



*Saint Thomas School community prepares children for life in a respectful and supportive environment by providing a Dynamic Education Centered in Christ.*

## Mr. Keller's Retirement Celebration this Friday

As you know, Mr. Keller is retiring. Please join the Saint Thomas Community for a Picnic at Wilcox Park in his honor. (In case of rain, we'll move to the Lower Level of Church.) This event will be held June 1 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. It's a potluck. Please bring the following:

- A-H Dessert
- J-Q Salad
- R-Z Main Dish

Hot dogs will be provided for the kids. Please also bring a blanket or tables and chairs to sit on, your own table settings, and non-alcoholic beverages. Music, memories and fun will be provided. Please call Joni Poggi @ 485-2800 if you have any questions.

## 8th Graders' Last School Mass

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be celebrating their last school Mass with us on Friday, June 1 at 9:55 a.m. At this Mass the 8th Grade will be anointing our 7<sup>th</sup> graders' hands for leadership in our school. All are invited to attend this special Mass!

## Thanks, VIPs! Closing School Mass on June 8th is in Your Honor



We'd like to thank all of our spring activity chairs and volunteers. We'd also like to thank all of you who had yearlong projects and are, or will be, wrapping them up soon. Your time, talents, and commitments have made another school year successful!

All of our volunteers (VIPs) are important to us! **You are invited to attend the last school Mass to be celebrated in your honor on Friday, June 8, at 9:55 a.m.**

~ Lisa Wolf & Angela Yondo

## End of Year Teacher Surveys

Your family's customized End of Year Teacher Surveys are included in the attached envelope. Enclosed you will find one survey for each of your child/ren's teachers, if their teacher is returning for the 2007-2008 school year. Please take a moment to complete these surveys. Your input is valuable and will assist our teachers in setting professional goals for the 2007/08 school year. Also enclosed is a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience. Please use this envelope to return all completed surveys. Upon receipt, Mrs. Ysasi will sort the surveys by teacher and place them in confidential envelopes intended for each teacher. Thank you for participating in this important improvement initiative.

## MEDICATION PICK-UP

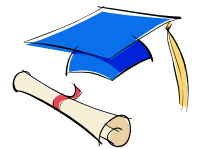
If you signed a Medication Consent Form during the school year and your student has medicine in the school office, please pick it up by the last day of school. A parent or designated adult must pick up the medication. Medication cannot be sent home with a student. The school office will be open the week of June 11-15, 2007 between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to pick it up. Unclaimed medicine **cannot** be carried over to the 2007/2008 school year and will be thrown away. Thank you for your help.



~ Sue Ysasi



## ATTACHMENTS



- June Hot Lunch Menu
- June Hot Lunch Order Form
- Honorable Mentions
- 2007/2008 School Calendar (Draft)
- Uniform Dress Code
- Used Uniform Sale
- Media Center Flyer
- May & June Emergency Fact Sheets

## June Calendar

1	Last Day for 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade 9:55 a.m. Mass (Last day for 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade & 7 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Anointing Mass) 6:00 -8:30 p.m. Gil Keller's Retirement Party at Wilcox Park
3	2:00 p.m. VIP Whitecaps Game
4	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade at Cedar Point
5	10:40 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Grs. 1 visits John Ball Zoo
6	Last day for 4-year-old Preschool 7:00 p.m. Graduation Mass
7	Last day for 3-year-old Preschool & Kindergarten Ted & Don Appreciation Day
8	Last Day for Grades 1-7 9:55 a.m. All School Closing Mass/ VIP Recognition <b>11:00 a.m. Dismissal</b>
13	8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Used Uniform Sale
14	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. School office open 7:00 p.m. Education Commission Meeting
11-15	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. School office open
25-29	Vacation Bible School

## Uniforms

Attached to this "Pieces" is the full Uniform Code. Please use this to guide summer shopping.

**Uniforms are required Monday through Friday during the last week of school.** Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> is **NOT** a Non-Uniform Day.

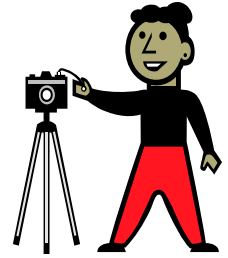
## Summer Healthcare Career Camp

Come explore a career in the Health Sciences pathway! For students entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade, this camp at the Kent Career/Technical Center will be on June 11-14<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 1:30pm. This camp is for you to learn about the variety of careers, discover skills you need to succeed and see how a career in healthcare may be right for you! Space is limited – Enroll now! For more information, call 447-2446.

## Diocesan Choral Academy

The Diocese is starting an evening "choral academy" for elementary students interested in singing. For more information on this exciting opportunity, please contact Mr. Dennis Rybicki, Catholic Central's Choral Music Director, at 233-5801 or look for further information to follow over the summer in our bulletin.

## 8th Grade Graduation Photos



A professional photographer will be taking a class picture on Wednesday, June 7 on the night of graduation. The price for each 8x10 photo, including postage, is \$8.50. Order forms are attached to this "Pieces". Additional order forms will be available in the Welcome & Information Center near the school's entrance. Forms were due in the school office by Friday, May 25, however it is not too late to order. **Please send all orders by June 1st.** Make checks payable to: **St. Thomas the Apostle School.** Photos will be mailed to you in June. Please note that the photo will be taken at 6:30 pm sharp. Graduates are asked to be at the church no later than 6:20 pm on the day of graduation.

~ Sue Ysasi

## Field Day Thank You!

I really want to thank all the parents, teachers, and the entire 8th grade class for assisting me with Field Day this year and all the years in the past. It has been so much fun and really successful. Kaitlyn and I will really miss St. Thomas and all the friends we have made throughout our 5 years here as we start a new chapter in our lives out in Grandville. God Bless!! ~ Becky Lehman

## Hot Weather Reminder:

Please remember that when the weather gets this warm (okay... HOT!) to send your child to school with a water bottle and that they remember to drink from it during the day. It will help keep those awful heat-induced headaches and "yucky feelings" away.



## 2007 Children's Opera Workshop

The 2007 Children's Opera Workshop is now taking registrations for children ages 6-12 in the West Michigan area for an exciting week of singing, dancing and drama the week of June 16-22. The workshop is process oriented with every child participating, culminating in the magic of performing with colorful costumes, lights and grand sets.

For more information please contact Liz Schultz at 245-4038 or Misty at Stepping Stones Montessori School at 451-8627.

## PESTICIDE PRIOR NOTIFICATION

Lawn Service will be applying weed killer to the parish and school grounds at 1429/1449 Wilcox Park Drive SE after school on Thursday, May 31. They will make the application after school hours to minimize the students' exposure to the chemicals.



# Hornet Athletics



## Coaches

A big THANKS to our Volleyball coaches! Thank you for sharing your time and talents with our young men and women.

- 5<sup>th</sup> Girl's Volleyball Rick Roth
- 6<sup>th</sup> Girl's Volleyball Nikki Nachtegall
- 7<sup>th</sup> Girl's Volleyball Carlene Habian
- 8<sup>th</sup> Girl's Volleyball Nikki Nachtegall

A big THANKS to our Spring Sports coaches! Thank you for sharing your time and talents with our young men and women.

- 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Boy's Baseball Gary Mick
- 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Boy's Baseball Bill Race (Merged w/ St. Stephen)
- 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Boy's / Girl's Track (Merged with I.H.M. ) –  
Amy Drees - Coordinator
- 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Girl's Soccer Merged with St. Stephen
- 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Girl's Soccer Keith Barth (Merged with Blessed  
Sacrament)
- 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Girl's Softball Don Serba
- 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Girl's Softball Shauna Levandoski (Merged with  
St. Stephen)

## Fall Sports Signups

Fall Sports Signups are currently posted in the classrooms until Friday 6/1/07. **These sign-ups will be for 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> graders** (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders next school year). Practices may begin as soon as 8/13/2007.

Please note that we (GRACEAC) are voluntarily considering revising our sports seasons for girl's volleyball and basketball, as the high schools are being required to do this fall. Currently we play girl's basketball in the fall season and volleyball in the winter season. We are considering moving volleyball to the fall and girl's basketball to the winter to match the high school seasons. This decision will be made on 6/4/07.

Currently there are sign-ups posted for **BOTH** girl's basketball and volleyball. Only **ONE** of these sports will be played in the fall season – it just has not been decided yet. The sport that is played in the winter season will have sign-ups posted again next year. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me @ 452-8314.

*~ Louis Bandlow  
Athletic Director*

## Sport Physicals & Permission Slips for School Year 2007/8

Attention Parents of 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students, a new Physical & Permission Slip are required EACH school year.

Students planning on participating in the St. Thomas Athletic program during the next school year are required to have a ST. THOMAS SPORTS PERMISSION SLIP and a SPORTS PHYSICAL (showing a doctor's clearance) dated after 5/15/07. **These forms must be on file with St. Thomas School prior to participation in any practice or game.**

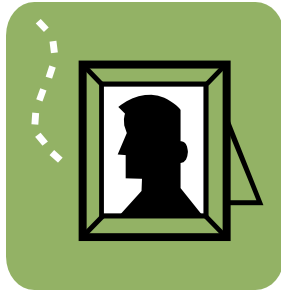
These forms will be valid for the entire 2007-2008 school year, so please fill out the Permission Slip for all sports that you are allowing your son/daughter to participate in.

## We Celebrate Our Newest Authors

Luke Lambert	The Funny Pickle Named Ivan	3/Michels
Carolyn Lignell	My Trip to Grandma's	1/Baxter
Mary Claire Mikolay	All About God	1/Baxter
Mary Claire Mikolay	The Ugly Dragon	1/Baxter
Isabella Gumbko	Ashly's Easter	1/Baxter
Greta Staggs	Treena and the Fall Fun	1/Baxter
Francesca Deveau	Friends	1/Baxter
Ciara White	Dog's Summer Vacation	1/Baxter
Regina Faber	I Went to Florida	1/Lake
Sara Vrugink	The Frog Story	1/Lake
Jameson VanDokkumburg	The Chick Story	1/Lake
Kristen Salinas	I Care For Friends	1/Lake
Lydia Dykema	Greta is Nice	1/Lake
Claire Den Braber	The Chick	1/Lake
Erin Mauren & Madeleine Jepsen	Suzi's First Mission	5/Furtwangler



# WE COMMIT OUR LIVES TO JESUS

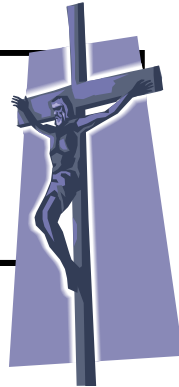


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Ben Line-Neumann  
**MIDDLE ROW:** Alex Mays, Connor McNeely, Mady Horrigan,  
Kevin Race  
**BACK ROW:** Ryan Pelak, Katelyn Crittenden, Kyle  
Nicholson, Ben Tietema  
**NOT PICTURED:** Ciara White



**FRONT ROW:** Joseph Blanco, Aden Shiel, Gabe Rohn  
**MIDDLE ROW:** Carolyn Lignell, Jessica Trenshaw, Mary Claire Mikolay,  
Jacob Jaracz  
**BACK ROW:** Julia Walsh, Tess Ens, Kyle Blaszak, Constance Stormzand,  
Jack Rohn



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**FRONT ROW:** James Stormzand, Kaitlyn Carter  
**MIDDLE ROW:** Molly Kane, Shannon McNeely, Emma Jensen,  
Kevin Hieshetter  
**BACK ROW:** Joe Trenshaw, Armand Hess, Noah Bosse, Cameron Hunt  
**NOT PICTURED:** Luke Fetterhoff

**FRONT ROW:** Nevada Flynn, Kelli Doyle, Charlie Jordan  
**MIDDLE ROW:** Luke Lambert, James Schueler, Abby Den Braber,  
**BACK ROW:** Tai Firlit, Anna Valente, Ana Corcoran, Dylan Sykes  
**NOT PICTURED:** Emma Fiorenzo, Anezka Kovarik