



The Barrister

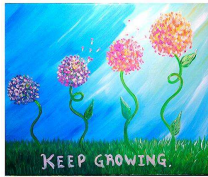
School News

8th Grade Bake Sale This Weekend

Help the St. Thomas More School 8th Grade fund their end of the year field trip to Chicago by purchasing delicious homemade baked goods this weekend, **April 2nd & 3rd**, after the Saturday and 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & Noon Masses. Thank you in advance for your support!



Parent Organization Canvas Painting Party



Canvas Painting Party at the Weis Center for STM family and friends.

Age: Open to all from 12 noon-3pm painting "Keep Growing"

Age: 7th Grade and older from 3:30-6:30pm painting "Mystic Sunset"

Come join us for a fun day of art with a step by step instructor format. Cost will be \$35 per person, per painting - min/max capacity. View the paintings and registration information on the STM website next week! Contact: Carla Covelli at 630-750-1355 with questions .

Display Your Car Magnet

For the next few weeks, Mr. Harker will be randomly handing out N.U.T. cards to parents that have their St. Thomas More School magnet displayed on the back of their car when they pick up in the afternoon.



For those that do not pick up in the afternoon, send to the School Office a picture of the magnet on the back of your car and include your name, your student's name, and contact information. There will be a drawing to receive N.U.T. cards!

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.

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.

"Charity is that with which no man is lost, and without which no man is saved."

-St. Robert Bellarmine

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Weekly Calendar

April 2-3 8th Grade Bake Sale After Masses

April 3 Divine Mercy Sunday

April 8 \$1 Dress Down to Benefit St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen

April 18-May 13 ISTEP+ Testing

FAQ

Parishioner Rate of Tuition

In order to receive the discounted rate of tuition, you must be an active parishioner. The definition of an active parishioner at St. Thomas More Church is as follows:

- The family is regularly attending Mass and is contributing to the parish on Sundays using their adult parish envelopes. Note that there is no specific dollar amount required as a parish contribution. You are asked to contribute an amount that reflects the way you have been blessed. If you are unable to contribute, your empty envelope that you place in the collection basket on Sunday will reflect your attendance. You receive credit for one Mass attended no matter how many envelopes you turn in. Envelopes turned in outside of Mass will not be counted towards your attendance.
- There is a current *Sacrificial Giving Card* on file.
- Each family participates in at least one parish ministry or organization. We understand that many of you volunteer at the school, but you also need to be participating as part of the parish community. We want you to be part of the parish community long after your child graduates.

Parishioner status forms will be sent home with your student in the next few weeks.

Athletics

Track Season Is Here!

Open registration begins now through Tuesday, April 5th. Please submit the \$30 registration fee to the School Office in an envelope labeled "Athletics", to reserve your spot on the team. This fee also includes a track uniform shirt. If you have played a CYO sport this school year, no other forms are required. If this is your first CYO sport, you will be required to fill out all CYO forms (available in the school office.) An email will be sent regarding sizing for the track uniform. **GO EAGLES!**

Girls on the Run

For the 2016/2017 school year and for the first time, we will be forming two **Girls on the Run**/STM Teams. One for grades 3rd through 5th and the second for grades 6th through 8th (named Heart and Sole).

Girls on the Run® is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to creating a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams. Both **Girls on the Run** programs will begin in early September and will last for a period of 10-12 weeks. Girls will meet twice per week for 90 minutes. This is an after-school program like no other. Designed to allow every girl to recognize her inner strength, the program curriculum inspires girls to define their lives on their own terms.

Physical activity is woven into both programs to inspire an appreciation of fitness and to build habits that lead to a lifetime of health. At the end of the 10-12 week session, the girls participate in a **Girls on the Run** 5k event. This celebratory, non-competitive event is the culminating experience of the curriculum. Completing the 5k gives the girls a tangible understanding of the confidence that comes through accomplishment as well as a framework for setting and achieving life goals. Crossing the finish line is a defining moment when the girls realize that even the seemingly impossible IS possible.

3rd through 5th Program

The **Girls on the Run** lessons encourage positive emotional, social, mental and physical development. Participants explore and discuss their own beliefs around experiences and challenges girls face at this age. They also develop important strategies and skills to help them navigate life experiences. We start with helping the girls get a better understanding of who they are and what's important to them. Then, we look at the importance of teamwork and healthy relationships. And, finally, the girls explore how they can positively connect with and shape the world.

6th through 8th Program

Heart & Sole is **Girls on the Run's** new program for middle school girls! **Heart & Sole** creates a positive, structured space for middle school girls to learn about themselves, explore new ideas, cultivate empathy, strengthen connections and develop life skills that will help them as they move through adolescence and beyond.

The **Heart & Sole** curriculum is rich with themes girls can relate to, addressing the whole girl—body, brain, heart, spirit and social connection—and building important life skills such as team building, developing a support system, boundary setting, decision making, asking for and providing help and more.

The Girls on the Run program and the Heart and Sole Program requires 2-3 trained coaches for every 8-15 girls. At this point, you do not need to register. We are gauging interest from the girls and want to make sure we have enough coaches for all to participate. If your daughter is interested in participating in Girls on the Run or the Heart and Sole program, please contact:

Grades 3rd through 5th: Kristin Peters at kpeters999@gmail.com or 201 214-1376

Grades 6th through 8th: Chris Companik at companiks@comcast.net or 219 776-0206

We Are An Easter People

Have you ever asked God "What would you like me to do?"

How are you answering His call?

**Find profound fulfillment by
shifting your focus to the needs of others.**

Join us for a three hour Mission presented by Fr. Ed. Tluczek.

Saturday, April 9, 2016

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (lunch provided)

Come find the inner Disciple in you.

Find the tools to redirect your life's purpose in just a few short hours.



Please return this form to the Parish Office by **Monday, April 4th** or
email your information to: parishoffice@stm-church.com

Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

Including yourself, how many people will be attending: The Mission only? _____ The Lunch, too? _____

Please reply by Monday, April 4th.



Week of April 4, 2016

Weekly Menu

Daily Menu

Monday, April 4

Chicken Patty
Whipped Potatoes/Gravy
Broccoli/Edamame
Cookie, Peaches, Milk

Monday Volunteers

Jennifer Sisson
Harini Lokuthota
Felisha Mongerie

Tuesday, April 5

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

Tuesday Volunteers

Penny Covelli
Gina Cipowski
Harini Lokuthota

Wednesday, April 6

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

Wednesday Volunteers

Jennifer Garcia
Brandy Huss
Angelica Sandoval

Thursday, April 7

Pasta with Meat Sauce
Salad Mix/Green Beans
Muffin, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Thursday Volunteers

Kelli Galanos
Stephanie Ramirez
Charlene Savarino

Friday, April 8

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

Friday Volunteers

Julia Gudino
Delia Hernandez
Maria Tapia

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.