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School News

Veterans, Active Military, Police, Fire & Emergency Personnel - You're Invited

During Catholic Schools Week, St. Thomas More School will be honoring those in our community who keep our families safe and secure by paying special tribute to them at the All School Mass on Tuesday, January 31st, at 8:30a.m. A reception will follow in the Solar Room. Please RSVP to Jennifer Gonzalez at (219) 836-9151, #328 or jgonzalez@stm-school.com no later than Monday, January 30th at 3:00p.m.

Opportunity for Service Hours

The following classrooms are in need of a volunteer to sort and bundle classroom submissions for Soup Labels/ Box Tops: Ms. Keilman (7) and Ms. Noble (K). A volunteer is also needed to box and ship the ink cartridges that are being recycled. If you would like to help please contact Shannon Pischner at shannonpischner@icloud.com

STM Spirit Wear Online Store

The STM Spirit Wear Online Store will be open for 2 weeks starting Saturday, January 28, and closing on Saturday, February 11. Website: www.mikessptgoods.net Click on "Spirit Wear Stores" Click on "St. Thomas More" Please note all sales are final. No exchanges or returns are accepted. Orders are anticipated to be sent home with the students 3-4 weeks after the online closes, but delivery date is subject to change. Please contact Kim Power at kimpower21@gmail.com with any questions. Please consult the STM Handbook with any questions regarding dress code.

Sign Up Genius or Online Enrollment

If you are having problems signing up to volunteer on Sign-Up Genius, or on the new RenWeb Online Enrollment, please come to the Main School Office and utilize the laptop on the counter. You will also be able to receive some assistance if you are having problems.

New Tuition Rates & Online Enrollment

Look for emails concerning the new tuition rates and enrollment process.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE FAMILY DANCE
& AT THE OPEN HOUSE!**

*"Hopes are never foolish. Prayers never wasted."
Dawn Strobbe*

Looking Ahead



- January 28** Family Dance-Kick Off Catholic School Week 6:30-8:30p.m. Gym
- January 29** Ushers Pancake Breakfast 7:30a.m – 11:30a.m. School Open House 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. 2017-2018 Registration Begins
- January 30** Celebrating Vocations
- January 31** Celebrating Community/Nation Mass and Breakfast for Police, Fire and Veterans Cookies for Bus Drivers and Community
- February 1** Celebrating Our Students Coffee with Jay & Noreen - 7:30a.m. – 8:30a.m. Pre-School to 6th Grade Dress Down Mass for 7th/8th Grade at Bishop Noll Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat 1:30p.m. in the Gym
- February 2** Celebrating Our Families Very Special Person Day
- February 3** Celebrating Our Teachers Spirit Wear Day Hoops For Heart Kick Off 8th Grade Volleyball Teams vs Teachers
- February 5** Awards Mass Noon
- February 11** Middle School Dance (7th & 8th Grade) Gym
- February 20** President's Day - No School
- February 27-
March 10** ISTEP+ Testing
- March 1** Ash Wednesday-All School Mass

Athletics

Save The Dates

The STM Athletics 2-Ball Competition for all students grades 5-8 was held on Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00p.m. and will be held on Sunday, January 29 at 6:00p.m. in the gym. Each 2-person team is only required to attend **ONE** of the preliminaries. The annual Appreciation Night will be held on Friday, February 3. Please refer to the flyer that was sent home for more details on both the 2-Ball preliminaries and Appreciation Night.



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The Angel Award



The Office of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Gary is pleased to announce the annual **Angel Award** process.

The Angel Award, named in honor of the Holy Angels – the patrons of the Diocese of Gary – will be given to recognize three outstanding, creative and innovative teachers in the Diocese of Gary.

Nominations for this award may be submitted by students (past and present), parents, colleagues, principals, school committee members, pastors, parishioners—anyone whose life has been touched by an outstanding Catholic school teacher. The winners of the awards will receive a monetary award, a scholarship award for classes at Calumet College of St. Joseph, a beautiful plaque suitable for display purposes, as well as public recognition. **Nomination forms are due in the Schools Office by May 15, 2017.**

Nomination forms may be picked up from any school principal or online from the diocesan web site: www.dcgary.org, Schools Office Resources. Additional information may be obtained by calling 219-769-9292, ext. 232.

**FORMS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL
WHERE THE TEACHER IS EMPLOYED.**



Yearbook preorders are now OPEN!

St. Thomas More School
2016-17 Yearbook

ORDERS DUE BY: February 1st

Simply go to:

memorymakersinc.simplephoto.com

and enter code:

yb2017

Books starting as low as \$20!

Any questions, please email Memory Makers Inc. info@photosbymemorymakers.com



Week of January 30, 2017

Weekly Menu

Daily Menu

Monday, January 30

Chicken Patty
Whipped Potatoes/Gravy
Broccoli/Edamame
Mandarin Oranges
Fortune Cookie, Milk

Monday Volunteers

Michelle O'Connor
Izabela Jannotta
Julie Goodwin

Tuesday, January 31

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

Tuesday Volunteers

Penny Covelli
Celeste Peltzer
Kelly Green

Wednesday, February 1

Beef Tacos— Hard/Soft
Lettuce/Cheese Cup
Tater Tots, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Wednesday Volunteers

John O'Connor
Michelle O'Connor

Thursday, February 2—Very Special Person Day

Sausage or Cheese Pizza
Salad/Corn
Peaches
Rice Krispie Treat, Milk

Thursday Volunteers

Chris Balbo
Alice Balbo

Friday, February 3

Hot Pretzel with Cheese
Cottage Cheese
Yogurt Choice
Salad Mix
Mixed Fruit, Milk

Friday Volunteers

Cristina Tumacder
Susan Payne
Nikki Long

Ala Carte

Salads: Large - \$2.50/Small - \$2.00
Yogurt: \$.70
Milk: \$.50
Water: \$.50

Reminders

- **Menu subject to change**
- **Hot Lunch Prices:**
Student - \$2.20
Adult - \$2.85
- **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.
- State requirements mandate that sweetened/artificially sweetened carbonated beverages are not sold nor made available during lunch periods. **Please note if a student has soda or pop, it will be disposed of and they will be able to purchase milk or water.**

St Thomas More School Raffle Information

Dear STMS Families:

Our annual cash raffle is upon us and we want to provide all the details to you! The St. Thomas More School Raffle will be conducted similar to years past.

- Each family will receive 10 tickets
- Tickets are \$20.00 each
- Prizes are as follows:
 - 1st prize - \$5,000
 - 2nd prize - \$3,000
 - 3rd prize - \$1,000
 - 10-\$100 prizes
- You will receive credit for 2 volunteer hours *per ticket* you sell
- Tickets will be available for pickup at Open House on Sunday January 29th (table located at school entrance doors by trophy case)
- Tickets will also be available for pickup at Special Person's Day on Thursday February 2nd (table located in the gym)
- Winners will be announced March 18, 2017 at 10:00 p.m. (social center; winners need not be present)
- Additional tickets will be available for pickup in the school office

Our Goal: The goal of the raffle is to encourage you to sell to the community outside of St. Thomas More School. Whether it be co-workers, neighbors, family, friends, people you meet at a Super Bowl party or the like, we hope that you are inspired to reach out to others to help us raise money through this endeavor. The objective of fundraising through the STMS Raffle is to have others, not you as parents, purchase the tickets.

Incentive: For every five (5) tickets sold *and turned in by February 24th*, you will receive one (1) entry in a raffle for a \$1,000 tuition credit!

- Raffle ticket stubs/money must be turned into school office
- Tickets must be in an envelope clearly labeled with your child's first and last names written on the front
- Tickets must be turned in by February 24th
- Volunteer hours will only be credited if the above specifications are followed
- Entry into the tuition credit raffle will only be allowed if the above specifications are followed

Thank you so much in advance for helping to make our St. Thomas More School Raffle a success!

See you at Open House,

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