



# Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

“School of Distinction”

*Dynamic Education  
Centered in Christ*

## THE PEACEMAKER... *PIECES*

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### VIP Invitation

As the holidays quickly approach, we would like to acknowledge you and thank you for your dedication to the **Volunteers In Partnership** program at Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School. We thank the Lord that He has called you to Himself, to your ministry, and to the Saint Thomas the Apostle community. **Please join us for a Mass in honor of your gifts, Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:55 a.m.** May God bless you and thank you for all that you do for Saint Thomas the Apostle and the children!



### All Saints Day

The All Saints Day Celebration was a huge success! We had wonderful parents in the classrooms with our kids and our teachers got a chance to all be together to learn and pray! Thank you to the following parents for being in the classroom: Mary Beth Rott, Jennifer Treece, Marc Wadaga, Lisa Mullen, Shawn Doyle, Andrea Gumbko, Janet Jepsen, Tracy Bandlow, Lucyna Dieleman, Amy Den Braber, Kate Dykema, Jill McElwee, Amy Drees, Melissa Skinner, Krisann O'Neil, Laura Mangan, Claudia Liang, Tara Simonait, Ed Mikolay, Heidi Schliem, Linda Fetterhoff, Rachel Perdue, Michelle Brady, Donna Valente, Denise Deveau, Kathy Barth, and Tanya Molotky. Also, a big thank you to Sarah Faber for organizing the day!

This year we had apples instead of donuts (looking to be more healthier) and the Heffron Farms were so kind to donate all of the apples. The apples were free but I would like to give big thanks to my apple climbing buddies Emma Heffron, Addison LaVoie, Gabriel Yondo, & Quinn Yondo (along with siblings) for climbing up high to feed our kids! Thank you!

Our next parent catechist day is December 8th for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. If you did not sign up to help on that day but would like to join the kids in the classroom, please call me at 452-0444 or email me at [janda143@aol.com](mailto:janda143@aol.com).

### Fall Conferences

Fall conferences will be held on these dates:

Thursday, November 18 - 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Monday, November 22 -12-3:00 p.m. **KINDERGARTEN ONLY**

Tuesday, November 23 - 2:00-3:00 PM and 5:00-8:00 p.m.

**Dismissal times on Monday, November 22 and Tuesday, November 23 will be at 11:00 a.m.**

The following teachers will be here at the times listed below:

Ms. Grothe (Physical Education): Nov. 18 (4-6:30 p.m.)

Mrs. VanZee (Spanish): Nov. 18 (5-8 p.m.) &

Nov. 23 (12-3 p.m. & 5-8 p.m.)

Mrs. Wretschko (Art): Nov. 18 (5-8 p.m.) &

Nov. 23 (5-8 p.m.)

Mrs. Jaczwiec (Computer): Nov. 18 (5-8 p.m.) &

Nov. 23 (12-3 p.m. & 5-8 p.m.)

Mrs. Proulx (Music): By appointment

Mrs. Olson (GRPS Speech/Language Pathologist) & Mrs.

Purches (GRPS Resource Teacher) will be available

Thursday, November 18 from 5:00-8:00 p.m..

### Conference Times Error:

There was an error on the note sent home with the Jr. High Students. The list of conference times with the GRPS teachers' names was incorrect. Junior High conferences will be held Thursday evening, **NOVEMBER 18**, and Tuesday afternoon and evening, **NOVEMBER 23**. The date listed at the top of the letter is correct. We are sorry for this error.

### Teacher Survey

Parents, please take a few minutes to go to our website and take a short teacher's survey for each of your children's teachers. These surveys help enable us to make sure that we are meeting the needs of our students. There is also an administrator's survey available. The surveys can be found in the center of our homepage at [www.stthomasgr.org](http://www.stthomasgr.org). The computer lab will be open and the computers available during conference times to complete the survey online also. Thank you!



## ATTACHMENTS

- November Hot Lunch Menu
- Challenge Retreat Flyer

## ...With Love From Our Principal

The month of November is a time of remembering those who have gone before us, and for thanksgiving. In the hallway outside our office, we have placed pictures of loved ones, sent in by our students on a wall labeled, We Remember. If you want to send in pictures, we would love to add to that wall this month. Make sure that the person's name is on the back, as well as the name of the student to whom we will return the picture at the end of the month. I have been remembering those who have left us for other ventures as well. I very much miss our last eighth grade class and truly celebrate when they stop in to say hello. We apparently not only instill leadership in our students, but a sense of "home". Our faculty members who have left to retire, change direction, or to take on new and exciting directions are in my thoughts this month. As we ease into the school year, it is with great respect that I reflect on all that each of them has left as legacy and life-giving influences. Our success as a school has been the culmination of faculty, family, parish and administrative efforts aimed completely at our Catholic mission to educate our young in Christ's example. We are a blessed place.

We have a busy, bustling parish school...yet it begins every day looking like it did on the first day. This is because we have an amazing maintenance staff. Ted and his crew diligently keep everything clean and running smoothly. We can't possibly thank them enough for all that they do for us. Every year, our Education Foundation provides money for scholarships. Quietly working behind the scenes, the Foundation assures the financial health of our school. The Education Commission meets monthly as well to provide guidance and decision making in school governance. Truly, hundreds of people in our school and parish community come together as committee members, classroom volunteers, office help, project coordinators and countless other jobs in our building that keep us the dynamic school that we are. Again, words cannot express the thankfulness that we all feel for you wonderful people. God bless you all.

You may have noticed that we are not in testing season....yet! This year, many of the diocese schools have opted to adapt MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing. Our school will be administering these tests in the month of January. The tests provide us with much more reliable, more accurate measures of where your child is, academically. Students in grades 2-8 will take the tests on the computer. Each question is customized to the student, based on the previous answer. As a child correctly answers a question, the next adjusts in difficulty. As a child incorrectly answers a question, the next allows for success, pinpointing where the child's ideal instructional level appears. It is not a timed test, and should a child need a break, the test may be paused. I will keep you informed as we prepare for MAP testing at Saint Thomas.

Conferences are approaching! We look forward to connecting with our partners in education....the parents! Our faculty is dedicated to continuous improvement. We have placed surveys for the teachers, Mrs. Walch and me on our school website. We will have the computer lab open during conferences for you in an effort to make it convenient to fill out a survey for each of your child's teachers and for the administration. They are short, but valuable to our improvement. Thank you in advance for helping us grow as educators! I will make myself available during our conference times if you would like to meet with me.

~ Suzi Furtwangler  
Principal

## Middle School Operation Christmas Child Challenge

Calling all 6th, 7th and 8th Graders...We need you to fill those bins with toys! The winning grade gets a movie with pop and popcorn during class time. The contest ends November 19th.



Please remember that while this contest is all about numbers, we still ask that you consider bringing quality toys—something you'd like to get. Also, don't forget that all items must fit in a shoe box. Thanks so much for your generosity and participation.

## Saint Thomas Educational Foundation—What is it?

Did you know we have an Educational Foundation? Incorporated in the early 80's the foundation was established to help parishioners meet tuition needs of their children attending Saint Thomas School.

Through various fund raising activities over the years, along with generous contributions through the estates of deceased parishioners, the foundation has built up a substantial fund. Each year 65-70 students and their families have received some aid through this program which has given over \$750,000 of tuition support since 1990.

A gift to the Saint Thomas Educational Foundation is a gift that keeps giving year after year.

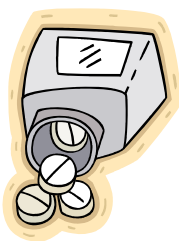
Stay tuned to future issues to learn more about this amazing foundation set up to benefit our families and school!

## Uniform Check Time!

We will be doing brief uniform checks in the upcoming weeks. Please make sure that your child/ren is wearing the approved uniform items. We have seen a few items that do not fit the uniform code. Make sure the shirts, skirts, pants, sweaters, socks, and sweatshirts are all of the description listed in the parent/student handbook on our website. We also have uniform description pages in the welcome and information center at the entrance to school. Please make note that girls' skirts must have equal size pleats all the way around the skirt to be approved. Thank you so much for your help with this.

## Medication

A Pain Reliever Permission Slip was included in all 2010/2011 school registration packets. This completed form authorizes the principal or her designee to dispense a non-aspirin pain reliever. Student name and requested dosage must be appropriate and clearly stated. This form must be signed by a parent and physician.



Parents are urged to give medication other than non-aspirin pain reliever at home and on a schedule other than during school hours. If it is necessary that a medication be given during school hours, the following regulations must be followed:

~Medications must be prescribed by a licensed health care provider and permission granted to the school to contact the licensed health care provider as necessary.

~All medication must be brought to the school office in the original container with the appropriate label intact. The parent or other designated adult must deliver the medication to school. **STUDENTS MAY NOT DELIVER THEIR OWN MEDICATION TO SCHOOL.**

~Non-prescription medication will not be administered unless indicated in writing by the student's licensed health care provider.

~The parent/guardian must sign a Parent Medication Consent Form, granting the school permission to administer the medication. **This includes all over the counter medications including but not limited to: cough drops, vitamins, antacids, ointments or creams, homeopathic medication, etc..**

## Saint Thomas - "Peaceful People, Peaceful Place"

### SAVE THE DATE

Saint Thomas the Apostle School is launching an anti-bullying initiative, "Peaceful People, Peaceful Place". Please join us for a one hour parent information night, **Monday, November 29, at 6:15 pm** in the church basement. Dr. Michele Coyne, our guest speaker, will present strategies to end and prevent the ugliness of bullying, as well as identify signs of children who are suffering silently from gossip, teasing or cyber bullying. Refreshments will be provided.

## Teaching Touching Safety

Saint Thomas the Apostle School will present two sexual abuse prevention lessons, the Touching Safety program, to our students. The classroom teacher will present the first lesson to Grades K-5 on Friday, November 19 from 8:30-9:15 a.m. Mr. Baxter will present the lesson to students in Grades 6-8. Please refer to the note that went home for specific times. The second lesson will be presented on Friday, February 25. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Grand Rapids, and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children. Reminder, for Kindergarten you must sign an "Opt In" form for this program and for grades 1-8 you must "Opt Out" if you do not wish your child/ren to participate.

## CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL High School Placement Test (HSPT) for All 8th Grade Students

- When:** Saturday, November 20, 2010  
Saturday, December 11, 2010
- Where:** All testing administered at Cathedral Square,  
360 Division Ave S
- Time:** Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m.  
Testing is from 8:30 a.m.-11:50 a.m.
- Cost:** \$20 \*(unless you qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch)
- Register:** Students Must Pre-Register for this Test  
Registration forms available at  
[www.grcatholiccentral.com](http://www.grcatholiccentral.com) under the Admissions tab,  
and via delivery to partner schools November 12, 2010.
- Questions:** Sue Waldron at 616.233.5810

## The Church Speaks

*"It is incumbent upon parents to cooperate closely with the school teachers to whom they entrust their children to be educated; in fulfilling their duty teachers are to collaborate closely with parents who are to be willingly heard and for whom associations or meetings are to be inaugurated and held in great esteem."*

~ THE REVISED CODE OF CANON LAW 1983

## Operation Christmas Child 2010 – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Thanks to everyone who has already donated small items and shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We have also received a generous donation of enough soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste to fill 500 - 1,000 shoe boxes. However, we still have some pressing needs in order to make this happen.

Each classroom is collecting the following small items for the shoe boxes:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Collecting</u>
P3/P4	Hard candy, socks
K	Crayons, markers
1	Small toys (for any age), stuffed animals
2	Pens, pencils, glue sticks (no liquid glue)
3	Small notebooks, stationary, coloring books
4	Wash cloths
5	Brushes, combs, hair accessories
6	Toys for ages 2-4 (stuffed animals, play-doh, balls, cars, dolls...)
7	Gifts for ages 5-9 (stuffed animals, yo-yos, jump ropes, Slinkies, cars, dolls...)
8	Small gifts for ages 10-14 (stuffed animals, jewelry, ball caps, flashlights w/batteries, solar calculators, balls, playing cards, yo-yos, travel games...)



Please make sure that all items are **new** and able to fit inside a standard sized shoebox. Sorry, but we cannot accept used items. Also, no liquids, chocolate, war toys, or breakable items, please. Collection bins are in the STS hallways.

We still need many more empty shoe boxes (wrapped in Christmas paper if possible).

Consider donating money to cover shipping costs of the boxes.

We also need lots of volunteers. There are many opportunities to help!

Please pray for the success of the project and for the needy children who will be receiving the shoe boxes.

All are invited to attend the St. Thomas Packing Party Saturday, November 20 any time between 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. to help fill the shoe boxes. It's a wonderful event for the entire family, so please save the date. For more information or to volunteer call Maureen Jones at 454-2107.

## **ELECTRONIC Sign Up for the Pieces Newsletter**

In an effort to be “more green” and save paper, we are encouraging families to receive the Pieces electronically. In addition to saving paper and ink, the Pieces is much more engaging in color, especially as we continue to include more photo collages of the happenings and community of Saint Thomas the Apostle School. If you receive the Pieces electronically, you can also forward it to family and friends who may wish to follow what your students are doing or view a special picture. Please know that paper copies of the Pieces are always available both in the Welcome and Information Center in the school entrance and in the church basement if you should ever wish to have a paper copy of a specific issue. If you would like to receive the Pieces electronically from now on, please complete the lines below and return to the school office. Thank you!

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student/Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Saint Thomas Sports Uniform Turn-In

Saturday November 13, 2010  
9:00am-12:00pm

At The Saint Thomas Gym

Please turn in all Fall Sports Uniforms (and other Saint Thomas Sports Uniforms/Equipment you may still have)  
Questions? - Please contact Mr. Bandlow @ 452-8314  
(No calls after 9:30pm, please)

## Hornet Sweatshirts

The Saint Thomas the Apostle Athletic Boosters are offering the monogrammed hunter green sweatshirt that may be worn as part of the Saint Thomas uniform. Order forms have gone home with students and are also available in the Welcome & Information area near the school entrance. This is the only sweatshirt that can be worn as part of the school uniform.

During the upcoming parent/teacher conferences the Sports Boosters, along with our supplier, will have a table set up with samples of this year's Spirit Wear and Uniform Sweatshirts. We encourage you to stop by and take a look.

## Saint Thomas Boosters

Just a reminder...our second (of three) Booster meetings for the school year will be next week Tuesday, November 16 at 7PM. We will meet in the Faculty Conference Room. Please feel free to attend. ~ Matt Tietema

## An Invitation To Pray The Rosary in Church

Saint Thomas School Families and Friends:

Every day at Saint Thomas School you can pray the Rosary with other parents and friends.

You can pray for our School ....  
you can pray for our teachers ...  
you can pray for your children  
... you can pray for the sick ... you can pray for a special intention ... you can pray for yourself ... For any reason at all, please feel welcome to join many other men and women who would like to lift up a Rosary to Our Blessed Mother. No prior experience necessary.

**3:00 pm** every **Monday, Wednesday, Friday** (right before school lets out)

**8:00 am** every **Tuesday, Thursday** (right after school starts)



## Congratulations

To the following Saint Thomas alumni who now attend Catholic Central High School as being named as a National Merit Semi-Finalist and Commended Scholars:

Margaret Lawrence – National Merit Semi-Finalist  
Scott Dripchak – Commended Scholar  
Matthew Fallon – Commended Scholar  
Tricia Williams – Commended Scholar

## CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

Wow! Thanks to all those who have been taking the time to cut their labels for education! We've recently had an astounding number of labels dropped off that added up to over **2,600** points. Now they're making it easier for us to earn points by adding the labels from Post cereals, too. Thanks to all for your efforts on behalf of our favorite school Saint Thomas the Apostle! ~ Kimberly Angelwood

## Christmas Gifts

If you would like to purchase a Christmas gift for your child's teacher, any of the specials teachers, or any of the school office staff, please check with the school office for a list of ideas.

## Protecting God's Children Awareness Sessions

If you are new to our school or still need to attend Virtus training, (required for all school volunteers), please note the upcoming sessions:

St. John Vianney Parish (Wyoming)  
4101 Clyde Park SW

Thursday, November 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

Cathedral Square (Grand Rapids)  
360 Division S.

Monday, December 6 @ 9:00 a.m.

St. Mary Magdalen (Kentwood)  
1213 52nd Street SE

Saturday, January 8, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.

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



**Saint Thomas Hornets—2010 City Soccer Champions**



**Our 2010 8th Grade Girls Volleyball City Champions!**



# Reading with the STARS

## Congressman Vernon Ehlers Visits Saint Thomas the Apostle School

Reading with the STARS welcomed U.S. Representative Vernon Ehlers on Monday, October 25. He read a passage from a book about bullying and talked to the classes about this. As a young child, he was sick and was home-schooled. He told us that was when he learned how to study, and when he went to college, he was ready for the challenge.

When asked what was his favorite book to read, he answered, "The Bible."

Student Council President, Gabriel Yondo, presented Congressman Ehlers with an official Saint Thomas the Apostle shirt with his name embroidered on it.

We were honored that Congressman Ehlers visited our school and promoted reading and the importance of stopping bullying. We also appreciate his teaching us, especially by his example, about public service.

### *Some things you may not know about Congressman Ehlers:*

U.S. Representative Vernon J. Ehlers of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was sworn in on January 6, 2009, to serve his eighth full term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was first elected to the 103rd Congress in a special election on December 7, 1993.

Ehlers earned a Ph.D. in nuclear physics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1960. After six years teaching and researching at Berkeley, he moved back to Grand Rapids to Calvin College in 1966 where he taught physics for 16 years and later served as Chairman of the Physics Department. During his tenure at Calvin, Ehlers also served as a volunteer science advisor to then-Congressman Gerald R. Ford.

Ehlers serves on the Science and Technology Committee (previously known as the House Science Committee). He also co-chairs the STEM Ed Caucus, which is dedicated to improving the nation's K-12 science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education.

Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers, along with Congresswoman Linda T. Sanchez (D-CA), introduced the Bullying and Gang Reduction for Improved Education Act in the U.S. House on March 18, 2009. The bill would allow schools to use existing federal funding specifically for bullying and gang prevention programs.

Congressman Ehlers announced in February, 2010 that he will retire from Congress at the end of his current term, which runs through the end of this year.



# Saint Thomas Library News



## "Gobble Up a Good Book"

This month's theme is "Gobble Up A Good Book."

Need a good book? How about a Newbery Award winner? Check out our display to learn what it means for a book to earn the Newbery Award and browse our selection of Award winners.

## Please Return Library Books Promptly Each Week!

Remember, all books are due one week from check-out and students will not be allowed to check out future books until their accounts are cleared. Overdue notices will be sent home via email unless otherwise noted or parent email address is unavailable. It is also important to note that report cards go home with students who have cleared library accounts. In the event a student has an overdue book when report cards are distributed, the report card will be held until the missing book is either returned or the account is settled.

## Gingerbread House Contest

Keep some of that leftover Halloween candy to use when building your Gingerbread House for the 3rd Annual Saint Thomas Gingerbread House Contest. Look for an attachment to the Nov. 24th Pieces for official contest information. Any questions regarding the contest, call Sharon Aulbach at 451-3414.

## Congratulations to Grace Jermstad and Mrs. Baxter/Mrs. Tietema's class!

Congratulations to Grace Jermstad for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in the "My Teacher is as Sharp as a Pencil" Contest with her creation of Mrs. Baxter. Because Grace was chosen as the winner, her class was treated to a pizza party provided by local Little Caesar's Pizza owner, Pat Truskowski. Pat read about sharing and giving of one's time, such as helping others on Halloween and collecting candy afterwards.

The library staff, in conjunction with Reading with the STARS, would like to thank Pat Truskowski for taking the time to visit us on Friday, October 29th, and for treating Grace and her class to a special pizza party.

~ Liz Aschwege

## Book Donation

Thank you to The DeBoer's for their book donation.

## Pencil Topper Collection

Elena VanDokkumburg and Caroline Pinter collect Squishy Dude Pencil toppers. They are located in the case in the library desk. Their favorite is the dolphin. Elena and Caroline think they have around 115 Squishy Dudes!

## Hallway case

In keeping with the holiday of Thanksgiving, we are thankful for the Police, Fire, Doctors and Military persons in our community. Check out the real items that these people use in their jobs everyday protecting our community.

## Special Thanks

Thank you to Caroline Gell and Becca Dull for their help in labeling our biographies and historical fiction. We really appreciate their help!

## Saint Thomas Library Info



**Coordinator:**  
Marnie White  
Denise Deveau  
**Contact Info:**  
libadm@stthomasgr.org

Please have students return their books *on or before* the listed due date. No new books may be checked out until all past books have been returned.

# Community Events and Opportunities



## Hark Up Ministries presents.... Hark Up 2010 "Christmas Vacation"

"Christmas Vacation" is a Broadway Theatre style contemporary Christmas production that tells the Christmas story in a fresh, exciting, new way! The Drama is a take off of the Christmas Classic "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation." In our story, the VanTinglemann family has decided to go on vacation to Graceland to "see the King!" Soon, they come to realize that the King they have been searching for didn't live in Graceland. The King they are really looking for is the one true King, Jesus Christ! The music is very powerful and entertaining and the drama is very funny! The show features an interdenominational and intergenerational Choir, the Horns of Power Band, singers, dancers, a drum corps and so much more! This year, several St. Thomas family members will be participating in the show including featured soloist **Dean Vernon** and his son **Kenny Vernon** who are joining the show for the first time. **Mike Trenshaw** is singing in the choir and **David Brady**, who has been wowing audiences for the past two years, is also back as one of our very talented principle vocalists. **Julie Finneran-Augustyn** is returning for her 4<sup>th</sup> year as Stage Manager and Drama Producer/Writer! You won't want to miss this! Please join us at the DeVos Center for Arts and Worship at Grand Rapids Christian High School on December 3, 4 or 5. Tickets are available through any cast member, iTickets.com or at the DeVos Center box office. It will be a blessed evening that you will never forget! Go to Harkup.com for more info.

## Wiffle Ball Tournament

Catholic Central High School's Baseball Program is hosting a 4 on 4 INDOOR Wiffle Ball Tournament for boys and girls in grades 5 through 8. This event will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 20 at the Cougar Athletic Trail (CAT) Gymnasium (indoors). The cost is \$100 per team and all proceeds will benefit CCHS' Baseball Program. Registration is due no later than November 12. Registration forms are available in the Welcome and Information area near the school entrance. For any questions, please call Coach Don Wojczynski at 516-0424.

## VIVA CRISTO REY

A retreat is being offered in Oxford, Michigan for all girls in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Bus transportation will be provided for up to 15 girls. The cost for the bus is \$25.00. Please see the attached flyer for details. If you have any questions, contact Amy DenBraber @ 233-0703.

## Scrapbooking Weekend

Just a reminder that *THIS WEEKEND* is the annual Challenge Scrapbooking weekend at Saint Thomas. There are still registration forms available in the Welcome and Information Center if you would like to attend.

## ADD/ADHD and Your Child

CLC Network will sponsor a parent seminar titled "ADD/ADHD and Your Child" with Robert Bulten, M.D. and Douglas Bouman, Psy. S. on Thursday, November 11, 2010 from 7 to 9 p.m. This seminar will be held at CLC Network (4340 Burlingame Ave. S.W., Wyoming, MI 49509). Admission is free but seating is limited. Pre-register by email: [knienhuis@clcnetwork.org](mailto:knienhuis@clcnetwork.org) or phone Karen at (616) 855-3123.

THE GIFTS YOU HAVE RECEIVED,  
GIVE AS A GIFT

*Pictures have been removed for Internet  
safety purposes*

Front: Keegan Greene, Andrew Triestram,  
Owen Horrigan, Ben Bridge  
Middle: Maddie Bocian, Jenna Wolf, Clare Lignell,  
Gianna Deveau  
Back: Mary Grace Doyle, Bella Gumbko,  
Elizabeth Jermstad, Madeline Sebestyen

# THE GIFTS YOU HAVE RECEIVED, GIVE AS A GIFT

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Front: Eli Fetterhoff, Zach Baxter  
Middle: Rory Fitzgerald, Marie Kieras, Abby Tietema,  
Olivia Jepsen  
Back: Isabela Karel, Timmy Lambert, Brennen Rodgers,  
Jack Domagalski

Front: Ian Walch, Noah Dent, Rayanne Pierce  
Middle: Jacob Jaracz, Cory Skinner, Zach Near,  
Audrey Patterson  
Back: Christian Dieleman, Jim O'Neil, Erin Mangan,  
Caitlin Mullen

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Front: Tyler Bandlow, Brendan Ladd, Cole VanDyke  
Middle Row: Finn Perdue, Maddie Yuncker, Noah Simonait,  
Colin Walch  
Back: Anna Herold, Jarred Baxter, Jeremy Wolf, Jack Walch

Front: Emma Fiorenzo, Anna Rosloniec, Sara Simonait,  
Lizzy Rott  
Middle Row: Blare Gooch, Emily Tietema, Margaret O'Neil,  
Carolyn Lignell, Constance Stormzand  
Back: Kathleen Doyle, Shannon McNeely,  
Patrick Fitzgerald, Brooke Nicholson



## **WHAT'S HAPPENING:**

### **Parent Grade Gatherings:**

The following Parent Grade Gatherings will be held this weekend. Please check your child's backpack for invitations with complete details. Our thanks to all our previous hosts!

November 13<sup>th</sup> Seventh Grade hosted by: Jason and Carey Horrigan

## **Saint Thomas Home & School Meeting Minutes**

November 3, 2010; 8:00am

Present: Tara Simonait, Lisa Mullen, Tracey Jermstad, Dawn Olney, Jeanne Walch, Amy Jaracz, Janet Jepsen, Mindy Klein, Tracy Bandlow, Chris Mondroski, Amy Bocian, Stephanie Patterson, Shannon Rodgers, Julie Kuhn, Christina Rosloniec

Christina gave a brief review of the Auction. The auction was definitely a success! The final numbers will be out soon!! Janice Spicer will be the Auction Chair next time. Christina is recommending every other year or every 18 months for auction frequency, with a mini-event on the years in between.

Jeanne Walch discussed the Anti-Bullying Initiative at Saint Thomas that is ongoing for this school year. The program, run by Dr. Michele Coyne, focuses on Social – not Physical bullying. The program includes four teacher trainings, two student assemblies and a parent information night on November 29, so that the parents of religious education students can be included.

Janet Jepsen, the chair of the Vocations Committee gave a presentation on the Vocations Committee. The committee is considering moving Vocations Week at St. Thomas to March, instead of January. More information on this will follow.

There will need to be a push for Carnival volunteers to hand in their Background Check paperwork. Background Check paperwork needs to be handed in for any volunteers at Saint Thomas, and not everyone is aware yet.

There was a review of Tuition Angel needs and the difference between the Tuition Angel and Educational Foundation.

We would like to see the Saint Thomas website updated with current permission slips and forms that our parents need. **Please consider joining us at our next meeting, Wednesday, January 5, 2010 @ 7:00pm.**  
**We would love to see you there!!!!**

*Submitted by Tracey Jermstad*

# **November 2010**

## Saint Thomas the Apostle Hot Lunch Menu

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
1 Hamburgers Potato Wedges <hr/> <u>B Lunch:</u> Grilled Cheese → <hr/> <u>C Lunch Soup:</u> Chili →	2 Roast Turkey  Mashed Potatoes	3 Pizza  Breadsticks	4 Chili Cheese Nachos*  Mexican Corn*	5 Macaroni and Cheese*  Combread
8 Spaghetti Rolls <hr/> <u>B Lunch:</u> Chicken Caesar Salad <hr/> <u>C Lunch Soup:</u> Potato Soup →	9 French Toast  Vanilla Yogurt with Fruit and Granola	10 Pizza  Breadsticks	11 Chicken Drumsticks*  Cherry Walnut Muffin Bread	12 Bean and Cheese Enchiladas  Rice

**\* Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution Recipes**

Items on food bar this month:

Lettuce  
 Cheddar Cheese  
 Croutons  
 Carrots  
 Vanilla Yogurt

Blueberries  
 Homemade Granola  
 Fresh Apples  
 Fresh Oranges

Peaches  
 Watermelon  
 Hummus  
 Pita Chips

# VIVA CRISTO REY

OCTOBER 1, 2010 | VOLUME 2, NUMBER 2

JOIN US for the VIVA! Weekend. Fun games, great friends, and time with Jesus! Discover amazing things about Christ, yourself, and others so you can be the change this world needs.



**Individual Tracks for  
5th, 6th, 7th & 8th graders  
and team leaders!  
Cost \$85.**

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**WHEN:**  
Friday to Sunday  
**NOVEMBER 19-21**  
Arrival at 5:30pm  
on Friday, dinner  
included; pick up  
at Everest Academy after family  
Sunday Mass at  
11:00am



**WHERE:**  
Location:  
**QUEEN OF  
THE FAMILY  
RETREAT  
CENTER.  
OXFORD,  
MICHIGAN**