



Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

“School of Distinction”

*Dynamic Education
Centered in Christ*

THE PEACEMAKER...

PIECES

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Auction With A Twist

A special “Thank you” from the Auction With A Twist Leadership Team. Please see the attached flyer.



CONGRATULATIONS
to all of the
Auction with a Twist Raffle Winners!

CASH RAFFLE WINNERS:

\$3,500

Matt Coyne

\$1,000

Christine Weed

\$500

JoAnn Karpowicz

NIGHT OF AUCTION WITH A TWIST RAFFLES:

Apple iPad Raffle

Item: iPad WI-FI + 3G with case

Winners: Bill & Cheryl Coderre

Donors: Ken & Edie Muraski

Twist Table Raffle

Item: \$360 Jewelry Gift

Winners: Michael & Janet Sprenger

Donors: Juhas & Sullivan Jewelry Design
through the help of Chris Mondroski

Fall Conferences

Fall conferences will be held on these dates:

Thursday, November 18 – 5:00-8:00 PM

Monday, November 22 -12:00-3:00 PM ---

KINDERGARTEN ONLY

Tuesday, November 23 – 12:00-3:00 PM and
5:00-8:00 PM

Dismissal times on Monday, November 22 and Tuesday, November 23 will be at 11:00 AM

The conference schedule for Specials teachers will be printed in the next Pieces.

All Saints Day

It is our goal to have all students recognize Halloween as the eve of All Saints Day. As has become our tradition, preschool and kindergarten students will dress as saints, biblical characters, positive modern day role models, or one of God’s creatures. Several resources on the saints are available in the school office, library and Parish Resource Center. Please work with us as we highlight the lives of the saints and encourage our children to grow in the rich tradition of the Feast. ~ Suzi Furtwangler

Educational Outfitters

Offers 20 different Saint costumes through their website: www.rosarybookandgift.com. Sizes range from small, medium and large and prices range from \$15-\$30.

Correction:

Please note that on the Revised Saint Thomas School Calendar that was published in the last “Pieces” November 1 was a Holy Day and there was no After School Program. This is incorrect. November 1 is not an official Holy Day this year, however we are still recognizing it as All Saints Day and a day of service and worship. Parent catechists will be in the classrooms from 9 – 11 a.m. that morning. The After School Program will be in session on that day. Sorry for any inconvenience this mistake may have caused. ~ Sue Ysasi

School Directory

The 2010/2011 School Directory went home with the oldest or only student of the family last week. Thank you to Suzanne VanderZee, Heidi Schliem, Mara DeBoer, Theresa Steffes, Michelle Brady, Kimberly Angelwood, Veronica Perez for copying, collating and binding.



ATTACHMENTS

- November Calendar
- November Hot Lunch
- Auction With A Twist Flyer
- Operation Christmas Child Flyer
- Challenge Scrapbook Flyer

...With Love From Our Principal

This community continues to grow, and continues to astound me. I can't tell you how deeply I was affected on the night of our auction, to see new families...those who have just recently joined us from North Hills Academy and Saint Andrews schools, celebrate who we are as a faith family. Truly, our new families have blended their gifts with ours so fully, that in many cases, we can't imagine that they have not always been a part of us!

The auction completely solidified my belief that God has been placing people, circumstances and opportunities in our path with a very specific plan in mind for us. I have never witnessed such total immersion and support of a community than I did that night. When the auctioneer asked for bids to support a child in Catholic education at Saint Thomas...after the twist tables were all funded, after the triple twist technology need was filled, after the amazingly generous live auction ended, hands...dozens of them, went into the air. I was moved by the generosity of all, and the obvious belief in our mission that our families and parishioners have in educating our young children in the Catholic faith, and most importantly in our parish school.

As I watch the winds pick up this afternoon after school, debris flying through the air, and skies darkening overhead, I am grateful for the professionalism of our faculty and their love for your children. As I mentioned in the letter I sent home yesterday, we were faced with a very real tornado warning at school. Moving 350 children and an entire faculty to safety and maintaining order and calm would be a daunting task for any other administrator. It was not difficult for me, due to the discipline and respect that our children have for us, and for the protective nature of our teachers. Your children are safe, they are loved, and they are very much protected by the adults in our school, and by each other.

Similarly, we take very seriously the discussions that we have with your children. Some come to tell us of feeling left out, or of an unkind comment. Others mention at times that they feel they are the targets of another child's jokes. While these may seem like normal rites of passage as a child, they are very troublesome to the child who is experiencing them. Most of us don't like the term, "bullying", because it conjures up images of physical aggression, or worse, memories from our own childhood. A great part of what happens at Saint Thomas is not serious, not aggressive, or physical... unless you are that child that is feeling "bullied". Every child deserves to have a wonderful day, a memorable year, and the feeling that they belong among the group of friends with which they spend their days. For this, we are beginning a year of Peace...you will hear more about the exciting program that we hope will help our kids to be more inclusive, to treat each other better, and to feel like they are valued and listened to.

God bless all of you this week. I thank Him for your support and for your children every night. I am awed by the people that He has placed in this place, and the momentum that we are building...it is much like being on a roller coaster going downhill at times. I love the feel of the wind in my face, the breathless feeling of not being able to stop, and the thrill of not wanting it to end. We are a blessed people.

~ Suzi Furtwangler, Principal

Noah's Ark Crayon Mosaic Multigenerational Community Collaboration Project

The Plan

Using collaboration between our local community members aged 3 years old to the very oldest; we are going to design another crayon mosaic, measuring 4 feet by 15 feet, featuring the Bible story of Noah's Ark. Designed in five connecting panels, groups of Saint Thomas students will partner with our Aquinas student neighbors, Catholic Central High School students, the aged at Care Network, Holland Home, William C Abney School, and our own Parish and School families to glue tens of thousands of crayon pieces illustrating Noah's Ark. The completed work will be offered to DeVos Children's Hospital. Should the hospital accept the piece prior to its completion, we would also like to invite patients of the Children's Hospital and their families, as part of their healing process, to participate in the project as well.

Our Current Needs

In order to begin this project, we are looking for volunteers to help oversee various aspects of its creation. We still need a volunteer **crayon curator** who will oversee the garnering of the more than 24,000 crayons needed to create the piece, and a **materials volunteer** who will secure the wood, Aleene's Tacky Glue and black paint. In addition, we will need **volunteer panel coordinators** to work with Mrs. Furtwangler, connect with our community partners and students, and to set up and oversee the work on each of the individual panels. Please let the office, or our artist in resident Mrs. Furtwangler, know if you are interested in volunteering in any of these capacities.

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.

"We Remember" Memory Wall

Send in pictures of your deceased loved ones for our "We Remember" memory wall. We will honor our family and friends who have gone before us in the hallway across from the office. Please make sure you include the family member's name and your child's name and class so that we can return the pictures later in November.

Desperately Seeking Empty Shoe Boxes

We are still in need of 400 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, so if each child brings in at least one, we will have enough! Please search your closets and ask your neighbors and extended family members to do the same. If the boxes could be brought in as soon as possible, it would be greatly appreciated! If you could pre-wrap the boxes (top and bottom separate), it would be even better. Thanks so much!

Flu Season Reminders

1. **Practice good hand hygiene** by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing.
2. **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder; not into your hands.
3. **Stay home if you or your child is sick** for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine). Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others.

Saint Thomas Coaches Needed



Saint Thomas athletics needs basketball coaches. We are so blessed with a high number of players this year that in addition to the normal one basketball team for each grade and each gender, we will be able to have second teams for 5th grade girls, 5th grade boys, and 6th grade boys. As a result of adding teams, we are in need of basketball coaches for the 5th grade girls', 5th grade boys', and 6th grade boys' teams. Please contact Louis Bandlow @ 452-8314, if you - or someone you know - is interested in sharing their time and talents coaching our Hornet basketball teams. Thank you!

~ Louis Bandlow, Athletic Director

Art Prize Poster Given to Mrs. "F"

Thank you to Donna Ritzke for donating an Art Prize poster and frame and to Tracy Bandlow for taking the time to have all the school children sign the poster. Tracy Bandlow presented the poster after Mass on Friday, October 8. Following is Tracy's presentation speech:

"I don't know if everyone realizes this but there were 1,713 Art Prize entrees, and our Art prize (as Mrs. F always says, it is our Art Prize not hers) made it into the top 25. That is so awesome and something to be very proud of. Mrs. Furtwangler, The Gift you have received, give as a Gift! The Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Schools Student Body and Staff would like to thank you for giving us the gift of art and for bringing the gift of creation to the Art Prize world. You have truly embraced our schools' theme. We now present to you this gift of our own creation."

Yearbook Pictures

Friday, October 29, 2010 has been dedicated as Saint Thomas Fall Sports Jersey Day. If you participated or are participating in a fall sport at Saint Thomas, you are invited to wear your team jersey to school over your school uniform. Team pictures will be taken for the yearbook between 8:30-9:30 a.m. that morning.

Correction to School Directory:

The Gell Family phone number is: 477-0152
H&S President, Tara Simonait's phone # is 719-0390

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



Preschool Hoe Down



Harvest Dance



All 7th and 8th graders who belong to Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish are invited to attend a Fall Harvest Dance on Saturday, October 30, 2010 at 7 – 10 p.m. in the Saint Thomas the Apostle Gymnasium.

The cost is \$6.00 and will be collected from Saint Thomas School students in the mornings on Wednesday, October 13, 20 & 27. We will collect money at the door the evening of the dance from Saint Thomas Parish students.

All kids are asked to bring items for Kids' Food Baskets according to their last name as listed below:

A-E 3 lb. 4 oz. jar of peanuts

K-O 31 oz. box of small Goldfish crackers

U-Z 14 oz. box of regular or whole grain Cheerios

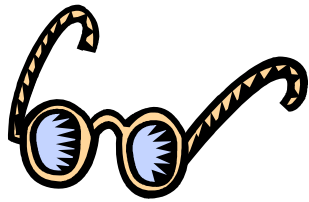
No costumes please, however wearing fall colors in keeping with the theme is suggested. There will be a DJ with lights, as well as snacks and prizes. See you there!

~ Lisa Gooch

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found shelves are located just inside of the side school entrance on your left.

These shelves are quickly filling up. Please take a moment or ask your student to look them over for any lost articles. We will also have a Lost & Found table out during conferences. A MP3 player and a broken pair of girl's glasses have been turned in to the school office. Please call 458-4228 if these items belong to you.



~ Sue Ysasi

Smencils Are Here

As you all know we have a new Student Council. The officers are: Gabe Yondo, President; Tim Wheeler, Vice President; Shokhari Tate, Secretary and Addison Lavoie, Treasurer. They are all doing a really great job and have come up with a really good fundraiser to help support Student Council activities. Smencils! Now some of you may have already purchased Smencils in the past, but just in case you haven't, here's what they are: Smencils are cool smelling pencils that come in so many different scents, like root beer, orange, cherry, grape and many more. The fact that they are made from 100% recycled newspapers and that they come in their own plastic tube made from CORN makes them not only GREEN, but very cool! Now here's how you get them. Student Council officers will pass out a bucket of Smencils to every class representative to sell to their classroom. Smencils will sell for ONLY one dollar. Now this will all take place Wednesday, October 27, 2010 and extended to Friday during lunch and after school or while supplies last. For the younger classes who do not have class representatives, the officers will take care of that. The offer to buy Smencils is open to anyone, but you have to pay one dollar. Thank you for reading this article and remember to bring your dollar for your very own Smencil!

~ Shokari Tate, Student Council Secretary

Picture Retake

Picture retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, November 10, 2010 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-1:30 p.m.

If you are a parent volunteer and would like your picture on your very own badge, please come and smile for the camera!!! There is no cost for volunteers.



~ Sue Ysasi

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: _____



**8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP
CHICAGO 2010**



Reading With the S.T.A.R.S. Welcomes Davenport University Students!

Dr. Jodi Hicks from Davenport University brought two of her classes to listen to students read on Thursday, October 14. Students read with Mrs. Donohue's class and Dr. Budzynski's class. The Davenport students wore their Davenport jerseys and some of the Davenport team members wore their sports jerseys!

Dr. Hicks told me later that her students loved it, and we have at least three more classes that are interested in coming in as a class to read! I was reading with one Saint Thomas School student that day, who let me know how disappointed he was that he was not reading with a college student! I quickly made sure he was.

It is great to see our students' enthusiasm in reading with different groups, whether it is with Davenport University students, Holland Home/Care Resources residents, or with the many volunteers who come into the school on a weekly basis to read. Our students really love to do this!



I am also working on having teams from Catholic Central High School come into read.

Thank you!
~ Liz Aschwege



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)



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, October 28 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

Cathedral Square (Grand Rapids)
360 Division S.

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

Holy Spirit Parish (Grand Rapids)
2230 Lake Michigan Drive NW

Wednesday, January 19, 2011 @ 6:30 p.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

- 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 Library News



Thanks, Michael, and Happy Birthday!

Thank you to **Michael Redmond** from Mrs. Donohue's class for his donation to the library in honor of his birthday. *You Wouldn't Want To Be A World War II Pilot* and *You Wouldn't Want to Be a Secret Agent* are very exciting books. Look for them to be out soon!

Thanks to Liz and Maggie!

Thanks to Liz and Maggie Rott for their donations to the library.

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.

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.

Congratulations to Our Two Newest Future Hornets!



Congratulations to:

Eric & Catherine Buehler
on the birth of
Allie Margaret Buehler

Allie was born on October 19, 2010
She weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces
And was 20-1/2 inches

Proud sibling is: **Claire** (P4-AM)

Congratulations to:

Nick & Jennifer Ford
on the birth of
Mason K Ford

Mason was born on October 25, 2010
He weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces
And was 18-1/2 inches

Proud sibling is: **Cole** (P4-AM)



Community Events and Opportunities

Music for the Souls

The Aquinas College Music Department & School of Education, Franciscan Life Process Center and the Diocese of Grand Rapids Office of Faith Formation present, "Music For The Souls"! A concert for the special needs community and their families. This event is scheduled for Saturday, November 6, 2010 in the Kretschmer Recital Hall with two performances at 2:30 & 4:30 p.m. The first performance will be for those with special needs whose communication mode is primarily verbal. The second performance will be for those with special needs assisted with sign language and pictorial symbols. Each performance will include a "Meet & Greet: with the performers and their instruments beginning one half hour before and fifteen minutes after each performance. To reserve your seats and receive a formal invitation please contact Betsey Bolek (616-632-2413) or betsey.bolek@aquinas.edu at Aquinas College.

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.

EGR Winter Program Guide

East Grand Rapids Parks & Recreation Winter Program Guide 2011 is now available in the Welcome and Information Center near the front entrance.



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 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 Row: Jacob Jaracz, Aden Shiel, Anna Rosloniec
Middle Row: Jameson VanDokkumburg, Katie Tanis, Carolyn Lignell, Elizabeth Jermstad
Back Row: Lizzie Murphy, Ben Welch, Regina Faber, Lydia Dykema

Front Row: Caroline Pinter, Lara Sandborn, Charlie Muraski, Ben Dalrymple
Middle Row: Anna Brady, Addison LaVoie, Kate O'Neil, Ryan Jones
Back Row: Jessica Herold, David Flynn, Joe Trenshaw, Zach Prindle

THE GIFTS YOU HAVE RECEIVED, GIVE AS A GIFT

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Front Row: Avery LaVoie, Cassidy Triestram,
Erin Mangan

Middle Row: Timmy Lambert, Jim O'Neil,
Nicholas Lourido, Tommy Mikolay

Back Row: Olivia Jepsen, Isabella Klein,
Chelsea Padilla

Front Row: Alex Figueroa, Sam DeBruyn,
Danielle Dull, Maggie Rott

Middle Row: Jarred Baxter, Jack Domagalski,
Laney Henry, Hannah DeBoer

Back Row: Lizzy VanderZee, Emma Heffron,
Patrick Fitzgerald, Sarah Baxter

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Front Row: Hayley Vedders, Ella Mondroski,
Mary Kate Alfaro, Charlie Lincolnhol

Middle Row: Emma Hazelton, Brian Langlois,
Gabe Dalrymple, Liam Doyle

Back Row: Luke Horrigan, Ben Bridge,
Francesca Dieleman, Caitlin Mullen, Madelyn Bocian

Front Row: Jackson Wardrop, Anezka Kovarik,
Kelsey Barth, Lana Chalfoun

Back Row: Zach Olive, Noah Fetterhoff,
Stephen Woodruff, Anna Bockheim



WHAT'S HAPPENING:

Parent Grade Gatherings:

The following Parent Grade Gatherings will be held in the next few weeks. Please check your child's backpack for invitations with complete details. Our thanks to the hosts!

October 29 th	Third Grade	hosted by: Bryan and Connie Rellinger
November 6 th	First Grade	hosted by: Dan and Amy Jaracz
November 13 th	Seventh Grade	hosted by: Jason and Carey Horrigan

WHAT'S COMING:

Teacher conferences will be held in November. We need volunteers to help with a special luncheon that is sponsored by the Home & School. Please contact either Tara Simonait or Lisa Mullen if you are interested in helping with the luncheon in any way.

NEXT MEETING:

November 3, 2010 - 8:00 a.m.

Please consider attending our next meeting. We will be reviewing and discussing the Auction with a Twist, requests for a new program for our preschool, our budget, teacher luncheons, and so much more!

All parents are considered active members of St. Thomas Home & School.

*(**There will be FREE babysitting available**)*

THANK YOU'S:

Thank you to the following families for giving of their time and opening up their homes to host the following grade gatherings:



Matt and Nora Lignell - Fifth Grade
Michael & Kiki Lown - Sixth Grade


UPCOMING

*****HOME & SCHOOL MEETING: November 3, 2010 @ 8:00 a.m*****



Saint Thomas the Apostle School November 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 Daylight Savings Time	1 ALL SAINTS DAY 9-11 a.m. Parent Catechists in classroom	2 ALL SOULS DAY ELECTION DAY-Voting in gym	3 8:00 a.m. Home & School Meeting	4 P3 Vision & Hearing Screening Gr. 1,3,5 & 7 Vision Screening	5 End of 1st Quarter P4 Vision & Hearing Screening Gr. K, 2, & 4 Vision Screening 9:55 a.m. Mass	6
8 Jean Pass Day	9 9:30-10:30 a.m. All School Class Song Recording	10 Pieces home PICTURE RETAKE 9:30-10:30 a.m. 12:30-1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Education Commission Meeting	11	12 REPORT CARDS HOME 9:55 a.m. Mass	13	
14 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Mtg	15 8:55-11:30 a.m. Gr. 3 visits Public Museum	16 17 9:00-1:15 p.m. Gr. 7 & 8 visit CCHS 12:00 p.m. Gr. 6 sing at Ford Museum 12:40-1:40 p.m. Gr. 4 visits Care Resources	18 5-8 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences	19 P4 Thanksgiving Feast 9:55 a.m. Mass	20 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 8:00 a.m. CCHS High School Placement Test for 8th Graders	
21	22 11:00 a.m. Dismissal 12:00-3:00 p.m. Kindergarten Conferences only	23 11:00 a.m. Dismissal 12-3 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-8 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING 	26 NO SCHOOL	27
28	29 NON UNIFORM DAY 6:15-7:30 p.m. Parent Workshop/Peaceful School Environment	30				

November 2010

Saint Thomas the Apostle Hot Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Hamburgers Potato Wedges <hr/> B Lunch: Grilled Cheese → <hr/> C Lunch Soup: Chili →	2 Roast Turkey Mashed Potatoes	3 Pizza Breadsticks	4 Chili Cheese Nachos* Mexican Corn*	5 Macaroni and Cheese* Cornbread
8 Spaghetti Rolls <hr/> B Lunch: Chicken Caesar Salad <hr/> C Lunch Soup: 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

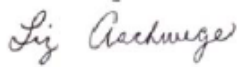
A SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE AUCTION WITH A TWIST LEADERSHIP TEAM

We have received so many incredible blessings during the process of planning for this event and we are so thankful for each one. We are deeply grateful to all those who have donated their treasures, talents, time, thoughts and supportive prayers to help make Auction With A Twist such a success! Stay tuned for the final number to be announced soon....

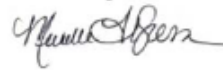
Christina Rosloniec



Liz Aschwege



Michelle Figueroa



Amy Sebestyen



AUCTION WITH A TWIST VOLUNTEERS

Finance Chair: Dawn Olney

Technology Coordinators: Roberta Mead & Cecily Near with help from Sue Jazwiec

Procurement Goddess: Maureen Muraski with help from Chris Mondroski, Kiki Lown and Helen Salan

Student & Local Artist Collaboration Project Managers: Kimberly Angelwood & Michelle Figueroa with help from Julie Line-Neumann

Auction Gallery Curator: Kimberly Angelwood

Registration & Checkout Chair: Mary Turowski with help from Chris Fix, Cathy Cornelius, Gwen Martin, Kate Dykema, Kimberly Angelwood, and Donna Ritz

Creative Display Chair: Janie Kolenda with help from the artistic powerhouse team of Suzi Furtwangler, Erin Needham, Kimberly Angelwood and Rebecca Shiel

Raffle Chair: Amy Sebestyen with help from Maureen Muraski and Chris Mondroski, Lisa Mullen, and Janet Jepsen

The Apple iPad Raffle Tree Display: Maureen Muraski, Ellen Mikolay and Shelly Henry

50/50 Raffle & Apple iPad Administrators: Megan Lown, Anna Faber, and Anna Trenshaw

Valet Parking Director: Mike Trenshaw with help from his quick-of-foot band of young volunteers: Ben Tietema, Brendan Mangan, Matt Fallon, Ben & Mike Vanderlaan, Matt Wallick, Paul Veneklase, Mitch Cavanaugh, Tyler Ziomkowski and Logan Bandlow

Coat Check Managers: Kayla Herold, Anna Valente, Ashleigh Baxter, Anna Trenshaw and Elizabeth Tietema

Drink Ticket Administrator: Kate Dykema & Angela Yondo

Live Auction Spotters: Robert & Sue Milanowski and Ed & Ellen Mikolay

Live Auction Recorders: Kate Dykema & Kay Trenshaw

AUCTION WITH A TWIST VOLUNTEERS

(continued)

Saint Thomas Alumni Live Auction Runners: Megan Lown, Anna Faber, Kayla Herold, Ashleigh Baxter, Anna Trenshaw, Anna Valente and Elizabeth Tietema

PowerPoint Presentation Creator: Michelle Figueroa with help from Sue Jazwiec

10 at 10 Party Greeters: Cecilia Cunningham & Sarah Bosse

Event Photographer: Kaitlin Barth

The Drop Everything – Get'ya Whatever Ya Need – Helpers Extraordinaire: Ellen Mikolay, Shelly Henry, Tom Koperski and Rodney Jubelin

Twist Table Teams:

Patti Mirandette & Amy Zakrajsek

Brad & Rebecca Shiel

Kathy Barth & Rich Grant

Christen Kochanski & Deb Pieri

Adam Baxter and Abby & Michael VanDyke

Ann & Christine Sullivan

Robert & Sue Milanowski and Ann Hogan

Patti Reynolds & Saint Thomas Youth Leadership Volunteers

Marni & Mark White

Suzi Furtwangler & Jeanne Walch

Tracey Koperski & Suzanne Haas-Williams

Betsy Edgerton & MaryAnn Bridge

Pam & Steve Strobel

Ellen Kieras, Carla Grant & Eileen Bockheim

Tom & Sharon Herold

Twist Table Master of Ceremonies: Brian Augustyn, for sharing his dynamic emceeing abilities with our Saint Thomas Community for the ninth consecutive year

Musicians: Greg & Kathy Proulx and Brian Augustyn for adding such power to the event through their musical enhancements

Extra Special Thanks To ...

Brad Vedders: IT "Wizard" with Aquinas College and fellow Saint Thomas Parishioner for creating our Auction with A Twist event Website, with some help from Aquinas College Student Alex Clemons. Our team thanks you Brad, for always receiving our requests for "just one more tweak" to the Website with patience and lightning speed response time. We know your big Saint Thomas First Grader, Hayley, is pretty proud of you too!

Colleen Makare and Christi Rankin: of *Martopia* for the countless hours they and their talented design team out of Chicago donated to create all of the print pieces for this event

Joyce Jagodzinski: for her songwriting and vocal talents shared during the special tribute to Dave Faber

Ann Reinhard and Catholic Central High School: for the fun we had borrowing their gong!

Sue Ysasi and Joyce Jagodzinski: for welcoming the added frenzy in the school and parish offices with radiant smiles and kind hearts

Adam Baxter: for his dedication to volunteering the night of Auction with a *Twist* after completing a 10-mile Urbanathlon with obstacles through the streets of Chicago earlier that same day

Allen Senninger and the print team of Amway: for generously donating their services and materials to print our Saint Thomas Staff photos for the Twist Table Thermometers – Wow!

Ted Coon & Don Serba: We always heard you were a *crafty crew* – now we know why! The craftsmanship that you put into to creating the stands for the Twist Table Thermometers was nothing less than top notch. Thank you for the time and hard work you put into this project!

Janet Jepsen: for single handedly keeping Christina Rosloniec awake at her computer with regular hand delivered, piping hot venti vanilla lattes. Yum – thank you Janet!

To ALL those who we may have forgotten on this list but will never forget in our hearts.
May God bless each and every one of our dedicated volunteers.

Operation Christmas Child 2010



How would you like to get your family's Christmas Season off to a great start? Experience the true meaning of Christmas by joining us in this year's Operation Christmas Child project!

Operation Christmas Child is a family project aimed at helping the world's neediest children experience the joy of Christmas and the message of God's love. The project is easy and fun for the whole family, but it can literally change the lives of children in impoverished and war-torn countries.

Decorated shoeboxes are packed with ordinary items, perhaps a family photo and personal note, and shipped around the globe with messages of Jesus Christ and the power of God's love. Each shoebox is an opportunity to share the Gospel with a poor child in need of hope.

Your family can participate in any of the following ways:

• Classroom item donations:

November 1 – 19, St. Thomas classrooms will be collecting items to fill the shoeboxes. Each class will be collecting specific items shown in the chart at the right. →

• Fill an entire shoebox as a family

Instructions for packing shoeboxes will be sent home at a later date. Fill one or more boxes and bring them to our Packing Party November 20.

• Donate money for shipping shoeboxes

Please consider a donation to cover shipping & handling (\$7 per shoebox).

• Attend the St. Thomas Packing Party

Saturday November 20 is our Packing Party, a fun event for the entire family! More details will be coming on this event.

• Pray

We need your prayers for the children receiving these boxes, the volunteers around the world, and for the success of the project.

Pray, Give, Get Involved

www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ



Grade	Collecting
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...)

Important Information

- Please make sure that all items are **new** and able to fit inside a standard sized shoebox. Sorry but we cannot accept used items.
- No liquids, chocolate, war toys, or breakable items please.
- Due to a generous donation from Amway, we do **not** need soap or toothpaste this year.

COLLECTIONS DUE: Friday November 19

PACKING PARTY: Saturday November 20

- Last year, St. Thomas packed almost 500 shoeboxes!
- For more information contact Maureen Jones at 454-2107.

Women's 2 Day Crop 'Til You Drop

A *challenge* Fundraiser

Friday - Saturday, November 12-13, 2010



TIMES:

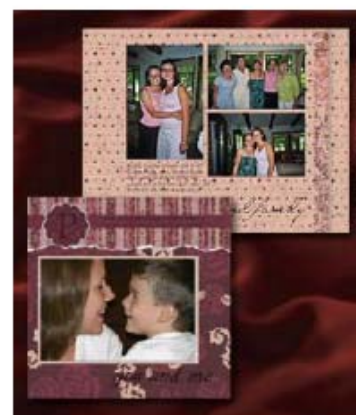
6:30-11 p.m. Friday

8:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday

SUGGESTED DONATION:

\$25 for any 4-5 hour block(s) or

\$75 for both days



WHERE:

St. Thomas Church basement

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Friday - Curbside Assistance provided for unloading and set up

Bring a snack to share

Beverages provided

Saturday - Full Assistance provided by our girls who will help crop, make borders, sort pictures, cut letters, whatever you need to help you get your work done!

Also - Continental Breakfast provided

Light Lunch provided

Full Dinner provided

Loads of snacks and treats provided all day

Beverages provided

*Creative Memories and Close to My Heart Consultants available both days
with supplies for purchase and tools you can use!*

Come Friday night, set up and get started. Leave your things all ready and come back Saturday for a full day of Scrapbooking with the assistance of our Challenge Club girls.

Previous participants have said that they were able to get up to four times as much work done on their albums and organizing their photos with the girls' assistance.

This fundraiser will help to pay our dues to Challenge, NA and for training materials.

Please fill out Registration Form on Back →

Women's Two-Day "Crop 'Til You Drop"



Fundraiser Registration

Registrant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Parish: (if applicable) _____

I will be attending: (*Suggested donation of \$75 for the entire weekend or \$25 for any 4-5 hour block of time*)

Both days (*Please bring a snack to share for Friday night*)

Friday evening only (6:30-11 p.m.) (*Bring a snack to share*)

Saturday only - all day

Saturday anytime between 8:30 am and 9:30 pm—please list the hours you will be attending

Personal Preferences:

I prefer to drink: (you may mark more than one)

Diet Pop Caffeine-free Pop Regular Pop Water Coffee/Tea

Supply Needs: (*For our information, so we know what to pre-purchase. There will be no pressure to buy anything whatsoever. We are merely there to serve you and meet your needs.*)

I will be bringing all (or most of) my own supplies

I do not have any of my own supplies and would prefer if you supplied a selection of albums and/or photo boxes that I may choose from for purchase

I'd prefer Photo Albums Photo Storage Boxes Both

I'm interested in seeing the latest scrapbooking materials and supplies

Registration Deadline is Saturday, November 6, 2010

Send check or money order for your donation by **November 6, 2010**

to:

Pam Strobel

2818 Hayward Dr. SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Make Checks Payable to: Challenge

For further information or to request special accommodations,
please email Pam at pamstrobel@sbcglobal.net or call Sue Edgerly @ 363-5832.
