



The Barrister

"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ."

April 25 2013

Year of Faith



Our Patron Saint

Educating the whole child in the values of Jesus and Mary

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica

Prayer for abused and neglected children

"Gentle Jesus, look kindly on those children who have been denied the gift of a safe and happy childhood. Protect them from abuse and neglect and let them find comfort in Your love and protection.

Help all of us to show sympathy and compassion to troubled children whose words and actions test patience and understanding. Let these children see the world as the beautiful place You created. Help them find the courage to overcome their fears so they may learn to trust and love.

Grant those who have young lives entrusted in their care Your wisdom and kindness so they may provide the kind of love all children need to grow and mature. Amen."

(April is Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Welcome Back!



Our School Family sends out a **BIG SHOUT** out to **Mrs. J** (grades 5 & 6 Math Teacher) who returned on Monday after recovering from surgery.

It's so good to have her back at her "second home."

STMS HIGHLIGHTS

Friday: Mid-Quarter Just a few weeks to go!
8th Grade Athletic Banquet 6PM

Saturday, April 27th from 12:00pm to 8:00pm
and Sunday, April 28th from 8:00am to 3:00pm
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR in the Solar Room.

8th Grade Bake Sale: Please support the kids.
Saturday & Sunday April 26th & 27th after the 5:30 p.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon Masses

Student Choir

Come and join all of us this coming Monday evening to listen to the **BEST** Student Choir there is! Bring your family and friends.

MONDAY
APRIL 29, 2013
7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas More Church

Performances by: STM Choir Students in Grades 4-8

Directed by: Mrs. Laura Javorka

Sing a New Song unto the Lord.

you are
fantastic

JANE MRVAN & THE SPRING FEST, 2013, COMMITTEE:



Thanks to ALL of you, our children and parents had a WONDERFUL day! The hours you all spent making this happen is more appreciated than words can ever express.

A grateful principal,



ISTEP+ RETURNS TO STMS



For the second time this school year, ISTEP+ Part II (Multiple Choice) returns **Monday, April 29th - May 10th.**

1. Say a prayer, each day, for your child.
2. Please make sure the children get plenty of sleep so they will be refreshed and ready.
3. The test will be online.
4. Please make sure the children come to school each day, and are on time so testing may begin on time.

Thanks

THANK YOU
VERY MUCH

Mrs. Barkey (Fourth Grade Teacher) has our deep, heart felt THANKS, for agreeing to teach the fifth and sixth grade math until Mrs. J. was able to return. Mrs. Barkey did an **OUTSTANDING** job, as she does with everything or the children.

Mrs. Barkey, Jesus, and Mary His Mother, will shower you with many graces for your many acts of kindness.

YOU ARE THE BEST!!!

God bless you!

Your grateful principal



Don't Forget your stamp here

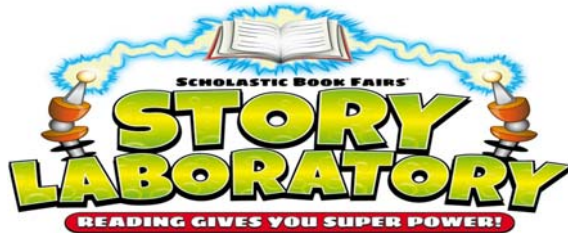
Your NAME

Your ADDRESS

Your CITY, STATE, ZIP

Parents:

ALL parents are asked to send a self-addressed stamped envelope to your child's teacher(s) as the final report card (will be mailed home.)



The 2013 St. Thomas School Library Book fair will take place on Saturday, April 27th from 12:00pm to 8:00pm and Sunday, April 28th from 8:00am to 3:00pm in the Solar Room. Volunteers will be needed for setup on Friday, April 26th after school (3:15) until approximately 4:30. Volunteers are also needed as cashiers and for helping customers on Saturday and Sunday (in 2-hour shifts). You must be VIRTUS trained and over 18-years old. Anyone interested, please contact Tony Forszt at (219) 836-1810 or amforsz@att.net. Thank you so much and

Remember: "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."—Richard Steel





Our St. Thomas More School Family congratulates Mrs. Pat Wade for TWENTY years of ministry (so far).



Mrs. Wade will be honored, at a special luncheon, next week with His Excellency, Bishop Dale J. Melczek.

God bless you, Pat, for ALL you do for the children!

Thanks, Mrs. Chance and Miss Noble

The kids, faculty, staff had a **BLAST** during *"Spring Fling"* week you planned for the STM Students!



Funny Hair Day



Some Principal's will do anything for the kids!

STM Eagle Dash 5k Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk

STM Eagle Dash 5k Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk will be held at beautiful Wicker Park on Sunday May 19th at 1:00pm. All are welcome to participate in this fun family event. Don't miss Chicago White Sox South Paw who will be there at 11:30 to sign autograph's and pose for pictures!

Volunteers are still needed! Our event will only be successful if we staff it with our awesome volunteers! Please return your volunteer forms today. Volunteers are still welcome to participate in the race. Call Tara Hurubean with any questions at 864-4366.

Congratulations to our STM Eagle Dash Logo winners Brianna Mossburg who designed our "5K" logo and Danny Zuccarelli who designed our "Eagle" logo!

Thank you to all the students who participated!

Enjoy some pictures of Spring Fling, 2013!



SPRING FEST, 2013



Faculty VB Team



8th Grade Girls and boys played the faculty.

Are your lunch account Balances up to date? Check with your children or call Mrs. Murray at 836-9151, ext. 324 or e-mail her at lmurray@stm-school.com



SCHOOL TOWN
MUNSTER

Munster High School

Parents of incoming freshman are invited to attend the PTO Meeting on May 1, 2013 to learn about the **Summer Reading Program** at Munster High School. Mrs. Daugherty will present the 2013 Summer Reading List and criteria for student's participation. The meeting will be held in the LGI Room at MHS at 7:00pm - all are welcome.

50th Anniversary of Scouting at St. Thomas More



All past and present Scouts and Scouters, as well as our parishioners, are invited to a dinner celebrating 50 years of scouting at our parish on Saturday, June 1st after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the STM Gym.

Cost is \$5 per person. Please RSVP to Paul Liszewski before May 18th at (219) 864-1082 or plisze1037@aol.com

We are all looking forward to seeing You at the celebration.



ATTENTION FEMALE GRADUATES PLANNING TO ATTEND MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL:

There will be a callout meeting for anyone wishing to try out for the 2013-2014

Cheerleading season on Monday, April 29th at 3:00 pm in the Resource Room. Please see contact Kristen Szafasz at Munster High School regarding any questions. Tryouts will be May 7-10 at Munster High School. Thank you Kristen Szafasz

T.R.I.P. News

The cutoff for the Spring tuition credit payout will be April 30, 2013. Any virtual or regular orders placed on May 1, 2013 onward will be part of the winter payout. Families not returning to STM next school year because their youngest child is graduating should contact Mary Jo Biscan, at extension 311.

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From 4/27/13 through 5/10/13, the following will increase: **Bed Bath & Beyond** (7% to 8%), **Express** (10% to 12%), **Staples** (5% to 10%), **AMC** (8% to 13%), and **Uno's** (12% to 14%)

Dell, Spa Week, and 1-800-Flowers are also having bonus discounts. Order online at www.shopwithscrip.com or write-in on the paper form to order.



8th Grade Bake Sale

Help the St. Thomas More School 8th Grade students defer the cost of their end-of-year field trip to Chicago. Find delicious homemade baked goods in the school hall & in the church narthex on Saturday & Sunday April 26th & 27th after the 5:30 p.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon Masses



St. Thomas More School Eagle Dash

5K Run/ 1 Mile Fun Walk
Sunday, May 19th at 1:00 p.m.
Wicker Memorial Park-Highland



Tell your friends, invite other people you know! Everyone in the community is invited to take part.

Watch *The Barrister* for more info.



Are You Interested In Becoming An Altar Server?



New Altar Server Information/ Sign-up Meeting

Any St. Thomas More School or Religious Formation Program student, currently in the 4th grade or higher that is interested in becoming an altar server and their parent are invited to attend an Information/Sign-up meeting –

**Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 7pm
In the St. Thomas More Cafeteria**

If you have any questions you may call **Susan Burke at 322-6462**

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

**Register Now for St. Thomas More School
Some classes are nearly full.**

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in attending St. Thomas More School for the 2013/14 school year, please contact Pam Pasyk at (219) 836-9151, #309 or ppasyk@stm-school.com to schedule a personal tour.





Music Ministry Concert

Save the Date – Saturday, May 18th



Join us on **Saturday, May 18th**

at **7:00 p.m.** (after the 5:30 p.m. Mass) in the Church for an inspiring concert performed by the many musical groups of our parish.



Groups to perform:

Adult & Student Handbell Choirs
All Seasons Chorale • Schola Cantorum
Student Choir • Funeral Choir



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SCHOOL BEGINS AT 8:00 A.M.

STMS begins school at 8:a.m..

Parents, please, wayyyyyyyyy too many children are coming tardy to school. Sadly, the children receive a punishment when they are tardy. How unjust is that?



First Holy Communion for the Catholic children in Third Grade at

St. Thomas More School is next Saturday, May 4, 2013, at 10:00 A.M. in St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church.

8TH GRADE ATHLETIC BANQUET

Friday, January 26, 6:00 P.M., in St. Thomas More Gym.

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

Boys: Dress Shirt (Collar) and Tie
Girls: Cover shoulders and watch dress length.

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR!!!



S.T.M. LUNCH MENU – WEEK OF APRIL 29, 2013

Daily Ala Cartes: Salads—Large-\$2.30; Small-\$1.85 Yogurt--\$0.70 Milk--\$0.50

Monday, April 29

Sloppy Joe OR
Chicken Patty Sandwich
Curley Fries
Broccoli/Green Beans
Mixed Fruit
Milk

Ala Carte Sandwich: \$1.55

Monday Volunteers

Amy Osmulski
Tammy Savickis
Judy Lennon

Thursday, May 2

Beef Tacos-Hard/Soft
Lettuce/Cheese
Tater Tots
Peaches
Ice Cream Cup
Milk

Ala Carte Taco: \$1.25

Thursday Volunteers

Kelli Galanos
Gina Boleski
Emiko Cardenas

Tuesday, April 30

Corn Dog
Baked Beans
Potato Wedges
Pears
Juice Choice
Milk

Ala Carte Corn Dog: \$1.25

Tuesday Volunteers

Alice Balbo
Chris Balbo
Penny Covelli

Friday, May 3

Hot Pretzel w/Cheese
Cottage Cheese/Yogurt
Mixed Salad
Pineapple Tidbits
Jello
Milk

Friday Volunteers

Susanne Seydel
Teri Tarr
Michelle Ciesar

Wednesday, May 1

Pizza Choice:
Pepperoni/Cheese
Corn/Salad
Fresh Fruit
Graham Cracker
Milk

Wednesday Volunteers

Dawn Fehr
April Dilbeck
Susanne Kinsella

Jesus
♥
You

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Menu subject to change.

Hot Lunch Prices: **Student - \$2.00; Adult- \$2.60**

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

Check the Barrister for the weekly menu and volunteer list. **The monthly menu can be found on the St. Thomas More School web site under The Barrister.**

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