

April/May Family Newsletter
St. Thomas More School
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Lord God Almighty, In the death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you have created a new heaven and earth. Bring the light and life of the Resurrection into our hearts so that we, too, may be renewed in holiness. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. AMEN

Dear St. Thomas More Families and Friends,

Three days after his death on the cross, Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see." (Luke 24:36b-39a) Even with Jesus' help, it took time for the disciples to understand what the Resurrection meant. In fact, even today, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we are still studying and growing in our understanding of this amazing wonder.

May Faith Integration - Witness

Each member of GRACE – students, families and staff – is a constant testimony that Jesus lives.

- Each member exemplifies personal holiness and Christian living to others.
- Each member promotes the social reform by living the truths that are taught by Jesus Christ.

April 15th Spaghetti Dinner/Read In

Thank you to Mrs. Staszak, Mrs. Rank and Mrs. Gierczak for coordinating this event for our school again this year. This is always a fun evening for our STM families.

STM Open Houses

We have two evening open houses scheduled – one on April 15th and another on May 5th. If you know of any families who might be interested in learning more about STM, please invite them to attend an open house, or they can call school to schedule a tour any time during the school day.

STM Rummage Sale

There is still time to sign up to help for the Rummage Sale this Saturday, April 17th. Help is needed yet on Thursday, Friday and especially Saturday, so please sign up and return the enclosed sheet right away. Bring in any items you may still have for the sale ASAP. Plan to come to the sale on Saturday for some great bargains and invite family and friends as well! (Check out the raffle items on display at school! The raffle winners will be chosen on April 21st. Tickets can be purchased at school or at the sale.)

National Volunteer Appreciation Week – April 18-24

We say a special THANK YOU to all our many STM school volunteers – who are too numerous to name for fear of omitting anyone, but you all know who you are! There is no way we could continue to have many of the programs and fundraisers at our school without our dedicated volunteers who give us so much of their time and effort on behalf of our students and staff. Please know how grateful we are to you, and may God bless and reward you for all your hard work and generosity!

Spring Flower Orders Due

Anyone who wishes to order flowers/plants from our eighth grade class must return the order form by Monday, April 26th. If you lost your form and still wish to order, please contact school for another one. Thank you for supporting this class fundraiser.

STM Athletics

Invitations were sent home earlier to our student athletes and their families for the annual Athletic Banquet, which this year will be held on April 26th at Riverside Ballroom. Reservations are due to Mr. Reigh by April 19th. Any students who wish to participate in any of our fall sports should come to the STM sports sign up in the school cafeteria between 4:00-6:00 on Thursday, April 29th.

Arbor Day Trees

The Arbor Day trees ordered will be sent home with K-5 students on Thursday, April 29th.

Parent League

In conjunction with National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, our Parent League will be providing lunch for our teachers and staff members on Tuesday, May 4th. Please contact Wendy Gierczak at 432-8242 if you are able to help provide food for the luncheon. Parent League is still in need of volunteers for next year. Please contact Wendy at the number listed above to find out more on how you can be part of our parent organization. Also, please note that the Parent League is having a fundraiser through Rosati's on May 19, with a portion of their sales for that day going to STM. (See enclosed flyer.) Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Hansen's Fundraiser

Information on this year's fundraiser will be sent home with students on Monday, May 3rd. Please read the info carefully and talk to family and friends about purchasing some of these great food items. (By the way, Hansen's Fundraising has no connection with the former Hansen's Stores in our area that have closed.) All orders will be due back to school on Tuesday, May 18th.

Spring Book Fair

Our "Buy One, Get One" Scholastic Book Fair will be May 3-7 in Room 115. Stop in and shop during the school day that week or between 6:00-6:30 before the May 5th spring concert. See the flyer enclosed for details and to sign up to help.

STM Spring Concert

Mark your calendars, everyone! Our vocal and instrumental concert will be held on Wednesday, May 5th at 6:30. Thank you to Ms. Strnad and Mrs. Maternoski for preparing our children for this annual spring event. More information will be coming home closer to the concert.

Early Dismissal

Friday, May 7 will be a noon early dismissal day. Our teachers have a meeting scheduled that afternoon.

Step Up Day

Our Step Up Day will be Monday, May 10th for students in grades K-3, and on Wednesday, May 12th for the 4th graders. Students will have an opportunity to spend some time in the next grade level classroom to get a taste of what to expect next year.

Parish Fundraisers

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral is having a "Dinner With the Bishop" raffle. Tickets are \$10 each or 3-\$25 and can be purchased after their Masses or through their parish office at 139 S. Madison Street. One raffle winner will be drawn on May 9th (Mothers' Day) and the winner will receive dinner for eight at the rectory with Fr. John Girotti and Bishop Ricken on Saturday, May 15th. If you have any questions, please call the SFX rectory at 432-4348.

St. Mary of the Angels Parish is raffling off a wooden glider bench made by Mr. Frank Theys, similar to the one raffled off recently through school by our 8th graders as a fundraiser for their class. (Congratulations to Mrs. Kristin Giganti, who was the 8th grade bench winner!) The bench can be seen in the back of SMA church and the drawing will be held during the SMA parish picnic on Sunday, June 13th. Bench raffle tickets are \$5 each, 6-\$20 or 10-\$30 and are available at the SMA parish office. Any questions, call the parish office, 437-1979.

See the enclosed flyer on the upcoming SS. Peter & Paul Sunday Brunch fundraiser on April 25th.

Aluminum Can Drive

Thank you to the Webster family for volunteering to do the April and May can collections for STM. The final collection of the year will be on Saturday, May 15th between 8:00-9:00 am in the STM parking lot.

Middle School Honors

The conclusion of our Mass on May 19th will feature a recognition of all our middle school students receiving high honors this year. Parents are welcome to attend this event.

STM Family Skate

Our final STM skate night is scheduled for Friday, May 21st between 6:00-9:00 p.m. Plan to attend!

May the Holy Spirit enrich your Easter Season.