

St. Thomas More School
January/February 2012 Newsletter
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“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32)

Dear STM families and friends,

During Ordinary Time this winter, we will see how the gospels reflect on the question “When and how did the world first come to see that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God.” It seems that God willed that the truth would dawn on us slowly, and that different people would have many different ways of coming to believe in Jesus. For us today our faith in Christ is constantly deepening and strengthening as we recognize his gifts and power with ever greater understanding.

January Faith Integration – Scripture and Catechesis

Through scripture, the mysteries of life-long learning unfold God's plan for the individual and the community.

- To know Scripture is to know Christ.
- To know Scripture is to know our story of salvation.

Each GRACE teacher, support staff person, coach and family member seeks to share the knowledge of the Scripture with the students.

Happy Joe's Technology Fundraiser

Please remember to participate in our Happy Joe's Fundraiser on Thursday, January 19 from 4-9pm. This offer includes dine in, take outs and deliveries. Coupons may be used but scrip is not allowed.

Early Dismissal

STM has an early dismissal (12:00 noon) this Friday, January 20.

Teacher In-Service

Did you know that all of our teachers have participated in professional development with the other GRACE teachers several times this year? Our teachers either attended an early childhood, elementary literacy, or Middle School concepts session. They continue this training on January 20.

TechGYRLS

This program for girls in grade 5-8 through the YWCA begins here on January 18. Please inquire in the school office if you are interested. Attendance is not mandatory each week.

International Night

Our major fundraiser of the year, International Night, is coming up on Friday, January 27 from 5:30 - 10:00. This is a required family event and offers a good opportunity to gain service hours. Please review all the enclosed important information and then sign up to help. The following STM student artists each won 10 kids' raffle tickets for submitting the winning entries in the thank you note contest: Mara Vander Zanden, Tahya Batal, Anthony Brunette, Abby Heyroth, Alyssa Plog, Hwjchi Lee, Rhiannon Malfroid and Mary Elizabeth Coleman. International Night admission tickets and tickets for all raffles are on sale now in the school office. Invite your family and friends to come to this fun event.

Family Service Hours and Scrip Updates

See the enclosed sheets to find out how you're doing on these two requirements for STM families.

No School – Mark your calendars! School will not be in session on Monday, January 30th.

Golden Apple

Congratulations to Mrs. Brenda Rank for being nominated for this year's Golden Apple Award. Brenda teaches in our grade 3 & 4 multi-age room.

Market Day

Market Day orders are due January 31 and February 28. Orders can be picked up at the sales on the following Tuesdays. So far this year, these sales have brought in a total of \$552 for the school.

Welcome

Please welcome Juan Hernandez to our eighth grade class.

Athletic Director

The STM Site Advisory Committee would like to hire an athletic director to help promote the school's athletic programs. Please notify the school office if you are interested in this stipend position.

Catholic Schools Week

Please note the enclosed Catholic Schools Week schedule of activities planned at STM. This year Catholic Schools Week runs from January 29-February 4.

School Registration, 2012-2013

Information on registration through GRACE will be released soon. We will pass it on to you ASAP.

Early Dismissal

Friday, February 3 will be an early dismissal day. Please make arrangements to pick up your children at 12:00 noon. This is also a school spirit day.

Fund Raising Update

These are the profits from some of our various fund raising efforts so far this year. We certainly appreciate all of your efforts in promoting these projects to help us reach our fundraising goal.

Seroogy Candy Bar Sale - \$3,715.00

Special thanks to the Flashberger and Kohls families for their efforts in selling the most bars. Our 7th grade was the top selling classroom and won a Seroogy tour and lunch at Pizza Hut in DePere.

We still have candy bars left to sell if anyone would like to help us out.

Hydrant Pizza Sale – \$789.75

Thanks to all who ordered pizzas, and special thanks to the Petasek family for coordinating the sale.

Magazine Sale - \$520.43

Math Challenge - \$167.05

Box Tops for Education (fall turn in) - \$736.41

Lent

Ash Wednesday is on February 22 this year. Lenten projects/activities will be explained in our next white envelope going home on February 15.

Give a Kid a Book

105 books were collected at St. Thomas More in December for this annual program for Christmas.

May your family be blessed throughout the new year.

Eric Weydt