



The Barrister

School News

Music of the Season

Thank you Mr. Mlynarski and the St. Thomas More School Band and Ms. Gryfakis and the kindergarten, first, second and third grade students for the wonderful concerts this past week. Well done!

Kids Time Closed

There will be No Kids 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! Collection boxes are in the student’s homeroom. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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 have **no bus service on January 5th, 6th, or 9th** because the Munster Schools are not in session. Bus service will resume on Tuesday, January 10th.

Service Hours

All families are asked to turn in their Service Hour Form into the school office before Christmas break. You can also email your form or just the service information to servicehours@stm-school.com. Families will receive a status report in January listing their remaining hours.

Athletics

Volleyball registration is open for boys in grades 5-8 until Monday, January 9th, 2017. Registration fee is \$50 which includes a new volleyball shirt. Forms were sent home this week. Contact Ken Badali at kbadali@prodigy.net with questions.

TRIP

The last T.R.I.P. processing of the year is on Monday, December 19th. Processing will resume on Monday, January 9th. If you use PrestoPay, you can purchase ScripNow or reload any existing card throughout the break. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Lisa at stmstrip@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead

- 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 Kids Time
- December 22** Christmas Break Begins
- December 24** Christmas Eve Mass 5:30p.m., Midnight Mass
- December 25** Merry Christmas!
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** Happy New Year!
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.

eLearning

St. Thomas More School has been approved by the state to offer instruction digitally. The program we offer is called eLearning which allows schools to offer instruction digitally to make-up lost days due to inclement weather. St. Thomas More School will use inclement weather days (“snow days”) as eLearning days on the day of the event. eLearning will provide us with a way to ensure the educational process is not unduly interrupted ensuring that instruction is delivered in a timely manner. We are hopeful this innovative solution to weather related school cancellations will be a positive experience for our school community.

“A baby born in a stable some 2,000 years ago is a person who still walks with us today, making his presence known, working to bring us through the difficulties of life, if only we will let him.”

Jeannie S. Williams

The Staff & Administration would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy & healthy New Year!



Week of December 19, 2016/ January 2, 2017

Weekly Menu

Daily Menu

Monday, December 19

Chicken Fries, Chicken Flavored Rice
Broccoli/Corn
Pumpkin Bread or Bread
Applesauce, Milk

Monday Volunteers

Mercy Gonzalez
Xiaoli Yang

Tuesday, December 20

Hot Dog/Chili Dog
Baked Beans, Cucumber Slices/Dip
Gold Fish Crackers, Pears, Milk

Tuesday Volunteers

Arlene Mendez
Christina Irvin

Wednesday, December 21

French Toast, Sausage Patty
Hash Brown Triangle
Juice Choice
Strawberry Cup, Milk

Wednesday Volunteers

Laura Guerrero-Gay
Maria Tapia
Yolanda Rosales/Veronica Castellanos

Thursday, January 5, 2017 Welcome Back!

Popcorn Chicken
Whipped Potatoes/Gravy
Broccoli/Peas
Banana Muffin, Peaches, Milk

Thursday Volunteers

Anita Madrigal
Gina Boleski
Julie Goodwin

Friday, January 6

Cheese Lasagna with Marinara Sauce
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Mixed Fruit, Milk

Friday Volunteers

Cristina Tumacder
Susan Payne
Felisha Mongerie

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.



Tis the season...

Holiday Shopping has begun

Reminder that shopping:

AmazonSmile

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!!**



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As many of you know, St. Thomas More collects Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels, and these collections yield cash for our school. These have been wonderful programs for our school. A few changes are occurring this year with these programs.

The 2016-2017 school year will be the LAST year we collect Campbell soup labels. Campbell's has decided to end the program. The Box Tops program WILL continue. Box Tops submissions yield cash for our school and checks are distributed to the school twice per year.

As always, all submissions should be given to your child's classroom teacher, with the teacher's name clearly written on the baggie they are submitted in.

In the past, the classroom that submitted the most Box Tops and Soup Labels would be awarded a pizza party. A slight change for this year - the **Grade Level** that submits the most points will be given a reward for their hard work!

A few quick guidelines for submissions:

1. The ENTIRE UPC code for Campbell's labels is to be submitted. All labels must have the *Labels for Education* logo. UPCs without the logo are no longer accepted.
2. Box Tops must have the expiration date on them to be counted.

I will give more information regarding counting/bundling Box Tops/Soup Labels at a later date. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,
Shannon Pischner
Box Tops/Labels Chair
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