser

Our next Happy Joe's Tech fundraiser is on January 19 from 4:00-9:00pm. Please remember that this includes pick up, eat in and deliveries. Coupons may be used, but Scrip can't be used for purchases during that time.

Early Dismissal Days

Plan ahead! We have early dismissals on January 20 and February 3. (No school on Monday, Jan. 30th.)

International Night

Please remind your family and friends about International Night on January 27. Please read through all the important information enclosed and sign up to help with this major event. Tickets are now available in the office. (There will be no after school care available on the day of International Night, Jan. 27th.)

May God's Blessings be yours throughout Christmas and the new year.

Eric Weydt
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