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# THE PEACEMAKER... *PIECES*

*St. Thomas School community prepares children for life in a respectful and supportive environment by providing a dynamic education centered in Christ.*

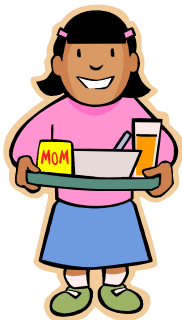
## 17 Days Until AUCTION '07

The Auction Committee would like to sincerely thank all who have so generously donated items. Your commitment to our efforts will make a huge difference in raising money for our kids and our school.

To all our friends who have items ready, or almost ready to bring in, please do it soon. We need everything in by the last day of January in order to set up the tables, and see what we still may need for the big night on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. We are so excited to share with you the nearly 200 items that have been donated this year so far, and we know we will continue to get more. We have some priceless donations – things you couldn't get anywhere else, such as a "Pastry Chef for a Day" or a "Behind the Scenes" look at Meijer Gardens—to name just a few. In addition we have some great golf packages, restaurant and store gift certificates, and so much more! We just can't wait until you see all of the amazing items that have been donated. Get excited St. Thomas, because you aren't going to want to miss one minute of bidding on these great items! See you there!

## Pop Donations Needed for Auction

We are looking for people who are willing to donate pop for the evening of the auction. Specifically, we would prefer CANS of Diet Coke/Pepsi (regular and caffeine free), Coke/Pepsi and Sprite/7-Up. If you can help, please bring your donation to the school office copy room and we will come pick it up. Thank you!



## Hot Lunch, YEA!

Hot Lunch is scheduled to begin on Monday, February 5. Students have been "practicing" by eating their lunches in the lower level of Church. Hot Lunch Information packets went home Friday. In the event you missed your packet, an order form is attached. Order forms will be collected every two weeks. Please get

your first order form in by Friday, January 26. Order forms will be attached to each "Pieces". A February Hot Lunch Menu is also printed on the back of the attached February calendar, and monthly menus will be printed on the back of each monthly calendar. ~ Mr. Faber

## Student PickUp/ DropOff



Students must NEVER be allowed to cross Wilcox Park Drive to enter or exit a car. For the safety of all our children, please pick up and drop off students in the designated areas of the parking lot only.

To aid in speeding up the drop off/pick up procedure, please treat Wilcox Park Drive as a one way street (westbound only). Use Hope Street to travel eastbound. When exiting the parking lot, turn right onto Wilcox Park Drive. By creating this ONE WAY environment, we can make the beginning and end of our school days more orderly for St. Thomas and our neighbors. Please drive at a slower speed for the safety of our students who walk. Thank you. ~ Dave Faber

## Catholic Central/West Catholic High Schools Present:

**The Merry Wives of Windsor**

January 25, 26 and 27

at the Aquinas Performing Arts Center

Come see several St. Thomas alumni and even some current St. Thomas students in the cast.

Tickets are only \$6 and may be purchased at the Circle Theatre Box Office at the door or in advance, or reserved by calling (616) 456-6656. A limited number of postcards valid for \$1 off each ticket purchased are available at the Welcome Center in the school entrance.

## ATTACHMENTS



- Catholic Schools Week Flyer
- Northeast Little League Information
- Monthly Calendar/Lunch Menu
- Hot Lunch Order Form

## Protecting God's Children Awareness Sessions

If you are a new parent or are an existing parent and still need to attend Virtus training, (required for all school volunteers), please note the following upcoming training sessions:

St. John Vianney Parish (Wyoming)  
Monday, February 26, 2007 @ 6:30 PM

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish (Grand Rapids)**  
**Monday, March 5, 2007 @ 6:30 PM**

St. Jude Parish (Grand Rapids)  
Wednesday, May 2, 2007 @ 6:30 PM

If you plan to attend one of these sessions, and have not already registered, please register online as follows:

- Go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)
- Click "Registration"
  - Click "Begin the Registration Process"
  - Select Diocese of Grand Rapids as the organization.
  - You will be required to enter a UserID and password (of your choice)
  - Fill out registration form
  - Choose a location

## Spiritual Adoption Meeting

The next meeting for Jr. High students that have chosen to participate in the spiritual adoption of an unborn baby in danger of abortion, is January 31st. at 2:40 pm in the Ministry Center. Remember to bring your baby bottle with the prayer cards attached. You did an amazing job collecting money for the St. Mary's Crisis Pregnancy Center! You collected \$239.60 last month. Keep up those POWERFUL prayers! See you on the 31st! ~ Mrs. Donna Valente



Bring your Baby Bottle, Prayer Card and Money!

## PARENT/CHILD CHASTITY PRESENTATIONS

5TH GRADE - Thursday, January 25th 1:30 pm - 2:50 pm  
Presenters - Carol Hickner in Mrs. Furtwangler's room  
Dave Faber in Ministry Center Chapel

7TH GRADE - Tuesday, February 13th 1:30 pm - 2:50 pm  
Presenters - MaryAnn Bridge & Michelle Bryk in Ministry Center Chapel  
Deacon Jim Thorndill in Ministry Center Community Room

6TH GRADE - Wednesday, February 14th 1:30 pm - 2:50 pm  
Presenters - Julie Bevins in Ministry Center Chapel  
David Bevins in Ministry Center Community Room

8TH GRADE - Thursday, February 15th **1:00 pm - 2:50 pm**  
Presenters - Amy DenBraber in Ministry Center Chapel  
David Marchinda in Ministry Center Community Room

**Parents of any aged children are welcome to be present at these talks to assist them in teaching their family about Catholic morality and chaste living.**

**Also, the 6th - 8th grade presentations will be held for the religious education students on Monday, February 12th from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm. This would be an excellent opportunity for parents to hear the talk if their schedule prevents them from attending with their child during the day.**

If you should have any questions or would be interested in being a part of this important committee (we are in need of **male** representation specifically!!), please contact Margaret Murphy @ 459-5227.

## High School Placement Test for Current 8th Graders

The High School Placement Test (HSPT) will be given on Saturday, January 27 at West Catholic High School. Check in begins at 8:00 a.m. with testing starting promptly at 8:30 a.m. and ending by noon. You may still register to take this test. Please RSVP no later than Friday, January 26. For more information or if you need an additional registration packet, please call Dawn Majchrzak, West Catholic Guidance Counselor 233-5914; Lauri Ford, Catholic Central Guidance Department 233-5810 or Nancy Beadling, Admissions Coordinator 233-5814. Continue your Catholic Education through your important High School years! Experience Quality Faith Based Education where 98% of Students Enroll in Colleges and Universities upon Graduation, a Qualified and Dedicated Staff, Competitive Athletic Programs, Second to None Arts and Music Programs, parental and community Involvement and more...Come join our Catholic Secondary Family! This test is needed for admittance to either Catholic Central or West Catholic High School.

## Media Center Update

Parents:

As a reminder, we have a two book checkout limit for the lower grades and a three book checkout limit for junior high. We want all the students to be able to check out the books they want and not put the pressure on you to keep track of more than two or three books.

There are still openings for volunteer parents to read a story in many of the classes. Your children love seeing you at school. If interested, please contact Maureen Jones at 457-2107 (home) or 458-4228 (ext. 324) at St. Thomas.

Do you have some books at home that you have been thinking about donating? We are looking to add books to our library collection and are in need of donations of used or new books.

Thank you everyone (teachers, students, parents, other groups that use the library) for keeping this area clean and safe. We appreciate it when the chairs and pillows are put back in place, messes are cleaned up, and books that are taken off the shelves, are left on the top of the shelves to be correctly filed.

~ Liz Aschwege



## We Celebrate Our Newest Authors

Who Published the following Books during the Week of January 8, 2007

The Obnoxious Pet	by <b>Tess Ens</b>	2/Haviland
Thanksgiving Without Dishes	by <b>Johnny Crittenden</b>	2/Haviland
A Bat Meets a Cat	by <b>Jack Rohn</b>	2/Haviland
Dog & Cat Rescue Adventure	by <b>Julia Walsh</b>	2/Haviland
Seven Blind Mice	by <b>Lauren Mushinski</b>	2/Haviland
A Story of a Christmas Tree	by <b>Maya Zimelis</b>	1/Baxter
My Pet Duck	by <b>Brennen Rodgers</b>	1/Baxter
Once Upon 11 Kids	by <b>Ana Corcoran</b>	2/Michels



## Tuition Raffle Reminder

Please continue to sell your raffle tickets to family and friends. Return the ticket stubs and money to the school office. Your family will be entered into a drawing for every ten tickets that you sell! If you would like more tickets, please contact Sue Ysasi in the school office or call Amy Bocian at 559-8803. If you do not plan to sell your tickets, please return those to the school office also. The winning ticket will be drawn at the St. Thomas Auction on February 10th. Thank you!

~ Amy Bocian

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## Community Athletic and Music Opportunities

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**GOLF INFO NITE** - Monday, February 12th @ 7:30 p.m. in CCHS Cafeteria. Boys and Girls (along with their parents) are encouraged to attend. You may pick up a flyer in the main office. Contact Coach Kim Napieralski 970-9987 with any questions. See you all there!

**Catholic Central Girls' Basketball Summer Camp**  
Colleen Lamoreaux-Tate, CCHS Girls' Basketball Varsity Coach, is holding summer camps for all girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The camps start June 8 and will be held at the CCHS gym. Schedules are available in the Welcome Information Center by the front door. All information is also posted on the CCHS website at [www.grcatholiccentral.com](http://www.grcatholiccentral.com).

**Free Entry to CC Games:**  
5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to the following Catholic Central sporting events free of charge when they present their Junior Cougar ID cards:  
Volleyball – January 25  
Hockey – February 3  
Swim – February 1

**GRCREW** will begin winter conditioning on Monday, January 22 for all returning team members. Those who are interested in joining our competitive rowing team can check us out on Monday, January 29 at 6pm. Practice facilities are at the YWCA on Sheldon St. , just south of Fulton. For more information, flyers are available in the Welcome & Information Center.

The St. Paul the Apostle **March Madness 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament** is set for Saturday, March 3. New this year are the 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls divisions. Open to all boy and girl players from 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. A 3 point shoot-out and free throw contests have also been added. Tournament is limited to 44 teams, so enter early. Flyers are available in the Welcome & Information Center.

The YMCA is offering the **Stella Royce Music Program** to students ages 6-adult. Classes are divided by age. All classes follow the guidelines set by the Michigan Music Teachers' Association Student Achievement Test. The next Winter Session 2, begins on February 26 and runs until April 1. For more information please contact Jeanne Hanley at 855-9613 or [jhanley@gymca.org](mailto:jhanley@gymca.org).



## Gym Concession Worker Schedule

The following families have been assigned to work in the Concession Stand at the Gym in the coming month. You must find a replacement if you cannot be there for your shift. Thank you!

### **Sunday, January 28**

12:30 p.m. ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ **Hieshetter**

2:00 p.m. ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ **Jermstad**

3:10 p.m. ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ **Dripchak**

### **Saturday, February 3**

8:30 a.m. ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Green ~ **Abdou**

10:00 a.m. ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ **Gould**

11:10 a.m. ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ **Mangan**

### **Saturday, February 10**

8:30 a.m. ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ **Aschwege**

## Game Time Change

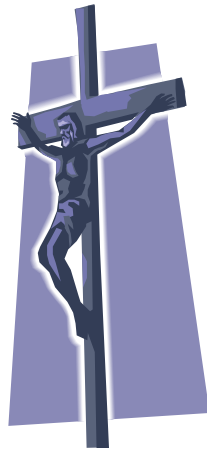
Reminder—On Saturday, January 27, the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball game will be played at St. Thomas at 9:00 a.m. Thanks!



## Pre-12 Catholic Education Tuition/Financial Management Class

Parents are invited to attend a free workshop sponsored by Mercantile Bank to gain valuable insight on how to afford private education and college education needs as well as tips for managing personal finances. The workshop will take place on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Mercantile Bank's Main Office on Leonard St. next to 131. Please contact Nancy Beadling at 233-5814 or email [nancybeadling@grcss.org](mailto:nancybeadling@grcss.org) to reserve your spot no later than Monday, February 5, 2007.

**WE COMMIT OUR LIVES TO JESUS**



**Celebrating the gift of Catholic Education**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

**Jan. 29th—February 2nd**

