



The Barrister

School News

Chess Team Success

Congratulations to all 25 students who competed at the Regional Chess Tournament. Our 8U A Team (Jacob Bernarte, Mark Caraher, Ben Mellon, Ethan Pierce) are heading to State after taking 1st Place in the Regionals. Our 6U A Team (Luke Buksa, Frankie Krembs, Matt Walsh, Ethan Wisler) and 6U C Team (Francesca Bernarte, Michael Casner, Brendan Feeney, Sam Mellon) qualified for State by placing 6th and 9th respectively among 42 teams. Good luck to the Chess Team as they compete in the State Chess Tournament on Saturday, March 25 at Morton High School.

Science Olympiad

Congratulations to Ms. Keilman, the Science Olympiad Team and the parent volunteers for a successful year.

Scholarship Deadlines

Please see the attached Scholarship PowerPoint for important information and deadlines. As a summary: 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 were sent home last Monday with the oldest or only child of the family. Check backpacks for the preorder forms!



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 or Jennifer Feeney ~ 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.

Prayer/Quote

“ Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”
Theodore Roosevelt

Looking Ahead

- March 27-31** No School - Spring Break
- April 3** School Resumes 8:00 a.m.
Students may wear shorts or capris
Confessions After Mass Grade 8
- April 3 - 13** NWEA Map Testing
- April 4** School Confessions Grades 3-7
After 8:30 a.m. Mass
- April 5** \$1 Dress Down in Honor of Bishop Hying's
Visit to Benefit the Mercy Fund
- April 7** Spirit Wear Day
Stations of the Cross 2:15 p.m. Church
STM Skating Party Lynwood Sports Center
5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free to Enter \$1 Skate Rental
- April 8** Confirmation (Grade 8) 10:30 a.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 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m., Noon
- April 17** No School - Easter Monday
- April 18** All School Mass Bishop Hying Visits STMS
- April 18 - May 5** ISTEP Testing
- April 21** Spring Fest 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Gym
- April 25** All School Mass Honoring Our Volunteers
- May 2** National Junior Honor Society Induction 7:00 p.m.
- May 5** Spirit Wear Day

Spring Fest Raffle Donation Request

We are in need of donations to meet our fundraising goals for Spring Fest raffle baskets. Items can be anything from unopened toys, jewelry, electronics, sports tickets, gift cards, vacation/hotel vouchers, restaurant gift certificates, hair and spa services, coupons for free services.

We need everyone's help to make our raffle a success. Questions or if you have items...please contact Renee Whelan at Whelanliuna41@att.net.

Service Hour Update

The 16-17 service hour time period has been extended to **April 30**. Hours will be tracked from May 1 until April 30 annually. In May, families will be charged \$10 per hour for hours not worked. Recent hours are being posted over break and families will soon receive an email showing their service hour status. If you need to verify your total hours sooner, email servicehours@stm-school.com.

Remember, you will receive credit towards next year if you work the cafeteria or other events in May! Don't forget to sign up!



Week of April 3, 2017

Weekly Menu

Daily Menu

Monday, April 3

Chicken Drumstick
Whipped Potatoes/Gravy
Broccoli/Carrots
Peaches, Pumpkin Bread, Milk

Monday Volunteers

Susie Kinsella
Marie Ramirez
Harini Lokuthota

Tuesday, April 4

Corn Dog
Baked Beans
Curly Fries
Mixed Fruit
Jello, Milk

Tuesday Volunteers

Penny Covelli
Julie Goodwin
Kerri Kleszynski

Wednesday, April 5

Pizza Choice:
Pepperoni or Cheese
Salad Mix/Corn
Fresh Fruit, Milk

Wednesday Volunteers

Becky Kirsch
Katie Fesko
Victoria Kemp

Thursday, April 6 - Celebrate Easter

Baked Ham
Hash Brown Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Bagels & Cream Cheese
Apple Crisp, Applesauce, Milk

Thursday Volunteers

Angelica Sandoval
Amada Gallardo

Friday, April 7

Hot Pretzel with Cheese
Cottage Cheese
Yogurt Choice
Salad Mix
Pineapple Tidbits
Milk

Friday Volunteers

Debbie Long
Kelly Green

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.**

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 or 219-836-9151 x 311, for more details. You must contact Mary Jo Biscan by March 31st 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 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.

St Thomas More School

Skating Party



Friday, April 7th, 2017

5:30pm – 8:00pm

**Lynwood Sport Center
2030 Glenwood-Dyer Road
Lynwood, IL 60411**

No Admission Fee – Sponsored by Parent Association

Skate Rental \$1.00 - *You can bring your own skates/roller blades*

Come on out for an evening of “*Family*” Fun

Parent Supervision Required

Don't know how to skate; do not worry!

Skate walkers and adjustable learning skates are available...

or just come & listen to music and enjoy great company!

Only takes 12 mins to get there!!!



The Spring Fest Committee has prepared this packet to provide you with a quick and easy overview of this year's festivities.

For those new to STMS, Spring Fest is an annual festival of fun and fundraising that has been around for more than 5 years. This family oriented festival will be filled with lots of games for all aged children.

Spring Fest has something fun for everyone, we are bringing in 12 new games (see list below) and some of your old favorites will be back (Pick a Prize, Preschool Games, Cake Walk and Sand Art)!!

A 60 Ft Obstacle Course and 19 Ft Double Lane Slide PLUS

Soccer Kick

Mini All Star

Shuffle Bowling

Frisbee Toss

Frog Flinger

Fat Cats

Pig Racing

Puppy Dog Toss

Milk Cans

Stand the Bottle

Best of all - your winning tickets can be redeemed for prizes at our Prize Booth!!!

Hope to see you there – Thank you so much for helping us make Spring Fest 2017 a huge success!

Kristen Ball
Katie Bouton
Carolina Burns
Amy Castillo
Gina Cipowski

Jenn Feeney
Julie Goodwin
Susie Kinsella
Jennifer Lehnerer
LeeAnn Mellon

Grace Menclewicz
Jane Mrvan
Andrea Nygaard
Carly Olczak
Mayra Perkins

Tanya Power
Jennifer Smola
Aubrey Velasquez
Renee Whelan



Please return this page to school on/before: **Thursday, April 13th**

Pre-Sale Tickets/Wristbands Form

Event: Friday, April 21st - Hours: 5-9pm at St. Thomas More School Gym

Buy your tickets and wristbands during the Pre-Sale! Wristbands will provide you with unlimited access to the NEW Obstacle Course and Double Lane Slide*. All other games and activities will require a ticket(s). All wristbands will go up in price the day of Spring Fest. Your tickets will be waiting for you at "Will Call" on the day of the event.

Family Name/Phone #: _____ / _____

Number of Attendees: Adults _____ **Children** _____

Tickets	Quantity	Price	Total
1 ticket**		x \$0.50 each	
70 tickets (Pre-Sale Only)		x \$30.00 each	
100 tickets (Pre-Sale Only)		x \$40.00 each	
Wristband **		x \$10.00 each	
Total			

***Single rides will be available with the purchase of tickets as well**

****The release below must be completed in order to ride the Obstacle Course or Double Lane Slide**

Please contact Tanya Power at tanyalpower@gmail.com with any ticket questions

PARENT'S AUTHORIZATION AND WAIVER OF RISK

I hereby give my consent for my child(ren), _____, to participate in an indoor fun fair, including the use of inflatable equipment, *e.g.*, a slide and indoor obstacle course, at St. Thomas More Parish.

I understand that neither the Diocese of Gary nor St. Thomas More Parish, including their officers, agents, employees, and volunteers (hereinafter referred to as the "Diocese") are liable in the event of an accident or injury to my child(ren). I assume full responsibility for the consequences of my child(ren)'s actions during these activities.

Waiver of Risk

I understand that, despite careful and proper preparation, there is still a risk of injury when participating in any activity.

In consideration for the Diocese or any other participating organization, permitting my child(ren) to participate in the above activity, I agree to indemnify, defend, hold harmless, and release the Diocese against and from any and all claims, suits, losses, costs, damages, expenses, and liability arising out of any act or omission or other occurrence, whether or not caused by or resulting from participating in the indoor fun fair and/or the use of the inflatable slide, indoor obstacle course, or other inflatable equipment.

This Authorization and Waiver of Risk means that I, my child(ren), my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns will not file a lawsuit or make a claim on behalf of myself or my child(ren) against any of the entities or individuals released above and will pay the costs of defense or damage caused by my child(ren) or claimed on behalf of my child(ren).

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Printed Name



Please return this page to school on/before: **Thursday, April 13th**

Pre-Sale Dinner Form

Event: **Friday, April 21st - Hours: 5-9pm at St. Thomas More School Gym**

Want to have dinner ready for your family? Pre order your meal from Meatheads and pick a seating time below. Your meal tickets will be waiting for you at "Will Call" on the day of the event. We will also have a la carte items (walking tacos, pretzels, pop, water, etc) available for purchase with tickets.

Family Name/Phone #: _____ / _____

Seating Time (Select one to help us serve you a warm meal): **5-7pm** _____ **7-9pm** _____

Meal	Quantity	Price	Total
Kids #1 (Hamburger, House made chips, and carrots)		x \$7.00 each	
Kids #2 (Cheeseburger, House made chips, and carrots)		x \$7.00 each	
Kids #3 (Chicken fingers (2), House made chips, and carrots)		x \$7.00 each	
Adult #1 (Double Hamburger and House made chips)		x \$9.00 each	
Adult #2 (Double Cheeseburger and House made chips)		x \$9.00 each	
Adult #3 (Grilled Chicken Sandwich and House made chips)		x \$9.00 each	
Total			

Meals cannot be purchased at the event – PRE SALE ONLY

Please contact Carly Olczak at u2carly@gmail.com with any food questions



Pre-Sale T-Shirt Form

Event: **Friday, April 21st - Hours: 5-9pm at St. Thomas More School Gym**

Back by popular demand!! All Tyed Up will be at Spring Fest this year for all kids and adults to tie dye a shirt during the event. Show your school spirit on Thursday May 11th and any Spirit Wear Days by wearing your Spring Fest 2017 T-shirt.

Family Name/Phone #: _____ / _____

Size	Quantity	Price	Total	Name of Person(s)
Youth Small		x \$15.00 each		
Youth Medium		x \$15.00 each		
Youth Large		x \$15.00 each		
Adult Small		x \$15.00 each		
Adult Medium		x \$15.00 each		
Adult Large		x \$15.00 each		
Adult XL		x \$15.00 each		
Adult XXL		x \$15.00 each		
Adult XXXL		x \$15.00 each		
Total		x \$15.00 each		

Spring Fest T-Shirts cannot be purchased at the event – PRE SALE ONLY

Please contact Mayra Perkins at mcatalinaps@gmail.com with any T-Shirt questions



Volunteer Information

Event: Friday, April 21st - Hours: 5-9pm at St. Thomas More School Gym

Wanted!! Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Jr High Students and High School Students as volunteers at Spring Fest 2017. Come out and help us make this event a success!!! Adults must be Virtus trained. Each hour volunteered will earn one (1) hour of volunteer credit. All volunteer opportunities will be available on SignUp Genius this year – <http://www.tinyurl.com/stms2016-17>

Please contact Amy Castillo at gupm003@yahoo.com with any volunteer questions



Baking Information

Event: Friday, April 21st - Hours: 5-9pm at St. Thomas More School Gym

Please consider donating a cake or dessert for the Cake Walk game. Your contribution will provide a delicious dessert or prize for someone to enjoy and earn you one (1) volunteer service hour per donation. All volunteer opportunities for baking will be available on SignUp Genius this year – <http://www.tinyurl.com/stms2016-17>

Items can be homemade but an ingredients list must be attached

Please contact Jenn Feeney at jennhoke25@hotmail.com with any baking questions



Children's Raffle Basket Donations

Event: Friday, April 21st - Hours: 5-9pm at St. Thomas More School Gym

One of the main highlights of Spring Fest is the drawing for the raffle basket winners which takes place at the end of our fun filled festival night. We are currently looking for items to complete the baskets such as gift cards, Cubs tickets, Sox tickets, other sporting events, electronics, or any other type of item you may wish to donate. Also stay tuned for more information!!!

Please contact Renee Whelan at whelanliuna41@att.net with any donations or questions

Please look on the back – there is a handy recap for you to review

*****Keep this page as a reminder*****



Event: Spring Fest 2017

When: Friday, April 21st from 5-9pm

Where: St. Thomas More School Gym

Lots of information, we completely understand!! Please complete forms attached using the checklist below. All forms (except this page) and cash or check (just one please) should be sent to the school office in an envelope marked Spring Fest. All pre-sale orders will be available at Will Call on the day of the event.

Tickets and Wristbands

Do you want to order during pre-Sale? We will also be accepting cash or credit cards during the event

Did you complete form and sign the release? This must be completed to go on the Obstacle Course or Double Lane Slide

I pre-ordered _____ # of tickets and _____ # of wristbands

Dinner – Box Meals

Do you want to order during Pre-Sale? Only a la carte items will be available during the event

Did you complete form? Don't forget to pick a seating time for your family

I pre-ordered _____ # of Adult Meals and _____ # of Kid Meals and our seating time is _____

T-Shirts

Do you want to order during Pre-Sale? They will not be available for purchase during event

Did you complete form? Please be sure to provide first names so we can have it ready for you to tie dye during the event

I pre-ordered _____ # of Adult shirts and _____ # of Kid shirts

Volunteering

Do you want to volunteer at the event? We would love to have you help us!!!

Go to SignUp Genius to sign up - <http://www.tinyurl.com/stms2016-17>

Baking

Do you want to bake an item for Cake Walk? Don't forget to include an ingredients list for any homemade items

Go to SignUp Genius to sign up - <http://www.tinyurl.com/stms2016-17>

Raffle Basket Donations

Do you want to provide a donation for the raffle baskets? We will gladly accept them!!!

Contact Renee Whelan at whelanliuna41@att.net

Can't wait to see you there – Thank you so much for helping us raise funds for St. Thomas More School!



On Sunday May 21st 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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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!