



The Barrister

"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ."

September 22, 2011

St. Thomas of Villanova



Our Patron Saint

Meditate Upon the Cross

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica



8TH GRADE CATHOLIC PARENTS

Please remember ...

Thursday, September 22, 2011
at 7:00 PM, in the school gym, there is a meeting regarding the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a very important meeting, all parents of Catholic students, in 8th grade, need to attend.

Prayer for Our Loved Ones and Homes



Kind Father, I thank You for my home where loved ones dwell and to which my fondest memories now turn. I praise You for the family love and peace and cheer which follow me and comfort me in strange and distant places. I am grateful for all things we share in common: the worthy lessons we learn, the hardships and griefs we sometimes bear, the tasks and pleasures which bind us closer to each other, and the abiding affection and heartfelt prayers which still keep our spirits one in You.

Shelter my home, O God, and all my dear ones there. Make me strong, unselfish, and brave to defend and protect them. Send down Your peace to every family on earth, and grant an abundance of grace to them so that in doing Your will they may merit the joys of eternal salvation.
Amen.

Walk-a-thon



Our annual Walk-A-Thon on Tuesday was **FANTASTIC!** The weather could not have been more perfect! Our kids said they had a **GREAT** time. Have your child bring in the money to his/her teacher as soon as possible. When the total amount is calculated, we will post it. **THANK YOU** for participating!

CHILD SAFETY : ALL ADULTS

(Addition to Handbook)



If at any time an adult comes to pick up a student from St. Thomas More School (including, but not limited to, Physician Appointments, Dental Appointments, Illness, Athletics, Kids Time, Scouts, Tutoring, Band, School Musical Practices, etc.) and it is believed that said adult may be under the influence of alcohol, or any other controlled substance, the school reserves the right to not release the student to said driver, but to call another driver to come for the student. If said driver chooses not to adhere, then STMS will be required to notify the Munster Police Department.

We appreciate your continued cooperation in understanding that the safety of all children remains top on our priority list at St. Thomas More School.

Community Days at



Help St. Thomas More School Home & School Association by purchasing a Community Days Coupon Book, good for **November 11 & 12 for only \$5.**

What benefit is there for you? Lots of coupons: \$10 Off a \$10 Purchase, Two 30% Off, 20% Off, and many Special Offers.

Purchase your books in the school or school office, parish office or at the Weis Center.

Sold until November 12 or while supplies last.

Last Call for

Used School Uniforms

We will be collecting gently used school uniforms to distribute to an elementary school in East Chicago where many of the students are in desperate need of "new" uniforms. Collection will end on Tuesday, October 4th. If you have any **navy bottoms** (shorts, pants or skorts) and **white and/or red polos**, please place them in the labeled box in the Teachers' Lounge.

Last Collection Day is Tuesday, October 4th!

We'll collect again soon.

Watch for a notice during the 2nd semester.

PARENTS AND VISITORS



When you enter St. Thomas More School you are **REQUIRED** to go immediately to the **MAIN OFFICE** and **SIGN IN**. You are **NOT** permitted to enter the Academic Wing of the school without a **VISITOR'S PASS**. We like seeing you, but the safety of the children is more important.



Your cooperation, as always, is appreciated.



8th Grade Parents

Dear 8th grade parents, Mrs. Kathleen Pagorek will be hosting an informational meeting about this years trip to Washington, DC. The meeting will be held at the **WEIS CENTER** on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th** at **7:00pm**. This meeting is for the parents who have signed their child up or are looking for details about our trip. This years trip will be from June 5-7th, 2012. We will also be discussing our fundraising. Hope to see you there.

Thank you very much.

Kathleen Pagorek



AUCTION

HARVEST GALA

NEWS ...

Parents sending a check for the Harvest Gala basket are asked to please make the check out to St. Thomas More, **Not to HSA.** Thank you very much.



Choir Reminder ...

CHOIR REMINDER: All choir members (including band members who sing with the choir) are invited to sing in the choir at the **5:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas More this Saturday, September 24th**. Arrive at church by 5:00 pm and wear your Sunday best.

Questions? See **Mrs. Javorka**



3rd Grade Parents ...

Parents should have their Third Grade child read to the for 20 minutes every night. When they are finished reading, ask your child questions about what he/she has read.

Starting this Spring, every child in Third Grade, throughout the State of Indiana, must take, and pass a new exam. This exam, which is separate from the ISTEP+, states as its purpose the following:

“The purpose of the *Indiana Reading Evaluation And Determination (IREAD-3)* assessment is to measure foundational reading standards through grade three. Based on the Indiana Academic Standards, IREAD-3 is a summative assessment that was developed in accordance with Public Law 109 which "requires the evaluation of reading skills for students who are in grade three beginning in the Spring of 2012 to ensure that all students can read proficiently before moving on to grade four".

Save the Date

for St. Thomas More
Home and School
Association's

Harvest Gala

Saturday,

November 5, 2011

The Center for
Visual and Performing
Arts
Munster, IN

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT IMPORTANT DATE



SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 4,
2011

PICTURE DAY FOR

VOLLEYBALL,

SOCCER AND

CROSS COUNTRY

MORE INFORMATION
TO FOLLOW!

Buy T.R.I.P. In School

Yes, you can purchase T.R.I.P. cards in the school building! Mrs. Amy Lee will be selling T.R.I.P. cards in the *RAVEN'S ROOST* every THURSDAY morning from 8:00-9:00A.M. The *Raven's Roost*, our school supply store, is located in the Main Hall of the school right next to the Principal's Office.

**Remember ... T.R.I.P. helps
YOU keep YOUR school costs
down. :)**



4-H NEWS:

If you missed the first 4-H meeting but would still like to join 4-H, please give Mrs. Javorka your e-mail so that she can keep you informed of future meetings and events.



If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

PARENTS: Remember, please, to check



EDLINE on a **DAILY BASIS**. Avoid a surprise later! Call the teacher(s) if you have **any** question(s) about the progress of your child.



*The Votes Have Been Cast ...
The Votes Were Counted ...
The Student Voice
Was Heard*



PRESIDENT: Luke Pillarella



**VICE PRESIDENT:
Logan Bosak**

GRADE 8

Josephine An
Mitchell Argamasilla
Noah Hinojosa
Max Perez
Megan Zabrecky

GRADE 7

Matthew Dempsey
Meredith Lee
Mark McDevitt
Cody Payne
Megan Whelan

GRADE 6

Jaycee Helmer
Sarah Johnson
Grace O'Brien
Colin O'Brien
Meredith Osmulski
Elizabeth Zaczyk

GRADE 5

Julia Brett
Elizabeth Buksa
Christina Javorka
William McComis
Matthew Nahnsen
Thomas O'Brien

**CONGRATULATIONS!
Officers and Representatives**

**Inauguration of Officers and Council
Tuesday, September 27, 2011, 7:00 PM
St. Thomas More School Gym**

RCIA

*Rite of
Christian
Initiation
for Adults*



Interested in becoming Catholic?

The RCIA is a program that gives people who think they are being called to become members of the Catholic Church an opportunity to learn all about the faith. It also can be a wonderful program for someone who may have been baptized but never received any of the other sacraments.

The RCIA program meets at St. Thomas More every Tuesday evening, beginning with the first Tuesday in October, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the parish Conference Room (entrance by the Parish Office). The last two Tuesdays this month (September 20th and 27th) are opportunities for people who may wish to inquire about joining the RCIA program. Information, books, a syllabus, and registration forms will be available. Interested persons only need to attend one of the Tuesdays before beginning in earnest on October 4th.

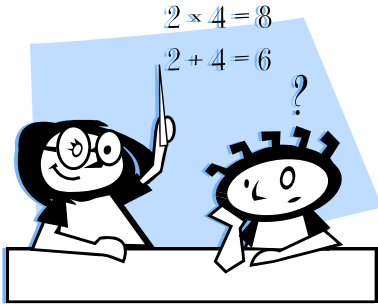
If you know someone who is thinking about joining the Catholic Church, suggest that they come to one of the Tuesdays at the end of this month. If you have never received your other sacraments, come to the meetings and learn more about the faith. If you have received all of your sacraments but never had a good education in the faith, classes are open to you as well. We can never learn too much about our faith.

With the price of everything going up each year, it is nice to know that the price of our RCIA program is the same as it has been the past several years: free. There is no charge. All we want is your desire to learn more about the faith! If you have any questions, call Fr. Rick or Fr. Mike.

There is also an RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) program. If you have older children (past the age of seven) who need to be baptized, call the parish (836-8610) and leave a message for **Deacon Joe**. He is the one who runs the RCIC program.

**WE WOULD LOVE HAVING YOU IN THE
HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

PEER TUTORING HAS ARRIVED



The National Junior Honor Society is pleased to announce that they will be sponsoring tutoring sessions for student in grades 1 through 8 who need academic help.

Students who need help will be paired up with NJHS members and potential members who are strong in the areas of help needed.

Session will be held on Tuesday, mornings from 7:30-8:00 a.m.

Thursday Mornings from 8:00-8:30

Wednesday and Thursday afternoons

from 3:05-3:35

One session per child

This program will begin Tuesday, October 4th

Please talk to your child's teacher if you feel your child can benefit from this program.

Students will only be able to attend if a teacher recommends them.

If interested, please fill out the bottom portion of this form and return it to the office by Wednesday, September 28th.

You will then be informed of the day your child will be tutored and the student who will be their peer tutor.

Thank you
NJHS

NAME OF STUDENT _____ GRADE _____

SUBJECT OF NEEDED ASSISTANCE _____

RECOMMENDED BY TEACHER _____

CONVENIENT DAY OF TUTORING _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

HOME PHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____



A Note from National Junior Honor Society ...

PEER TUTORING BEGINS THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3RD.

IF YOU FEEL YOUR CHILD WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.

THEY WILL SUPPLY YOU WITH THE PROPER FORM.

STUDENTS MAY ONLY BE TUTORED ONCE A WEEK. No, there is NO CHARGE.

T.R.I.P. News

Need a reason to go to the movies?



From 9/17/11 through 10/14/11, **AMC Theaters** will increase from 7% to 12%.



Knights of Columbus
S Q U I R E S
Youth Organization.

Today, all boys in Grades 5-8 were spoken to by Mr. Richard Alvarado and Mr. Gregg Blocher, concerning the **Columbian Squires**, and all they do. What a wonderful way for young men to be active in the Church. They will be part of the *Msgr. Weis Council, 10596*

The Columbian Squires and The Knights of Columbus proudly present:



On October 1, from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the school cafeteria where we will be showing the
where we will be showing the

Feature film **TRANSFORMERS: DARK SIDE OF THE MOON!**

Join us for Popcorn, Pizza, pop and fun!

Come and see what the Columbian Squires are all about!



Wellbits

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE CHANGE???

Originally identified in the Child Obesity Task Force report, which noted that simple, actionable advice for consumers is needed, *MyPlate* will replace the *MyPyramid* image as the government's primary food group symbol as an easy-to-understand visual cue to help consumers adopt healthy eating habits.

ChooseMyPlate.gov provides practical information to help consumers build healthier diets with resources and tools for dietary assessment, nutrition education, and other user-friendly nutrition information. As Americans are experiencing epidemic rates of overweight and obesity, these online resources and tools can empower people to make healthier choices. Here's a great "CUCUMBER YOGURT RECIPE" taken from the website. Cut up some of your kids' favorite veggies and dip away...

Ingredients

2 large cucumbers
2 cups plain yogurt, low-fat
½ cup sour cream,
non-fat 1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon fresh dill
1 garlic clove, chopped

Preparation

1. Peel, seed, and grate one cucumber. Slice other cucumber and set aside.
2. Mix grated cucumber, yogurt, sour cream, lemon juice, dill, and garlic in a serving bowl. Chill for 1 hour.

Wellbits



OCTOBER RESPECT LIFE MONTH

The students in grades 7 and 8 have accepted the invitation from
His Excellency,
The Most Reverend Bishop Dale J. Melczek,
to participate in the traditional

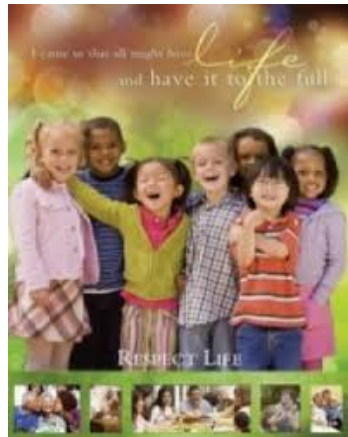


Respect Life Procession of Faith and Cross Installation Prayer Service

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Franciscan St. Margaret Health, Dyer Campus

9:30 AM

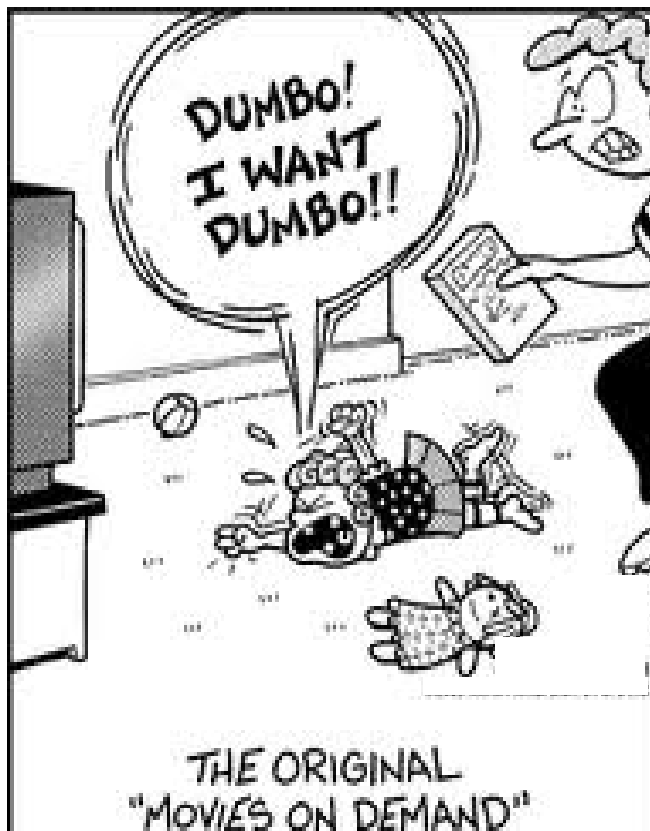


"I came so that all might have life and have it to the full."



*For the
Home
Calendar:*

*Some have asked when the NEW
"I READ 3" test will be given to
the children in Grade 3...
March 19-21*



*Please, don't even let one
day go by without telling
your children how much
you love them.*



*As we say so
often, parents
Thanks for
allowing*

*STM to assist YOU in caring
for the souls of your children.*

S.T.M. LUNCH MENU – WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

Daily Ala Cartes: Salads—Large-\$2.30; Small-\$1.85

Yogurt--\$0.70

Milk--\$0.50

Monday, Sept. 26

Sloppy Joe OR Chicken
Patty Sandwich
French Fries
Corn/Peas
Cookie
Mixed Fruit
Milk

Ala Carte Sandwich: \$1.55

Monday Volunteers

Chris Balbo
Carmen Herrera

Thursday, Sept. 29

Chicken Noodle Soup
PB&J Sandwich
Carrot Sticks
Pineapple Tidbits
Graham Crackers
Milk

Ala Carte Soup: \$1.55/\$1.80

Thursday Volunteers

Kelli Galanos
Kristyn Sirbek

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Hot Dog/Chili Dog
Baked Beans/Celery Sticks
Goldfish Crackers
Fresh Fruit
Jello
Milk

Ala Carte Hot Dog: \$1.25

Tuesday Volunteers

Mary Castaneda
Susie Kinsella
Lupe Castaneda

Friday, Sept. 30

Cheese Pizza
Salad
Pears/Juice
Rice Krispie Treat
Milk

Ala Carte Pizza: \$1.55

Friday Volunteers

Melissa Reardon
Martha Smith

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Spaghetti-Plain or
with Tomato Sauce
Cheese Slices
Green Beans
Mozzarella Cheese Toast
Peaches
Milk

Wednesday Volunteers

Becky Kirsch
Katie Fesko
Lisa Silva



We appreciate **all** that the
STMS Cafeteria does for
EVERYONE at STMS!

Thank you!!!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Menu subject to change.

Hot Lunch Prices: **Student - \$1.90; Adult- \$2.50**

Cash or 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 \$-9.00 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 with the following information: **LUNCH MONEY, STUDENT FIRST AND LAST NAME, TEACHER NAME, AMOUNT ENCLOSED.**

Check **Edline** for the monthly menu; check the Barrister for the weekly menu and volunteer list.

Go to www.cafeprepay.com to check student account balances and to make credit card payments.

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
pray for us. (Sept. 29)