



Our Patron Saint

The Barrister

"I am God's good servant first."

September 25, 2014

St. Abadios

I was martyred in Roman Emperor Diocletian time persecutions. When I confessed Christ and I was thrown from a rocky precipice.



Sts. Benedict and Scholastica



Dear STM Parents,
Our Under the Sea Casino Night will be held on Saturday, November 8 and we are still in need of **20 volunteers** for the 8:15 p.m. to midnight shift in the following areas. We can not do

this without you! Please volunteer by contacting Chris Companik at companiks@comcast.net

- Food service
- Raffle ticket sales
- Registration desk
- Event take down and clean up immediately following the event

Kristin Peters and Renee Whelan, Co-Chairs

8th Grade Parents

On Tuesday, September 30th at 7pm at the Weis Center, Mrs. Pagorek will host the first meeting for any 8th grade student wishing to go on the annual trip to Washington D.C.

PICTURE RE-TAKES

**MONDAY,
OCTOBER
13th**

At St. Thomas More School ...

Wednesday, October 1	\$1.00 Wear Pink Day Cancer Awareness
(Shorts and Capris only worn August, Sept., and May)	Uniform Dress Code: No shorts/capris until May 1, 2015
Friday, October 3	Spirit Wear Day
(Mon-Wed), October 6-8	6th Grade Qtr. Exams
Monday, October 6	Market Day Pick Up 4:30pm in Gym
Tuesday, October 7	8th Grade Confirmation Commitment Mass
Wednesday, October 8	Parent Association Meeting 7:00pm in Solar Room
Thursday, October 9	First Communion Parent Meeting 7:00pm in Gym
Friday, October 10	Quarter 1 Ends

We are excited to announce that The STM Athletic Spirit Wear online store is now open!

All STM athletic wear will now be purchased through this store. The store will be open starting today and will close at the end of the day on Sunday, September 28th. Payments can be made through PayPal or by credit card. Orders will be delivered 2-3 weeks from the store closing date. After September 28th, the store will not open again until the beginning of November. Please click on the link below to enter the online store.

<http://www.oharassportsinc.com/st-thomas-more-apparel/>

If you have any questions, please e-mail Tara at thepeep@hotmail.com or 219-670-2255.

Thank you for supporting STM Athletics!

Lake County Public Library
omartinez@lclin.org

1919 W. 81st Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410
219-769-3541 x330

We will be having our Fall Book sale on Oct. 2, 3, and 4th. On Sunday, October 5th we will open up to all the schools/organizations in the area. We will be there from 12pm-3pm and you can help yourself to whatever is available. If you can carry it out, it's yours. This is at no cost to you. So we hope to see you there. There is always a great deal of good material that can be of use to you and your school/organization. So mark it on your calendar, October 5, 2014 from 12noon to 3pm.

The Parents Association is your association

A letter from Parents Association

Parents-

Just a reminder to sell the 10 raffle tickets for our cash raffle that you received at the Back To School Fair. The tickets are \$20 each and winners will be drawn at Casino Night on Saturday, November 8:

1st prize - \$5,000.

2nd prize - \$3,000.

3rd prize - \$1,000.

10 \$100 prizes.

If you sell all 10 tickets and return the money and stubs to school by **Tuesday, September 30**, in an envelope with "Raffle Tickets" and your child/children's last name written clearly on the front, you will receive 1 chance in a raffle to win a \$1,000 tuition credit; you will receive an additional chance for every 5 additional tickets sold after the first 10. If you would like additional raffle tickets, please contact Shannon Pischner at angel23240@sbcglobal.net or 219.306.7551.

Parents' Association Meetings as follows:

- **Wednesday, October 8, at 7pm in the Solar Room (Bishop Noll Institute will have a brief presentation)**
- **Wednesday, December 10, at 7pm in the Cafeteria**

Don't forget to get your tickets for Casino Night:

- **Saturday, November 8**

GRÁSTA DÉ!

= GOD'S GRACE!

Middle school youth (grades 6-8) from around the diocese will gather at the annual "Grásta Dé!" diocesan Middle School Youth Ministry Day, and Saint Thomas More is bringing a group! Grásta Dé! (Gaelic for "God's Grace") will be held Sunday, Oct. 19 from 1-7pm at Andean HS, 5959 Broadway, Merrillville. Featuring upbeat music, youth-friendly learning sessions, pizza, dancing, skits, and meeting other youth from across the diocese who LOVE CHRIST and aren't afraid to show it! Includes Sunday Mass, and this year award-winning young Catholic artists on a national tour make a stop at Grásta Dé! Contact Emily Hackett at ehackett@stm-school.com **By October 1st** for more information and registration material, and visit www.grastade.com.



"Mr. Nordyke, some parents put the animoto videos we make of our children, in Pre-K, on Facebook, is that OK?"

No. Parents may post only if they have written permission that their children may be posted on Facebook, Twitter, etc.

... Parents are asked to have a rather "stern" discussion with their children who are going Munster Public Library at the end of the day awaiting their parent to pick them up. Reports coming into my office concerning the total misbehavior – loud talking, laughing, running around, lack of respect for the librarian on duty, playing music from their telephones, and more! The librarian has had enough. She will begin asking students who misbehave to leave the library. The student will have to wait for the parent outside. To avoid names coming into my office, I believe a talk by you will alleviate this unpleasant matter. St. Thomas More students do know proper behavior they display it every day in our building. Please remind your children that they represent St. Thomas More School both IN and OUTSIDE of our building.

Principal

S.T.M. LUNCH MENU – WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

Daily Ala Cartes: Salads—Large-\$2.30; Small-\$1.85

Yogurt--\$0.70

Milk--\$0.50

Monday, Sept. 29

Popcorn Chicken
Whipped Potatoes/Gravy
Broccoli/Green Beans
Mixed Fruit
Milk

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Hot Dog/Chili Dog
Baked Beans
Cucumbers/Dip
Pears
Fruit Snack Bag
Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 1

Taco Salad
(Chips, Lettuce, Chili, Cheese)
OR (NEW) Cheese Ravioli
Carrot Sticks
Peaches
Muffin
Milk

Monday Volunteers

Amy Osmulski
Tammy Savickis
Rich Diaz

Tuesday Volunteers

Alice Balbo
Penny Covelli
Renee Larson Shaver

Wednesday Volunteers

Michele Lobo
Agnes Nahnsen
Rich Diaz

Thursday, Oct. 2

Sandwich Choice:
Breaded or Grilled Chicken
Shredded Lettuce
French Fries
Corn/Carrots
Apple Crisp/Applesauce
Milk

Friday, Oct. 3

Pancakes w/Syrup
Sausage Patty
Potato Triangle
Juice Choice
Pineapple Tidbits
Milk

Ala Carte Sandwich: \$1.55

Thursday Volunteers

Yesenia Olivencia
Kelli Galanos
Leslie Dragos

Friday Volunteers

Melissa Reardon
Dan Rusnak
Martha Smith



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Menu subject to change

Hot Lunch Prices: **Student- \$2.00; Adult- \$2.60**

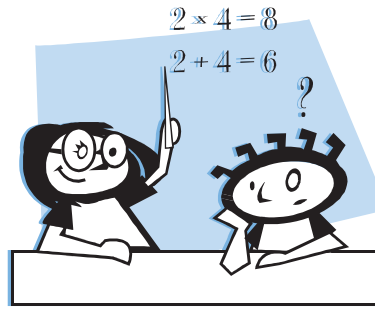
Cash or Checks made out to STM are accepted

Families with more than one student eating hot lunch are encouraged to send in ONE check (or cash) in one envelope. Money will be divided between siblings accordingly.

There is a \$-10.00 charge limit per account. If students do not bring in money after 5 charges, they will not be allowed in the hot lunch line until payment is made. However, students will be offered a cheese sandwich if they have nothing else to eat.

Students should turn in payment in a SEALED envelope labeled with the following information: **LUNCH MONEY, STUDENT FIRST AND LAST NAME, TEACHER NAME, AMOUNT ENCLOSED.**

Check **STM School website** for the monthly menu under Student tab/Nutrition; check the Barrister for the weekly menu and volunteer list. Go to www.myschoolbucks.com to check student account balances and to make credit card payments.



PEER TUTORING HAS ARRIVED

THE NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY WILL BE SPONSORING TUTORING SESSIONS FOR STUDENT IN GRADES 1 THROUGH 8 WHO NEED ACADEMIC HELP.

STUDENTS WHO NEED HELP WILL BE PAIRED UP WITH NJHS MEMBERS AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS WHO ARE STRONG IN THE AREAS OF HELP NEEDED.

SESSION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MORNINGS FROM 7:30-8:00

THURSDAY MORNINGS FROM 8:00-8:30

**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS FROM
3:05-3:35**

ONE SESSION PER CHILD

THIS PROGRAM WILL BEGIN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

PLEASE TALK TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER IF YOU FEEL YOUR CHILD CAN BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM.

STUDENTS WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO ATTEND IF A TEACHER RECOMMENDS THEM.

STUDENTS WILL BE PLACED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS. IF SPACE IS UNAVAILABLE, STUDENTS WILL BE PUT ON A WAITING LIST.

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE FILL OUT THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE OFFICE BY **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST.**

YOU WILL THEN BE INFORMED OF THE DAY YOUR CHILD WILL BE TUTORED THROUGH E-MAIL.

THANK YOU,
NJHS

PLEASE PRINT

NAME OF STUDENT _____ GRADE _____

SUBJECT OF NEEDED ASSISTANCE _____

RECOMMENDED BY TEACHER _____

CONVENIENT DAY/TIME OF TUTORING _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

HOME PHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Concussion Awareness

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury. Concussions are caused by a bump or blow to the head. With the start of basketball the CYO is requiring all parents and athletes to sign a Concussion Acknowledgement and Signature Form. Along with this form there is a fact sheet for parents and athletes with important information on signs and symptoms of a concussion. This information will be sent home for the parents and athletes to review. After reviewing the information and filling out the form, please send the signature form back to school or return to your child's coach. Athletes will not be allowed to participate until the form is returned.

***Below is a link to a free course on Concussion in Sports
nfhslearn.com/courses***

“It's better to miss one game than the whole season”

Email athletics@stm-school.com with questions!!

Online Store Closes Sunday, September 28th!!!

<http://www.oharassportsinc.com/st-thomas-more-apparel/>

**Our spirit wear online store will close on Sunday, September 28th.
It will be open again later this year.**



- Serving Northwest Indiana and the Chicagoland Area
- Recreational introduction to soccer – indoor
- No experience necessary – fun introduction to soccer
- Twice per week – practice and games
- Be a member of a team!



WINTER 2014 – 2015 – Train and Play all winter! BOYS & GIRLS PROGRAM – AGES 5-13

Hosted at newly renovated – World Class indoor sports complex
Ho Chunk Sports and Expo Center – 19800 Stony Island Rd. Lynwood, IL
Brand new top of the line turf fields – no walls, outdoor soccer played inside!

This program is designed for young players to introduce them to the game of soccer. Practices are based on fun games in a playful environment. Players practice together in teams and will also spend time with their own ball working on skills and proper footwork. Players develop a sense of a team and the game of soccer. The emphasis is placed on fun small-sided games with simple tactical tips from the coaches.

Two Seasons to choose from

Season 1:

November-January, 2014/2015

Season 2:

February-March, 2015

2 Days Per week!

Practice on Tuesdays

Games on Saturdays

Program Fee:

\$125 per season

Includes team jersey

Discounted for registering into both seasons.

Some additional equipment and uniform pieces needed.

Age Divisions:

Separate Boys & Girls Divisions

5/6 7/8 9/12

Custom top quality medals for all players in program.

For Detailed information

including specific dates & times
and to register please visit website

www.midwestwings.net



Space is limited to 40 per age group. Fills quickly.

Register online now to secure a spot on kidSoccer

Our staff is made up of players who love and play them game themselves. Since it's an introduction they follow a specific curriculum which teaches turns, dribbling, shooting, passing, and great footwork.



Our coaches focus on teaching & fun.

They know they are the first image of soccer to these young players, as a result take great pride in working with them.... and just like that A CAREER IS BORN!

Prefer to register in person?

Season 1 in person Registration at Ho Chunk: Wednesday, Oct. 8 from 6PM-9PM

Season 2 in person Registration at Ho Chunk: Tuesday, Jan. 6th from 6PM-9PM

Additional Questions? 708-805-1605 or email soccerutd@aol.com

Interested in a position in coaching/Sponsorship?

Apply at www.midwestwings.net

go to kidSoccer link and apply for coaching position.

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SAVE THE DATE

CASINO NIGHT

Saturday, November 8
6:00 p.m to Midnight
St. Thomas More School Gym

Please join us for the first STM Parents' Association fund raising event of the year.

Our second Casino Night will consist of casino games including blackjack, poker, roulette, money wheels and dice. The event will also include a silent auction, basket and cash raffle and is guaranteed to be an evening of great adult fun.

The event is from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. and is being held in the school gym. Tickets will be \$15 when ordered online at stm-school.com or \$20 at the door and includes food, beer, wine and soda. Tickets will go on sales as soon as the gaming license is obtained. We will let you know when you can order online.

Our Casino Night goal is to raise \$30,000. With the help of volunteers and the generosity of local businesses this will hopefully be the second of many successful Casino Nights we will host for our community.

Please be a part of making it happen!

If you have questions, please contact:

Kristin Peters at (201) 214-1376 or email at kpeters999@gmail.com

Renee Whelan at (219) 796-6809 or email at whelanliuna41@att.net

VOLUNTEER FORM

CASINO NIGHT

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Before the event

- Make and assemble decorations at your leisure
- Assemble baskets
- Pick-up food donations morning of Saturday, November 8
- Event set-up Friday, November 7 after school
- STM student babysitters Friday, November 7 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Food Committee member: obtaining local food donations

Evening of the event

Circle One Shift: 5:30 to 8:30 pm 8:15 to 12:00 am 11:30-1:30am

- Food Service (Prepare food, work buffet line, restock food, Etc.)
- Raffle and Basket Ticket Sales
- Coat Check
- Registration Desk
- Event take down and clean up immediately following event

***It takes many people to successfully orchestrate this event,
please volunteer your time.***

Please return form to the School Office attention:

Chris Companik or email questions at companiks@comcast.net

DONATION FORM

CASINO NIGHT

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Basket and Auction Donations

We are looking for donations to include as basket or silent auction items. Sample items are as follows, but would be interested in other suggestions. Please contact Eliza Krawczyk at eliza.krawczyk@ge.com

- Sport or event tickets
 - Autographed items
 - Travel items ie timeshares, tickets or frequent flyer milers
 - Monetary or gift card donation
 - Other
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Food and Drink Donations

- Business donation of food appetizers, entrees, deserts for the event
- Soda cans
- Water bottles

Food and drink donations should be dropped off at the school gym Friday, November 7 between 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, November 9 between 9:00 a.m. and noon.

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