

The Barrister

School News

No Buses - Tuesday, May 31st.

Because of the increased number of cars, the **NORTH parking lot** will be available for **MORNING DROP-OFF ONLY**. The afternoon 3p.m. pick-up will still be in the **SOUTH PARKING LOT only!**

The gym doors under the carport will be open from **7:30-8:10 a.m.** **Only students may enter at the gym doors!** Please think about using this option or plan to arrive a little bit earlier than normal to avoid the 8 o'clock crush.

Bus Registration

Bus registration forms for the 2016-17 school year are available in the school office or in the May 13th Barrister.

Uniform Exchange/Swap

Drop-off your child's gently used uniforms (all seasons/all sizes) in the School Office from June 1st through the 20th. Clothes will be sorted and ready to pick-up in the cafeteria on Thursday, July 7th, from 6-8 p.m., Friday, July 8th, from 12-4 p.m. and Saturday, July 9th, from 11 a.m.-2p.m.

T.R.I.P. News

T.R.I.P. will be processed twice over the summer: Tuesday, July 5th and Monday, August 1st. Orders need to be in by 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Office. The pick up dates will be Thursday, July 7th and Wednesday, August 3rd after 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. When turning in an order for processing, please remember to use your family envelope and include your printed family order receipt. If you did not pay by Presto Pay, also include your payment. Remember that Presto Pay card reloads and Scrip Now can be completed online anytime! Regular processing will begin on August 22nd after the children return to school.

Outstanding Tuition & Fees

All tuition, fees, cafeteria and Kids Time is to be paid before the end of school, unless other arrangements have been made. Report cards and Summer Packets will be held until all outstanding charges are paid. If you have any questions, please email or call Mary Jo Biscan at 219-836-9151, Ext. 311 or email at mbiscan@stm-school.com.

Vacation Bible School

The St. Thomas More Vacation Bible School is looking for adult volunteers to be teachers and aides July 11-15. All volunteers must be VIRTUS trained.

Please contact Alice Balbo at albcm@att.net if you are able to help.

Weekly Calendar

May 27	Baccalaureate Mass 7:00p.m. Church
May 28	Commencement Exercises 10:00a.m. Gym
May 30	Memorial Day - No School
May 31	No Buses All School Mass; Field Day Grades 4-8; All School Picnic; Last Day of School
June 22-26	St. Thomas Moore Fun Days
July 11-15	Vacation Bible School

Walk a Mile for Planting Possibilities

Thank you for your support of the Walk a Mile for Planting Possibilities. St. Thomas More raised \$3,000 and Eads raised \$2,000, at the walk on Tuesday. STM Alumni, Brad Hemingway, from Planting Possibilities, was grateful to see STM's support and generosity!

Get Involved!

Watch your email for an invitation to an informational meeting discussing how to get involved with the School Advisory Council, Athletic Commission or the Parents Association.

Boy Scouts American Flag Retirement

The Boy Scouts will conduct a American Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14th at STM. A collection box for the old, worn out flags will be outside the school office.

Important Information

The most up-to date **Calendar** is on the school website. Click on the date for detailed information.

The **Supply List** will be posted on the school website in June.

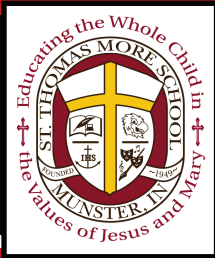
Back to School Fair: To Be Determined

School begins: August 15, 2016.

Christmas Break: December 22, 2016 - January 4, 2017

Spring Break: March 27-31, 2017 (School resumes Monday, April 3, 2017)

**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK
TO OUR GRADUATES!
HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER!**



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Two St. Thomas More School “Legends” Retire

Best Wishes Mrs. Barkey & Mrs. Steinhauer



Mrs. Marchell Barkey



Mrs. Cheryl Steinhauer

Mrs. Marchell Barkey, 4th Grade, and Mrs. Cheryl Steinhauer, 1st Grade, will be leaving St. Thomas More School at the end of this school year to start a new chapter of their lives as they retire from teaching. With a combined 60 years of teaching excellence at St. Thomas More School alone, these caring and accomplished educators will be greatly missed. We appreciate their continued dedication to our school and thank them for sharing their wisdom and love with the thousands of students who have passed through their classrooms. They will always be a part of STMS history and, of course, a part of our school family and our hearts. We wish them both many, many years of good health and happiness as they embark on this new adventure. We'll miss you!



Ms. Gina Wisniewski



Mrs. Julie Mattimore



Mr. Dan Koblack



Mrs. Patricia Fointno



Mr. Ramon Gonzalez



Mrs. Maria Patiño

Goodbye and Good Luck!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank these individuals who have given so much to St. Thomas More School. As these individuals begin a new life's journey, we send our good wishes. We will miss them. They will always be part of our St. Thomas More family. Our thanks to all!

Ms. Gina Wisniewski - 1st Grade Teacher Ms. Wisniewski will be leaving for personal reasons. Best wishes!

Mrs. Julie Mattimore - 3rd Grade Teacher Mrs. Mattimore will be leaving the area to relocate out-of-state with her husband. We wish her happiness in her new home.

Mr. Dan Koblack - Physical Education Teacher Mr. Koblack will be leaving his position to join his wife who is deployed overseas. Godspeed on your journey.

Mrs. Patricia Fointno - Music Teacher Mrs. Fointno, and her many musical talents, will be leaving STMS to complete her PhD. Best wishes!

Mr. Ramon Gonzalez - Computer Applications Mr. Gonzalez will be leaving his computer applications position for another career opportunity. Good luck!

Mrs. Maria Patiño - Spanish Teacher Mrs. Patiño will be leaving for personal reasons. Best wishes!



“A” Rating
from the
State of Indiana
Department of Education

St. Thomas More School

A State-Accredited Catholic Grade School — Preschool to 8th Grade

Dress Code/School Uniforms

As a Roman Catholic School, we emphasize the importance and virtue of modesty in behavior and dress. Our school uniform represents the St. Thomas More School educational community and is worn by our students in Preschool through 8th grade (with modifications for Preschool and Pre-K). The STMS Dress Code is in effect from the first day of school to the last with the occasional exception of specified out-of-uniform days.

Uniforms can be purchased at any store. “St. Thomas More plaid” items can be found at area uniform stores. No visible manufacturer’s insignias are permitted.

Students are expected to always look presentable with shirts tucked-in, belts and neatly styled hair.

Girls Dress Code

Top:

- Maroon or white polo shirt, turtleneck or blouse (short or long sleeve)
- Maroon V-neck cardigan, pull-over sweater or vest

Bottom:

- Navy (PS-6) or medium khaki (7-8) or “STMS Belair Plaid” shorts (until November 1st and after April 1st)
- Navy (PS-6) or medium khaki (7-8) uniform pants with belt loops (corduroys are acceptable)
- Jumper or skort in navy or “STMS Belair Plaid”

Accessories/Shoes:

- Socks: Navy, maroon or white ankle socks, knee socks or opaque tights. Socks must be worn with all shoes. Ankles must be covered at all times.
- Shoes: Navy, black or brown dress shoes. Heel height not to exceed 2” (no sling-backs, clogs, flip flops or sandals).
Solid white or solid black athletic shoes. No secondary color allowed!
- Accessories: One small ring, small stud earrings (one piercing per ear), simple crucifix or medal on a chain is allowed. Watch with small, modest face allowed. No bracelets or other jewelry permitted.
Navy, maroon, black, brown, gray or white solid-color barrettes, headband or scrunchie allowed.
Belts must be solid black, navy or brown with a small buckle.



Boys Dress Code

Top:

- Maroon or white polo shirt or turtleneck (short or long sleeve)
- Maroon V-neck cardigan, pull-over sweater or vest

Bottom:

- Navy (PS-6) or medium khaki (7-8) shorts (until November 1st and after April 1st)
- Navy (PS-6) or medium khaki (7-8) uniform pants with belt loops (corduroys are acceptable)

Accessories/Shoes:

- Socks: Navy, white or black crew socks. Socks must be worn with all shoes. Ankles must be covered at all times.
- Shoes: Navy, black or brown dress shoes.
Solid white or solid black athletic shoes. No secondary color allowed!
- Accessories: Simple crucifix or medal on a chain is allowed. Watch with small, modest face allowed. No other jewelry is permitted.
Belts of solid black, navy or brown with a small buckle.

Not Allowed

Hiking boots, combat boots or boots with lug soles • Moccasins • Sling-back shoes, clogs, flip flops/sandals
Hats worn inside • Facial hair • Hair longer than mid-ear for boys • Cornrows/shaved head
Cargo pants or cargo shorts • Make-up/nail polish • Spray bottles of perfume/hairspray • Carrying of a purse
Temporary or permanent tattoos

Modifications to this dress code for Preschool & Pre-K:

No belts required (elastic waist allowed), colorful shoes allowed.

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