



St. Thomas More School Weekly News • February 26, 2016

The Barrister

School News

ISTEP Testing

Please make sure your child is well rested and has eaten a good breakfast in preparation for testing. Please do not make doctor, dentist or orthodontic appointments for the morning hours February 29 – March 11 as we will be testing during that time.

Earn \$250 Tuition Credit!

Remember, you can earn a \$250 tuition credit if you refer a family and they register and attend school next fall. Be sure the new family lists your name on their application.

Registration for 2016-2017

Find Tuition Information for the 2016-2017 School Year at <http://stm-school.com/TuitionInfo16-17.pdf> All registrations received on or before February 29, 2016 will be eligible for a \$50/child registration fee discount.

Yard Signs - 3 Service Hours (SH)

Yard sign teams will be delivering signs to those who signed-up (Munster & Dyer only) within the next few days. If you would still like a sign in your yard, you can obtain one in the School Office. Signs should stay in your yard for at least 3 weeks or until Spring Break. The longer the sign remains in your yard the better! Earn 3 service hours just for displaying a "Register Now" sign.

Service Hours

If you have any questions concerning Service Hours or if you did not receive an email documenting your hours to date, please email: servicehours@stm-school.com.

Science Club

STM Science Club - The sign up meeting will be on Friday, March 4, 4:15 – 5:30 p.m. in the Solar Room. Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will meet once a month on Wednesday afternoons after school 3- 4:15 p.m. on March 9, April 6 and May 4. The membership fee is \$30 due on sign up day. Questions: contact Izabella Jannotta at izajannotta@gmail.com.

Bishop Noll Institute

BNI has added an entrance exam on Saturday, March 5 at noon. Prospective students must contact the Admissions Office at admissions@bishoppnoll.org or call the school office at 219-932-9058. to reserve a spot. The exam fee is \$25 All freshman are enrolled in the introductory STEM class.

Weekly Calendar

February 29 to March 11	ISTEP+ Testing Applied Skills
March 7-9	6th Grade Quarter Exams
March 8-13	Scholastic Book Fair
March 9	Parent Association Meeting 7:00 p.m. Solar Room

FAQ

How are students identified for Honors (High Ability) Courses at Munster High School?

Students in 8th grade will be assessed for placement in the high ability program utilizing NWEA, assessing achievement in reading, math and science as well as InView, which provides a Quantitative Reasoning score and a Verbal score used to make placement decisions.

Munster High School no longer uses a Cognitive Skills Index (CSI) as this is a non-reliable indicator of a student's intellectual ability. Students may qualify with a Verbal Reasoning or Quantitative Reasoning score at the 96th percentile. Achievement scores on NWEA must also be at the 96th percentile or above. Students who meet these criteria are direct placements into high ability. Students who score within a *Standard Error of Measure (SEM)* with a Verbal Reasoning or Quantitative Reasoning score between the 90th and 95th percentile will be further evaluated using SIGS (Scales for Identifying Gifted Students) to inform the decision making process. SIGS is not used to determine placement and as such is not shared with parents.

Per Munster, high ability educational program placements are a committee decision and may not be disputed.

Athletics

- CYO Girls Basketball Tournament begins on Saturday, March 5. Good Luck Lady Eagles!
- Registration for Track will be in early March. Please stay tuned for more details.
- **Save The Date:** 8th Grade Athletic Banquet is Friday, May 6th at 6:00p.m. in the gym.

"We will either accuse ourselves or excuse ourselves."

St. John Vianney



Week of February 29, 2016

Weekly Menu

Daily Menu

Monday, February 29

Popcorn Chicken,
Whipped Potatoes
Broccoli/Edamame
Mixed Fruit, Milk

Monday Volunteers

Marie Ramirez
Arlene Bridges
Bonnie Ciesar

Tuesday, March 1

Hamburger/Cheeseburger
Lettuce, Tomato Slice
French Fries, Pickle Spear
Pears, Pudding Choice, Milk

Tuesday Volunteers

Penny Covelli
Mary Castaneda
Grace Menclawicz

Wednesday, March 2

Chicken Tacos or Beef Taco Sticks/Salsa
Lettuce/Cheese Cup
Tater Tots, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk

Wednesday Volunteers

Laura Guerrero-Gay
Brandy Huss
Jenny Moreno

Thursday, March 3

Sandwich Choice:
Spicy or Regular Chicken Patty
Tortilla Chips with
Black Bean Salsa
Corn, Peaches, Milk

Thursday Volunteers

Kelli Galanos
Charlene Savarino

Friday, March 4

Grilled Cheese or
Cheese Quesadilla
Sweet Potato Fries
Peas/Carrots
Fresh Fruit, Milk

Friday Volunteers

Susan Payne
Cristina Tumacder
Mercy Gonzalez

Ala Carte

Salads: Large - \$2.30 Small - \$1.85
Yogurt: \$.70
Milk: \$.50
Water: \$.50

Reminders

- **Menu subject to change**
- **Hot Lunch Prices:**
Student - \$ 2.00
Adult - \$ 2.60
- **Cash or Check Payments Accepted**
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 as follows:**

Lunch Money
Student's First & Last Name
Homeroom Teacher's Name
Amount Enclosed
- Check the St. Thomas More School website for the Monthly Menu under the tab: "Student/Nutrition".
- Check the weekly Barrister for the weekly menu and volunteer list.
- Go to www.myschoolbucks.com to check your student's account balances and to make credit card payments.