



Our Patron Saint

The Barrister

"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ."

October 20, 2011

Blessed James of Strepar

Meditate Upon the Cross



Sts. Benedict and Scholastica

"Educating the whole child in the values of Jesus and Mary."

Dear St. Ann,

You were truly twice blessed to have our blessed Mother as your daughter, and Jesus our Savior as your grandson. I know that every period of our lives has its responsibilities as well as its joys.



Take care of my grandma and grandpa. Inspire them all to follow your Grandson and lead truly Christian lives.

Keep all of us in your loving care, never let us turn away from Jesus, and help us in the end to receive the joy of entering into your Grandsons' glorious presence forever.

Good St. Ann pray for my grandma and grandpa.



Amen



DEADLINE ENDS FRIDAY!

Deadline to respond for the Harvest Gala has been extended to **Friday, October 21.**

This will be the last Harvest Gala. We will be changing the format for next year, so come out to be a part of history... the last Gala to support St. Thomas More School.

Moms of Sons in Grades 4-8:

Mother-Son Dance--

"Autumn Aura"

Friday,

November 11, 2011

6:30 - 8:30pm

in the STM Eagle's Nest

Reservations are due by

Friday, October 28.

No reservations

accepted after this date.



Any questions may be directed to Mrs. Banach.



PICTURE RETAKES

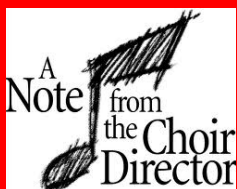
**Wednesday,
November 2nd**



**PLEASE BE SURE TO MAKE
THE FOLLOWING
IMPORTANT
CALENDAR CHANGES ...**

October 29th is the *Middle School Dance* (Grades 6-8) from Oct. 22nd

April 14th is *SPRINGFEST* from Feb. 18th



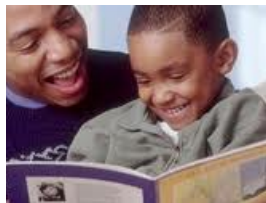
*From the Desk of our
School Choir Director:
Mrs. Javorka*

CHOIR NEWS:

All choir members are invited to sing for the 5:30 pm Mass this Saturday, October 22nd. Be at church promptly at 5:00 pm. We will be teaching the Glory to God to the congregation before Mass. Dress appropriately. **NO JEANS** or gym shoes.



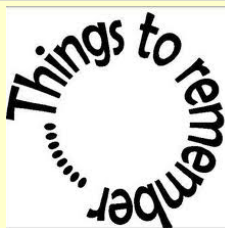
3rd Grade Parents should have their Third Grade child read to them for 20 minutes every night.



When they are finished reading, ask your child questions about what he/she has read.



The **NEW** I-READ 3 State test will be here before we know it.



Just a reminder ...

T.R.I.P. is available in school on Thursday morning from 8:00-9:00A.M.

With the holidays approaching quickly, this will be a BIG help to you.

REMEMBER, T.R.I.P. SAVES YOU MONEY ON TUITION.



Parents, please bring your children to Holy Mass on Sunday's.

Children, please bring your parents to Holy Mass.

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

WELLBITS

PREPARE FOR A HEALTHY HALLOWEEN - PART 1

With Halloween only a few weeks away, there's no better time than now to think about how you can put a little 'health' into the traditional 'sugary/fat-laden' Halloween festivities. The good news is that you do have some alternatives so you and your kids can enjoy plenty of Halloween fun without going into sugar shock.

HAUNTED FOREST PLATTER – Have this available before the kids venture out to trick or treat. It's not only healthy for you, but fun to put together. It's got broccoli 'trees', hard-boiled egg 'ghosts', and lots of other creepy creatures made from the vegetables.



HEALTHY TRICK OR TREAT ALTERNATIVES – Here are some great ideas to bring a little 'health' into your Halloween 'treats'

- Cereal bars
- Snack packets of dried fruit, baked pretzels, nut and seeds
- Trail mix
- Animal crackers
- 100 calorie packs of various products
- Mini boxes of raisins
- Individual juice drinks (100% juice)
- Single-serve packets of low-fat microwave popcorn

SAVE YOUR POP TOPS

The Ronald McDonald House receives five cents for each pop top collected. What an easy way to help the families who are going through rough times!

PLEASE SEND THE POP TOPS TO THE
MAIN OFFICE.

Thank you, and God bless you.



*Our Lady of the Most
Holy Rosary,
Pray for us.*



HOME & SCHOOL MEETING
SCHEDULE: 2011-2012

MEETINGS TAKE PLACE
IN THE CAFETERIA at
6:30 pm

November 10th (Thursday)
January 19th (Thursday)
March 15th (Thursday)
May 16th (Wednesday)

Help us get **Free Stuff...** even **CASH!**

HSA is collecting used printer cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras, iPods, GPS units, and laptops. We receive points for sending these items to Funding Factory to be recycled or remanufactured, and we redeem those points for items for the school or cash. Collecting these items not only benefits the school but also helps ensure they are kept out of landfills – to date Funding Factory participants have helped keep more than 21 million pounds of waste from being landfilled!

HSA will provide two pizza parties as an incentive – one for the class that brings in the most items between October and January and one for the class that brings in the most items between February and May.

There is a special incentive to send in items right away! For every qualifying item Funding Factory receives from us between now and October 28, we get one entry into a drawing for a \$500.00 credit to our account. In order to encourage you to send in items right away, we are giving the classes twice the credit for items collected between now and the week of October 17. So, send in your items today!

If you have a large amount of items and need to arrange a drop-off rather than sending the items with your child, contact Kris Miller (312.909.8156 or KristinaMMiller@GE.com).

Please ensure that you remove any data from the electronic items prior to sending them in. Funding Factory is not responsible for the deletion of confidential data on any items.

Thanks for helping us get free stuff and keeping these items out of landfills!



This is a St. Thomas More H.S.A. fundraising program that allows all parents to raise funds to help pay for their child(ren's) tuition at STMS.

We **end on October 31, 2011.** You can contact **Vicky Odegaard** at 219-322-6391 or victoriavalade@sbcglobal.net.

Cookie Dough Tubs: Sell for \$10.00 each **Popcorn Tubs: Sell for \$10.00** **Bundt Cakes: Sell for \$26.00 each**

All Checks are made out to
St. Thomas More HSA



The Humane society of Northwest Indiana will be holding a "Trick or Treat" Adopt-A-Thon on Saturday, October 22nd, from 10:00am to 5:00pm.



The "Trick" is finding just the right dog, cat, puppy or kitten for your family.

The "Treat" is that all animals are half price. This includes age appropriate vaccinations, deworming, spaying or neutering and a life time ID tag. We have many dogs, cat, puppies & kittens that are in need of a "Forever Home". Please consider saving the life of a Homeless animal.





Please keep the following St. Thomas More School family members in your prayers:

Cooper Haislip	6th Grade Student
Mrs. Pam Wadycki	Accounting Office
Mrs. Chiara Andrzejewski	Weis Center Aide

*St. Thomas More School
Principal's Weekly Newsletter*

The Barrister

"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ."

If you would like something included in an edition of, *The Barrister*, just email the information to :

cnordyke@stm-school.com

Please email by Wednesday at noon.
Thanks.

Mary, Our Good and Holy Mother loves each one of you.

Girl's Basketball Registration

Please return the form and fee by
Friday, November 11th.

Any 5th - 8th grade girl is eligible to participate.

Registration Fee: \$75 payable to
'STM Athletics'

Registration/Physical Form available in the school office and on-line at www.nwicyo.org.

If you have already played a Fall sport, the form is not required.

A \$25 late fee will be assessed for any forms/fees received after the deadline.



S.T.M. LUNCH MENU – WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2011

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

Yogurt--\$0.70

Milk--\$0.50

Monday, Oct. 24

Chicken Nuggets
Macaroni & Cheese
Broccoli or Peas
Pears
Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 25

Corn Dog
Potato Wedges
Green Beans
Pineapple Tidbits
Rice Krispie Treat
Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 26

Mini Sub Sandwich
Shredded Lettuce
Nachos & Cheese
Carrot Sticks
Applecrisp/Fruit
Milk

Ala Carte Corn Dog: \$1.25

Ala Carte Sandwich: \$1.55

Monday Volunteers

Tisha Kotso
Anne DiCarlo
Susie Kinsella

Tuesday Volunteers

Michael Smith
Penny Covelli
Lupe Castaneda

Wednesday Volunteers

Becky Kirsch
Katie Fesko

Thursday, Oct. 27

NO SCHOOL

Friday, Oct. 28

Bosco Sticks
Marinara Dip
Salad
Mixed Fruit
Fruit Snack Bag
Milk

Ala Carte Bosco Stick: \$1.00

Thursday Volunteers

Friday Volunteers

Chris Balbo
Melissa Reardon
Hillary Hanas



*“The more you honor
Me, The more I will bless
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.

TICKETS ON SALE!

Indiana Youth Ballet
proudly presents

*The
Nutcracker
2011*

a ballet for children by children

School Shows:

Thursday

November 17, 2011

9:30 am & 11:30 am

Friday

November 18, 2011

9:30 am & 11:30 am

Public Performances:

Saturday

November 19, 2011

7:00 pm

Sunday

November 20, 2011

2:00 pm

Location:

Wheeler High School
587 W 300 North
Valpo, IN

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