



# The Barrister

## School News

### Kid's Time Closed

There will be No Kid's Time After School on Wednesday, December 21st. All students must be picked up at 3:00 p.m. dismissal. We apologize for any inconvenience.

### 7th & 8th Grade Service Project

The 7th & 8th grade students are collecting "baby items" for Catholic Charities during the Holiday Season! A collection box has been placed in the student's homeroom. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



### St. Vincent De Paul Toy Drive

We are collecting unwrapped new toys for newborns to 14 years that will be distributed by our St. Vincent DePaul Society to children in need in our community. We are collecting toys until Friday, December 16th at 9:00a.m. Thank you for sharing!

### Lost and Found

The Lost and Found is loaded with sweatshirts, jackets, uniform shirts, uniform pants, belts, shoes, lunch boxes, just to name a few things. Please have your child check the Lost and Found.

### No Bus Service

St. Thomas More students will not have bus service on January 5th, 6th or 9th because the Munster Schools are not in session. Bus service will resume on Tuesday, January 10th.

### Pizza With Santa & Santa's Secret Shop

Thank you to Katie Rak-Bouton and Chiara Andrejewski for chairing these events and for all the volunteers and participants. Both events were a great success and fun was had by all!

### Service Hours

All families are asked to turn in their Service Hour Form into the school office before Christmas break on December 21st. The information will be entered and families will receive a status report in January listing their remaining hours. It will also provide information to create statistics on hours served to date.

## Prayer/Quote

*"I got nothing I asked for-but everything I had hoped for. Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am, among all men, most richly blessed."*  
Anonymous Confederate Soldier

## Looking Ahead

- December 9** Band Concert 7:30p.m. Gym
- December 10** Middle School Dance Grades 7 & 8 7:00-9:00p.m. Gym
- December 13** Christmas Program Grades K-3, 7:00p.m. Gym
- December 20** 5th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation 1:30p.m. School Penance Service After 8:30 a.m. Mass Parish Penance Service 7:00p.m.
- December 21** Baby Jesus Show (PK) 8:45a.m. Weis Center Christmas Parties 1:30p.m. Semester Ends 3:00p.m. **No After School Kid's Time**
- December 22** Christmas Break Begins
- December 24** Christmas Eve Mass 5:30p.m., Midnight Mass
- December 25** Christmas Day Mass 6:30a.m., 8:00a.m., 10:00a.m. and Noon
- December 31** New Year's Eve Mass 5:30p.m.
- January 1** New Year's Day Mass 6:30a.m., 8:00a.m., 10:00a.m. and Noon
- January 4** Faculty In-Service
- January 5** School Resumes 8:30a.m. **No Bus Service**
- January 6** Spirit Wear Day **No Bus Service**
- January 9** **No Bus Service**
- January 16** Martin Luther King Day – No School
- January 28** Family Dance-Kick Off Catholic School Week
- January 29** Catholic Schools Week School Open House 9:00a.m.– 12:30p.m. 2017-2018 Registration Begins

## F. A. Q.

### Why Should STMS Families

#### Frequently Use ParentsWeb?

ParentsWeb contains most of the STMS information needed regarding students. A few examples include the ability to check grades, course assignments, announcements, The Barrister, and the school calendar. Parents are encouraged to check ParentsWeb on a weekly basis. If you have questions, please email Joann Hajduch at [jhajduch@stm-school.com](mailto:jhajduch@stm-school.com)

**See Amazon Smile Flyer attached for an easy way to support St. Thomas More School!**



# The Barrister

## Events

### Kappa Klostet

Hello! My name is Kathleen Pagorek, I am a Pre-K teacher at STM and a member of Tri Kappa, a philanthropic sorority in Indiana. Our mission is to help the less fortunate, especially women and children throughout the state. We host many different fundraisers to support our causes. We are trying to build a clothing closet in Hammond, Indiana. We have initiated this closet at Hammond High School.

I am asking you for a donation of uniforms your children have outgrown. STM is phasing out red and navy tops.

All 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, I am looking to help you clean out your closet, not for you to purchase any new items.** Thank you in advance for your generous donations!

Peace,  
Kathleen Pagorek

### Kappa Klostet Requested Items

- Red or Navy Tops**
- Pants - Navy or Khaki**
- Jumpers or Skort - No Plaids**
- Shorts - Navy or Khaki**
- Sweaters - Red or Navy**



### QUESTIONS?!?

**The STMS Annual Fund Drive is NOT the Capital Campaign!**

#### Annual Fund Drive

*Benefits the school*

#### **Focus:**

- \*Lowering cost to educate students
- \*Adding programs to benefit students in/out of classrooms
- \*Replaces multiple “mini-fundraisers”

**Occurs:** Yearly

#### **Appeal:**

Anyone with a vested interest in STMS (alumni, school families, parishioners, staff)

#### Capital Campaign

*Benefits Church and School*

#### **Focus:**

Infrastructure repairs and updates (heating, A/C, electrical, plumbing, technology)

#### **Occurs:**

Once (with pledge payments over 5 years)

#### **Appeal:**

Parishioners & School Families

Donations are still being accepted!

Please return your form and donation to the school office.

Thank you to all of those that have already contributed!

## Note About Donation Requests

During the Christmas season, we have many opportunities for you to donate to those in need through food and toy drives. We also have events such as Pizza with Santa and Secret Santa Shop, in addition to our Annual Fund Drive and Capital Campaign. Please know that we do not expect all families to participate in all events and all fundraisers. Please participate and give according to the blessings you have received.

## Athletics

### **Save The Date**

Athletic pictures for Fall Sports have been



**rescheduled for Sunday, January 8th** at 6:30p.m. in the gym. Individual and team pictures for Girls Volleyball, Soccer and Cross Country will be taken. Order forms will be provided at the event, so please show up early with cash, check or credit card. An email with the specific time for your team will be sent out by your coach.



Week of December 12, 2016

# Weekly Menu

## Daily Menu

### Monday, December 12

Chicken Drumstick  
Whipped Potatoes/Gravy  
Broccoli/Edamame  
Fresh Fruit, Cookie, Milk

#### Monday Volunteers

Lupe Castaneda  
Arlene Bridges  
Luis Peña

### Tuesday, December 13

Corn Dog, Baked Beans  
Potato Wedges  
Mixed Fruit, Sherbet, Milk

#### Tuesday Volunteers

Victoria Kemp  
Katie Fesko  
Barb Popiel-Mbaoma

### Wednesday, December 14

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

#### Wednesday Volunteers

Susie Kinsella  
Vanessa Rastovsky  
Becky Kirsch

### Thursday, December 15

Chicken Noodle Soup  
Turkey Sandwich  
Veggies & Dip  
Peaches, Milk

#### Thursday Volunteers

Michael Smith  
Vanessa Rastovsky  
Brenda O'Shea

### Friday, December 16

Bosco Sticks  
Marinara Dip, Salad Mix  
Mixed Fruit, Jello, Milk

#### Friday Volunteers

Xiaoli Yang  
Martha Smith  
Vanessa Rastovsky

## 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.



*Tis the season...*

*Holiday Shopping has begun*

Reminder that shopping:

*AmazonSmile*

[www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)

will earn St Thomas More 0.5%  
of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases with no additional fees for you

**Simply go to the website listed above...**

1. Login in with your regular Amazon Account ID and Password or  
Create New
2. Select a Charity to Start Shopping (search St Thomas More)
3. Be sure to Select: St Thomas More Church & School, Munster IN
4. Your shopping experience will continue as normal except you will be generously supporting the school

**You may also forward information to family and friends  
for extra earnings!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND ENJOY  
YOUR SHOPPING!!**



Season's Greetings Parents:

Each year, the Parents' Association provides the opportunity for families to make a monetary contribution to funds that are distributed to the teachers & aides and the administrators & ancillary staff for Christmas. The total amount collected for each fund is distributed equally among them, and a card is included with the gift listing the names of each family that contributed. Participation is strictly voluntary. If you wish to do something special for a particular teacher or staff member on your own, please feel free to do so.

Last year, over 100 families participated, and we collected more than \$5,000, which provided a gift of \$70 for each teacher & aide and \$65 for each administrator & ancillary staff member. This year, we have 38 teachers & aides and 51 administrators & ancillary staff members.

If you would like to participate this year, please return the form below with your contribution in an envelope marked Parent Association by **Friday, December 16, 2016** by 9:00am to have your name included on the card.

Questions? Email Teresa Brazzale [Tbrazzale2@att.net](mailto:Tbrazzale2@att.net) ; Shannon Pischner [shannonpischner@icloud.com](mailto:shannonpischner@icloud.com)

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Amount for Teachers & Aides \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount for Administrators & Ancillary Staff \* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed (Cash or Check Payable to STM Parents' Association) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family name as you would like it to appear on the card (please print clearly):

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\* Includes all other school and parish staff members (i.e. administrators, administrative assistants, nurse, cafeteria workers, playground supervisors, receptionists, music directors, maintenance & custodial staff, etc.), that provide services to our children.