



# The Barrister

## School News

### Science Olympiad Team

Good Luck to the Science Olympiad Team as they will compete in the Science Olympiad State Competition in Bloomington on Saturday, March 18. Go SO Team!

### Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Fehr and the parent volunteers for coordinating our Spring Scholastic Book Fair.

### Scholarship Deadlines

Please see the attached Scholarship PowerPoint for important information and deadlines. As a summary:

1. The Diocesan Tuition Assistance deadline is **Monday, March 20**. You must apply for this in order to be eligible to apply for the Angel Scholarship and SGO.
2. The deadline to apply for a SGO, is **Friday, March 31**. You will not be able to get a first time Choice Scholarship for 2017-2018 school year if you do not receive a SGO.

### Save the Date - Spring Fest

Spring Fest documents will be sent home on Monday. Make sure to check backpacks!



### Save the Date - Eagle Dash

Eagle Dash 5K and 1 Mile Walk **Sunday, May 21 at Wicker Park**

Registration forms are coming soon. The training schedule is attached. Thank you to all that attended the first meeting. If you would like to help or have any questions, please email Elizabeth Cipowski ~ [elizabeth.cipowski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elizabeth.cipowski@sbcglobal.net) or Jennifer Feeney ~ [jennhoke25@hotmail.com](mailto:jennhoke25@hotmail.com).

### 17-18 Enrollment Process

Log into RenWeb and look at the Announcements on the school home page, for instructions on reenrolling your student if you have not completed the process. If you need help in registering online, please contact Sandra Steele or Jennifer Gonzalez in the school office to set up an appointment to get help with registering.

### Kappa Kloset

Kathy Pagorek is working with Tri Kappa to help build a clothing closet at Hammond High School. They are looking for donations of uniforms your children have outgrown. This is a great place to donate all of the red and navy uniform items that are being phased out next year. Donations may be dropped off at the Weis Center or the school office. This project will continue until the end of the school year. **Remember, this is to help you clean out your closet, not for you to purchase any new items.**

## Looking Ahead

- March 18** St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck - Adult Event
- March 20** Deadline for Diocesan Assistance Application
- March 24** Stations of the Cross 2:15p.m. Church
- March 27-31** No School - Spring Break
- April 3** School Resumes 8:00a.m.
- April 3 - 13** NWEA Map Testing
- April 7** Spirit Wear Day  
Stations of the Cross 2:15p.m. Church  
STM Skating Party Lynwood Sports Center 5:30 - 8:00p.m. Free to Enter \$1 Skate Rental
- April 8** Confirmation (Grade 8) 10:30a.m. Mass
- April 9** Palm Sunday
- April 13** Chrism Mass Holy Angel Cathedral (Grade 8)
- April 14** No School - Good Friday
- April 16** Easter Sunday Masses 6:30a.m., 8:00a.m. 10:00a.m., Noon
- April 17** No School - Easter Monday
- April 18** All School Mass Bishop Hying Visits STMS
- April 18 - May 5** I.S.T.E.P. Testing
- April 21** Spring Fest 5:00 - 9:00p.m. Gym
- April 25** All School Mass Honoring Our Volunteers
- May 2** National Junior Honor Society Induction
- May 5** Spirit Wear Day

## Athletics

### Calling all 5th through 8th graders!!!

CYO Track Registration is OPEN until Friday, March 24. A Track registration form has been sent home. Please return the entire form with the \$30 registration fee. This fee includes the cost for the Track jersey. You can indicate the size of the jersey on the registration form if you are confident in the size you need.

We are holding a jersey sizing/registration night on Tuesday, March 21, 6:00 - 8:00p.m. in the gym. Please bring the \$30 registration fee to the sizing/registration night.

## Prayer/Quote

*"Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds."*

*Hebrews 10:24*



Week of March 20, 2017

# Weekly Menu

## Daily Menu

### Monday, March 20

Chicken Fries  
Noodles  
Broccoli/Edamame  
Peaches, Milk

#### Monday Volunteers

Joan Hoess  
Jana Smith  
Marie Ramirez

### Tuesday, March 21

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

#### Tuesday Volunteers

Barb Popiel-Mboama  
Ange Mancilla

### Wednesday, March 22

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

#### Wednesday Volunteers

Susie Kinsella  
Laura Guerrero-Gay  
Marie Ramirez

### Thursday, March 23

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

#### Thursday Volunteers

Julie Dannis  
Natalie Krembs  
Erin Mach

### Friday, March 24

Bosco Sticks  
Marinara Dip  
Salad Mix  
Mixed Fruit  
Fruit Slushie  
Milk

#### Friday Volunteers

Xiaoli Yang  
Alamar Hoke  
Angelica Sandoval

## 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](http://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.**



# Scholarships

What Is Available For St. Thomas More Students?



Do you live in Indiana and does your household income fall within the following guidelines?

# in House	Maximum Income
1	\$33,467
2	\$45,066
3	\$56,666
4	\$68,265
5	\$79,865
6	\$91,464
7	\$103,064
8	\$114,663
Each Additional	\$11,600

If YES – You may be eligible for an SGO or the Choice Scholarship. Contact Mary Jo Biscan, [mbiscan@stm-school.com](mailto:mbiscan@stm-school.com) or 219-836-9151 x 311, for more details. You must contact Mary Jo Biscan by March 31<sup>st</sup> in order to apply for a first time Award or Scholarship.

If NO – Go to the next page

## Diocesan Tuition Assistance

In the past, the Diocese has awarded \$500,000 in scholarships based upon need and involvement at the family's home parish.

- Diocesan tuition assistance is only open to Catholic families who are registered members of parishes within the Diocese of Gary.
- Students entering Kindergarten through twelfth grade are eligible to apply. Preschool students are not eligible.
- Students receiving Choice Scholarships are not eligible.
- The application processor has changed to FACTS Management from PSAS.
- Applications are only online.
- There is a \$27 fee per family to apply.
- If you need help with the application, FACTS will have email, phone and chat line information on the application website.

**To apply:** go to the Diocesan website: <http://www.dcgary.org/catholic-schools.htm>. Click on the blue rectangle labeled Tuition Assistance Application. There are no paper applications.

***The regular application period will close on March 20, 2017.***

After that date, families must wait for initial awards to be distributed before the application will open again sometime in June for late applications, appeals and new families.

## St. Thomas More Angel Scholarship

Every year, we receive donations for needy students from our parishioners. This small fund is used to help keep students at St. Thomas More.

First, you must apply through FACTS for Diocesan Assistance.

Second, after the Diocesan Tuition Assistance awards have been issued, you must complete a short STM Angel Scholarship Application. This form will be available in late April for the 2017-2018 school year. A notice will be posted in the Barrister.



If you are thinking of leaving St. Thomas More due to financial concerns, please contact Noreen Bickel ([nbickel@stm-school.com](mailto:nbickel@stm-school.com) or 219-836-9151 x 330).

## DEVELOPMENT

In May, we will be presenting the Development Plan. Part of the plan includes growing our scholarship fund(s) to help families pay for their St. Thomas More Catholic education.



On Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm we will be holding our annual “Eagle Dash” 5K run & 1 Mile fun walk at Wicker Memorial Park. We are encouraging all families to come out and participate in the fun. A training guide for individuals who would like to train for the 5K run can be found below. There are 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals for each male and female grade youth and adult age groups. Registration and volunteer information will be in the Barrister and coming home with the students in the next couple weeks.

We know this will be a fun day to spend with your family, friends and fellow neighbors while encouraging exercise and fitness. Happy Training!

DATE	WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
03/13/17	1	Rest	.5 mi run	CT or Rest	.5 mi run	Rest	1.0 mi run	10-20 min run or CT
03/20/17	2	Rest	.5 mi run	CT or Rest	.5 mi run	Rest	1.0 mi run	10-20 min run or CT
03/27/17	3	Rest	1 mi run	CT or Rest	1 mi run	Rest	1.5 mi run	20-30 min run or CT
04/03/17	4	Rest	1.5 mi run	CT or Rest	1.5 mi run	Rest	1.75 mi run	20-30 min run or CT
04/10/17	5	Rest	2 mi run	CT or Rest	1.5 mi run	Rest	2 mi run	20-30 min run or CT
04/17/17	6	Rest	2.25 mi run	CT or Rest	1.5 mi run	Rest	2.25 mi run	25-35 min run or CT
04/24/17	7	Rest	2.5 mi run	CT or Rest	2 mi run	Rest	2.5 mi run	25-35 min run or CT
05/01/17	8	Rest	2.75 mi run	CT	2 mi run	Rest	2.75 mi run	35-40 min run or CT
05/08/17	9	Rest	3 mi run	CT	2 mi run	Rest	3 mi run	35-40 min run or CT
05/15/17	10	Rest	3 mi run	CT or Rest	2 mi run	Rest	Rest	5K Race!