



Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

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THE PEACEMAKER... *PIECES*

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IT'S ALMOST HERE!

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We can hardly wait to celebrate with you!

- A few Auction with a Twist Tickets have become available! If you have interest in attending the event please contact Auction with a Twist Chair, Christina Rosloniec at (616) 942-5196.
- An auction preview guide is now available by going to the Auction with a Twist website at www.stthomasauktion.org!
- **The annual pre-auction 50/50 cash raffle sale begins today!** Sales from this raffle typically raise close to \$5,000 for Saint Thomas! Please find the envelope attached to see how your family can help. **All 50/50 cash raffle tickets must be returned to the school office by 10.11.10 sold or unsold to comply with State law.**

Thank You!

Student Council Officers and Representatives Elected

A special thanks to all the students who ran for Student Council this year. There were a number of exceptional candidates and we congratulate all of you on your hard work and excellent speeches. We thank you for hearing your call to serve Saint Thomas School. The following students were elected as this year's Student Council officers:

President: Gabe Yondo
 Vice President: Tim Wheeler
 Secretary: Shokhari Tate
 Treasurer: Addison Lavoie

In addition, the following students were elected as representatives for their classes: (3V) Jenna Wolf; (4P) Tommy Mikolay; (5F) Claire DenBraber; (5P) Isaac Liang; (6) Anezka Kovarik; (7C) Anna Brady; (7Z) Emma Heffron; (8) Joe Murphy. Congratulations!

CELEBRATE LIFE WEEK

October 4-8, 2010

Please see attached flyer.



Fall ATTACHMENTS

- October Calendar
- October Hot Lunch Menu
- Celebrate Life Flyer
- Booster Welcome Letter
- Enrichment Opportunities
- ROC Youth Ministry Flyer
- Joy Rally Flyer
- Joy Rally Registration Form

Letter of Thanks

Dear Saint Thomas Community,
The receptions following the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses on September 12th were such a wonderful outpouring of the deep love of the Saint Thomas community in my life. I was overwhelmed by the opportunity to once again be embraced by the parish and school that have made such a difference in my life! Listening to the stories, memories, and roasts, was both a blessing and a lot of fun. The food was amazing, and I especially enjoyed all the students present! Also the flowers, pictures and cards I was able to enjoy all day! What a blessing! Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all the organizers of these receptions and to the whole community for the blessing of being a part of the Saint Thomas family. A special thank you to the following individuals who took leadership and a special part in making the receptions so wonderful: Julie & Ruperto Blanco and Julie's wonderful sister (the chef), Julie Line Neumann, Lisa Wolf, Angela Yondo, Janet Jepsen, Bryant Zimmerman, Suzi Furtwangler, Dawn Olney, Jeanne Walch, Julie Kuhn, Brian Figueroa, Sharon Herold, Liz Aschwege, Mike Janisse, and Suzanne VanderZee.
With Love and Gratitude,
David A. Faber
Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Diocese of Grand Rapids

Thank You

A Small refrigerator for storing milk in the Kindergarten classroom was donated by the Doyle family. Thank you so much! Your generosity is appreciated.



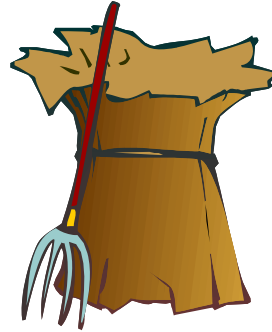
SAVE THE DATE

7th & 8th Grade Harvest Dance

Saturday, October 30th

7-10 pm

\$6.00 per person



More
information
to follow!

Paper Gator Profits

Thank you to all who are 4th grade students, parents and parishioners who recycle paper in our Paper Gator (located near the gym). Our school earned a check for \$134.08 for the last quarter.

Take Charge of Education

Thank you to all who participate in Target's Take Charge of Education. We received a check from \$536.21. If you are interested in participating in this program, please visit: www.target.com/tcoe.

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: _____

Our Saint Thomas Community Artists Invite You to Join Them in Participating in ArtPrize 2010

ArtPrize fever is alive and well at Saint Thomas as many of our own school community, including teachers and parents and our own Mrs. "F", are involved as artists in this local event that is capturing international attention. This is such a wonderful cultural event, and we encourage our families to spend time visiting the many venues to view some absolutely AMAZING artwork. There is definitely something for everyone!

Our students have already had the opportunity to be a special part of this exciting event by assisting in the creation of Mrs. Furtwangler's piece, "The Seven Days of Creation." But, there are many other ways to be involved.

If you are new to Saint Thomas, or would like to take a personal part in this special event yourself, we have a few suggestions...

September 22 - October 10 | Grand Rapids, MI



- We invite students and their families to "hang out" at our exhibit in the lobby of the J.W. Marriott and hand out our cards and engage in conversation with the many viewers who are visiting our piece. Watching our students interact with the viewers and explain the work has been a truly special treat. What an awesome job they have been doing. We are so proud of how well they represent our school!
- We also invite families to visit Saint Thomas School parent Bob Neumann's photography booths located outside the Grand Rapids Public Museum to have your pictures taken as participants in a book to be published about the thousands of people who are participating in and attending ArtPrize. Find out more at Faces in Time.com. Participation is totally FREE and each member of your family can be photographed for the book! Pictures will also be available for purchase (if you so desire).
- We also invite you to volunteer at Cathedral Square, one of the seven exhibition centers for ArtPrize. The works displayed there are truly awe inspiring. See details of how you can volunteer at the Diocesan offices below.
- And, if you haven't met her yet, our new sixth grade aide, Mrs. Jenn Gregory, also has a ArtPrize piece on display at the G.R. Public Library. Stop in and say hello and check out her piece.
- Another Saint Thomas parent, Jackie Cuppy, has a piece entitled "Passion" showing at Bethlehem Church on Commerce SW.

Whatever you choose to do, we encourage you to take advantage of the amazing art on display all across our wonderful city from now through October 10th. This is an opportunity that is totally unique to our city and may not come again. Enjoy!



TODAY IS LAST DAY TO VOTE IN PHASE ONE

The first phase of ArtPrize 2010 ends **TODAY**. Our entry has been in the TOP 25 out of 1,713 entries. What an amazing accomplishment! We still have a chance to make it into the top 10. Don't forget to Vote "UP" for "The Seven Days of Creation" listed at www.artprize.com under artist Suzi Furtwangler (our beloved principal). Remember you must register in person at one of the ArtPrize headquarters downtown. (Please note: Cathedral Square is a registration site.) Bring a photo ID.

Once you have registered, voting for our piece is easy! Our ArtPrize Voting ID is 42141. Simply text our number **42141** to 808080 or vote directly on the website by finding Mrs. Furtwangler's name.

ArtPrize Volunteers Still Needed at Cathedral Square

Grand Rapids is buzzing with talk of ArtPrize and it's not too late to become involved! The Diocese of Grand Rapids' Cathedral Square is serving as one of seven exhibition centers for ArtPrize 2010, which runs from Sept. 22 through Oct. 10. Cathedral Square is looking for volunteers to serve as greeters and registrars everyday throughout the entire event. Volunteers, age 18 or older, are needed for two, three or four hour blocks of time. For questions about volunteering, please email the Cathedral Square ArtPrize Team at: artprize@dioceseofgrandrapids.org, or to access the volunteer registration form, click: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YJVJ9NN>. Thank you for your help!

Hot Lunch Accounts

Just a couple reminders regarding hot lunch ACCOUNTS. First of all, there must first be money in the account in order to receive lunch/milk. Your child will not be allowed to order lunch if there are insufficient funds to cover the cost. Secondly, please remember to send in deposits in the form of a check made out to Saint Thomas Hot Lunch. This makes it easier and safer for everyone involved. Again, student lunches cost \$2.40 which includes milk. Milk alone is \$.35. Also, there are still some accounts with a negative balance that need to be paid. Please check your email statements for current balances.

If you are interested in applying for free/reduced lunch, there are forms in the entrance way to school. If you qualified last year for free/reduced lunch, and would like to apply for this year, a new application must be completed by September 30, 2010. If a new application is not on file by that time, the cost of lunch will increase to regular price.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at home 874-5680 or email me at school.

Thank you,
Shannon Rodgers

Student Insurance Available

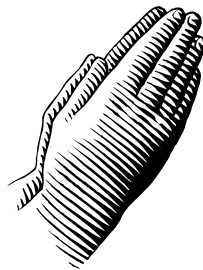
Student Assurance Services provides the parents an option to purchase 24-hour coverage.

A summary of the plan, frequently asked questions, claim forms and the enrollment for 24-hour coverage is now web based. Please go to www.sas-mn.com then K12Students/Parents, look up your school and choose Michigan where Michigan Catholic Conference will appear. The menus then allow you to choose the information you desire.

Spiritual Adoption

Spiritual Adoption begins Monday, Oct.4th. Students in 6th thru 8th grade will be given the opportunity to spiritually adopt a baby in danger of abortion for the 9 months of the school year. We will meet once a month during Religion class. Each month the students will be shown a picture of a baby at the corresponding stage of gestation. We will have reflection and prayer. The students who choose to participate will be given a container to decorate with Pro-Life stickers. A prayer card will be attached. They may collect coins in the container. The money will be donated to the St.Mary's Crisis Pregnancy Center in Lowell. Looking forward to sharing heartfelt prayer with the students.

~ Mrs. Donna Valente



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. Jude Parish
1120 Four Mile Rd NE
Wednesday, October 13 @ 6:00 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
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

An Invitation To Pray The Rosary in Church

Saint Thomas School Families and Friends:

Every day at St. 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)



Saint Thomas Library News



Craft Corner Set Up to Celebrate ArtPrize

We've opened up our Craft Corner in celebration of Art-Prize. Come and see some sample arts and crafts projects and check out a book to do your own art project at home.

Fall Books on Display

Our Fall books have been put out. Come and read about pumpkins, apples, leaves and God's gorgeous fall colors.



Thanks to our Book Donors

Thank you to the DeBoer, Mangan and Syrba families for their generous donation of books.

Review Your Favorite Book

Are you reading a book that you just can't put down? Did you read a book over the Summer that you think everyone would enjoy? Then you should do a book review for the St. Thomas Library. Review forms are available on the library desk. Turn your review in to the library and it will be posted for your classmates to see.

Upcoming Collections

We're kicking off our collections display with Mrs. Jaz-wiec's accordion collection, and starting in October, the Barth family's German collection. If you would like to share your collection with us fill out a slip and put it in the suggestion box in the library. Collections will be changed every other week or so.

Try Our "I Spy"

Just for the little ones, we have finally put out our 'I Spy' display box for you to try. Every other week a new 'I Spy' slip will be available with items for your to look for in the box. We are always in need of small items (marbles, plastic bugs, small race cars, etc...) to put in the box. Next time you are cleaning out your toy box or junk drawer, think of us!

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.

Our "Tree of Life"

We will soon be participating in "Celebrate Life Week" at our school. As part of this special celebration we will be having a "tree of life" in the library. Our children will have the opportunity to put the name of someone special they would like to celebrate on a tree leaf. This person could be a parent, friend, teacher, family member, hero, saint etc. The leaves



Saint Thomas Library Info



Coordinators:

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.



HORNET ATHLETICS



Fall Sports

Boy's Football, Girl's Sideline Cheer, Boy's Soccer, and Girl's Volleyball seasons start the weekend of 9/11/10. Check the St. Thomas website www.stthomasgr.org for the latest schedules. The current schedule is always posted on our homepage and also on the athletics page.

Come out and support your Hornet Teams!

Winter Sports Signups

Winter Sports Signups were posted in classrooms through 9/28/10. These signups are for 5th – 8th graders for Boy's Basketball, Girl's Basketball, Girl's Sideline Cheerleading, & Girl's Competitive Cheerleading (7th & 8th grades only). Practices may begin as soon as 11/15/2010.

Saint Thomas Coaching Opportunities

The Saint Thomas Hornet athletic program offers various athletic opportunities for our 5th-8th grade students. Volunteer coaches are needed to lead these teams. The school and Athletic Director will provide coaching guidelines. The Athletic Director will make final selections of all Head Coaches.

Please sign up in the school V.I.P. program and/or contact Louis Bandlow (452-8314 – home) if you are interested.

Sport Physicals & Permission Slips for 2010/2011 School Year - REMINDER

A new Physical & Permission Slip are required EACH school year.

Students planning on participating in the St. Thomas Athletic program during the school year are required to have a ST. THOMAS SPORTS PERMISSION SLIP and a SPORTS PHYSICAL (showing a doctor's clearance) dated after 4/15/10. **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 2010-2011 school year, so please fill out the Permission Slip for all sports that you are allowing your son/daughter to participate in.

~ Louis Bandlow
Athletic Director

Basketball Practice Time – Reminder

Please remember that due to having boys and girls basketball play at the same time during the winter, that practice time in the gym is at a premium.

The maximum allowed team practice time (per league rules) per week is 4-1/2 hours. This can be broken down into three 1-1/2 hour practices. We typically have 8 teams (4 boys and 4 girls) to schedule practice time for. We can break the gym schedule down as follows for 1-1/2 hour blocks (the kids get out of school @ 3:15): 3:30-5:00; 5:00-6:30; 6:30-8:00; and 8:00-9:30 (typically used for 7th or 8th graders). These 4 spots per day would equal 20 spots per week. 20 spots do not cover 3 practices for all 8 teams. So, please be understanding when your child's team has to use a late practice time slot or practices on Saturdays.

Fall Concession Worker Schedule



TONIGHT – Wednesday September 29, 2010

5:45PM	Start-up	LaVoie
6:20PM	5 th Girls	Flynn
7:20PM	7 th Girls	-----

Monday October 4, 2010

5:45PM	Start-up	-----
6:20PM	5 th Girls-Gold	Tanis
7:20PM	5 th Girls-Green	Simonait

Saturday October 9, 2010

8:15AM	Start-up	Vruggink
8:50AM	5 th Girls-Gold	Gambernardi
9:50AM	6 th Girls	DeBoer
10:45AM	7 th Girls	Syrba
11:50AM	7 th Girls	McNeely
12:50PM	8 th Girls	Brady

Monday October 11, 2010

5:45PM	Start-up	Herold
6:20PM	8 th Girls	-----
7:20PM	8 th Girls	Spica

IMPORTANT Gym Request

ONLY NON-MARKING GYM SHOES are allowed in GYM CLASS. This includes black and white soled shoes (as there are mostly black marks on floor but there are some white ones too). Thank you.

Up, Up and AWAY....Far, Far Away! Our Hot Air Balloons Took Off!



Every year our junior high students make and launch their very own hot air balloons as part of their science curriculum. The balloons are hand-made by the students from tissue paper and glue. They compete as teams for longest flight time and most creative balloon. We had a new St Thomas record set by the 8th graders: Team Apple: 5 minutes and 15 seconds. (Typical times are maybe a minute or two.)

An hour later, that record was broken by two 6th grade teams: Team Chemical Explosion and Team Cranky Atoms. Both teams tied with flight times of 6 minutes and 45 seconds. The balloons never came down, but we had to stop timing because they were so high, we lost sight of them! Congratulations to all of our students for their creativity, teamwork and success. ~ Mary Sue Stegehuis

Parent Grade Gatherings:

For those of you not familiar with Parent Grade Gatherings, they are an opportunity for parents to connect with other parents with children in the same grade at St. Thomas. You are able to meet the parents of your child's friends! Perhaps you need some help with carpooling, or you would like to set up some play dates. The Parent Grade Gathering is a great place to get to know other parents in a relaxed atmosphere.

The gatherings usually take place on a Saturday, hopefully in the beginning of the school year, and last for approximately two hours. Everyone brings a dish to share and their own beverages. For our returning parents, please consider the large number of new families at St. Thomas this year. They need a chance to meet some of the families already familiar with St. Thomas School.

Please look for your invitations to come home for each of your children. We are still looking for volunteers to host several grades. If you are available please contact Tara Simonait @ markjsimonait@earthlink.net or 719-0390. **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FAMILIES THAT HAVE ALREADY VOLUNTEERED!**

1ST GRADE - NEED A VOLUNTEER FAMILY
4TH GRADE - NEED A VOLUNTEER FAMILY
8TH GRADE - NEED A VOLUNTEER FAMILY

Saint Thomas Enrichment Opportunities

Spelling Bee!

Students in Grades 5-8 are invited to sign up to participate in our school wide Spelling Bee which will be held on Wed., Jan. 12, 2011 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. The winner and first runner-up will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee held in Grand Rapids on Tuesday, February 22, 2011. The first step is to pick up an information packet from Mrs. Zakrajsek. Included in this packet is a permission slip which must be returned to Mrs. Zakrajsek by Fri., Oct. 8. Any questions? Contact Amy Zakrajsek at 458-4228 ext. 305.

Latin!

Saint Thomas the Apostle School is excited beyond words about the newest addition to our after school enrichment opportunities! Brandy Springstubbe, a Latin teacher from Northhills Classical Academy, will teach a beginners Latin class to families at Saint Thomas! The class, which meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:15-6:15 p.m., is open to students in grades 3-8, as well as their older siblings and parents! Think how cool this will be for your entire family to take Latin together and then sit around the dinner table and speak this beautiful language! Please see the attached flyer for details.

NOTE: Younger students may participate with approval. Please contact Amy Zakrajsek at 458-4228 ext. 305.

Tech Club!

We have been blessed again! Ellen Kieras has agreed to be the new "techie" for the Tech Club! The first session will begin Oct. 13. Students in Grades 5-8 are invited to participate! Please see attached flyer and return with payment to Mrs. Zakrajsek by Oct. 8. Any questions? Contact either Ellen Kieras at 454-5449 or Amy Zakrajsek at 458-4228 ext. 305.

Special Note to Families Receiving the Pieces Electronically



Copies of all attachments, flyers and registration forms can be found in the Welcome & Information Center located inside the entryway of the school. For those interested in enrolling in an after school enrichment program or class, forms will also be available outside Mrs. Zakrajsek's classroom in the upstairs junior high hallway. Thank you!

Science Olympiad!

It's that time of year again for students in grades 6-8 to gear up for Science Olympiad! The Regional Tournament at Grand Valley will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2011. Since many of the events are the same as last year, we will be able to utilize what we learned the first time around and improve our events! We may even participate in some new events! If you are interested in joining the Saint Thomas Science Olympiad team this year, please attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, October 12 in the Ministry Center. This meeting is for students and parents and will be offered at two different times (attend one): 3:30-4:00 or 5:00-5:30. The cost will again be \$100 for this 6 month program. The practice days will either be Tuesdays or Thursdays, depending on how many students are participating and how many events we will compete in this year. We are also in need of coaches! Please contact Amy Zakrajsek at: azakrajsek@stthomasgr.org or 458-4228 ext. 305 if interested.

THE GIFTS YOU HAVE
RECEIVED, GIVE AS A GIFT

Front Row: Liam Doyle, Zach Baxter, Katie Krachenberg
Middle Row: Audrey Patterson, Nicholas Lourido, Erin Mangan
Back Row: Natalie Smith, Adam Kuzee, Jeremy Wolf, Jarred Baxter

THE GIFTS YOU HAVE RECEIVED, GIVE AS A GIFT

*Photos have been removed for
Internet safety purposes*

Front Row: Brady Patterson, Ella Mondroski, Gabe Skinner,
Andrew Triestram, Sebastian Padilla

Back Row: Madelyn Bocian, Francesca Dieleman,
Nick Figueroa, Owen LaVoie

Front Row: Ella Rosloniec, Hannah Lourido,
Maria Fernanda Morales, Daniel Neibarger, Jr.

Back Row: Emma Klein, Abby Tietema,
Katolina Cunningham, Sarah Espinosa

Front Row: Mark Heun, Kristen Salinas, Joseph Blanco,
Ondrej Kovarik

Middle Row: Isabella Klein, Avery LaVoie, Isabella Karel,
Olivia Jepsen

Back Row: Lizzy VanderZee, Montse Gonzalez-Guitierrez,
Sarah Baxter, McKenzie Schliem

Front Row: Sam Dieleman, Grace Jermstad, Caitlin Mullen,
Marie Kieras, Eden Girum

Back Row: Thomas France, Liam Perdue, Jack Domogalski,
Dani Dull, Mary Grace Doyle



Saint Thomas the Apostle School October 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:55 a.m. Mass Grs. 1 visit Farmers' Market @ 1 p.m.	2
3	4	5	6 8:40 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Gr. 4 tour Capitol in Lansing	7	8 9:55 a.m. Mass	9
10 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Candidate/ Sponsor Mtg.	11 Jean Pass Day	12	13 Pieces home	14	15 8th Gr. Trip to Chicago 9:55 a.m. Mass	16 Auction with a Twist
17	18	19	20	21	22 NO SCHOOL Diocesan Institute Day	23 JOY Rally
24 2:00 p.m. Reconciliation Parent/Child Mtg.	25 Non-Uniform Day	26	27 Pieces home	28	29 9:55 a.m. Mass	30 7th & 8th Gr. Fall Dance
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Saint Thomas the Apostle Hot Lunch Menu *October 2010*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Chicken Drumstick Mashed Potatoes <hr/> <u>B Lunch:</u> Sloppy Joes → <hr/> <u>C Lunch Soup:</u> Potato Soup →	5 Chicken and Cheese Enchilada	6 Pizza Potato Wedges	7 Spaghetti Rolls	8 Tomato Soup with a Bosco Stick
11 Sheppard's Pie <hr/> <u>B Lunch:</u> Grilled Cheese <hr/> <u>C Lunch Soup:</u> Chicken Rice →	12 Chicken Fried Rice	13 Pizza Breadsticks	14 Tacos* Mexican Corn*	15 Macaroni and Cheese Cornbread

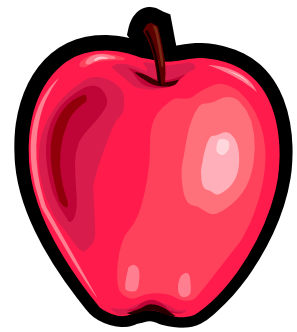
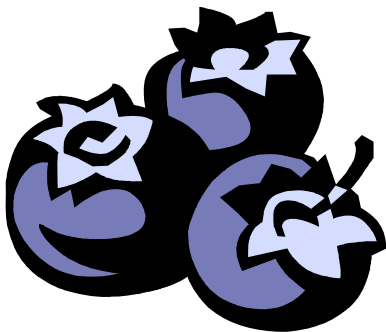
*** Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution Recipes**

Items on food bar this month:

Lettuce
Cheddar Cheese
Croutons
Carrots

Vanilla Yogurt
Blueberries
Homemade Granola
Fresh Apples

Fresh Oranges
Peaches
Hummus
Pita Chips





**WHAT BETTER WAY TO “CELEBRATE LIFE”
THAN BY HELPING THOSE IN NEED?**

WHO: CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF WEST MICHIGAN
-WOMEN WITH INFANTS IN NEED OF BASIC
NECESSITIES

WHEN: DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED DURING
“CELEBRATE LIFE WEEK” OCT. 4 THROUGH
OCT. 8

WHERE: PACK ‘N PLAY CRIBS WILL BE SET UP IN
THE MAIN HALLWAY AND UPSTAIRS BY
THE PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN
ROOMS

WHAT: NEWBORN, SIZE 1 AND SIZE 2 DIAPERS,
WIPES, ONESIES, INFANT SLEEPERS,
BLANKETS, ETC. (THEY WILL TAKE GENTLY
USED ONESIES, SLEEPERS, ETC.)



Saint Thomas Hornets,

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year at Saint Thomas the Apostle School! As this new year begins, we anticipate great things from our student athletes. The Boosters team is energized about the year ahead and the support they will provide the Saint Thomas community. I would like to personally thank and congratulate Don Serba who "retired" from his leadership role with the Boosters, a position he held for the past 25 years! Don has provided outstanding leadership throughout the years and has created a legacy that will last a lifetime. Don, we appreciate your contribution!

We are all aware that there is something special going on throughout the Saint Thomas community. We know this because we witness what is happening in our classrooms and we see it at church as well. Our community is uniquely special! Understanding the fact that **the toughest thing about being uniquely special is that you've got to keep on being uniquely special.** I am eager and motivated to take the role as President in an effort not only to become a part of successful team but to take the lead in surging forward and transitioning the efforts of the past into an even more distinctive and supportive team. I know that to follow in the footsteps of Don is a daunting and demanding task but with God's help and your teamwork, I know that we can move forward.

I don't see our jobs as Athletic Boosters simply to raise money for our sports programs. I see it as our duty to promote and encourage our students to become involved in school athletics while displaying character and sportsmanship, integrity and most importantly, giving glory to God. I have witnessed on so many occasions the positivity and enthusiasm that is displayed by our athletes and by their classmates cheering them on in the stands. Enthusiasm and positivity are contagious...I enjoy being a part of that! I'm sure you are too. We are fortunate to be a part of this great Saint Thomas community!

I have several ideas that I feel will improve our efforts and a few ideas that I would like to implement to actually improve the current situation...ideas that I'm sure will bring us, as a group, closer to the outstanding results that we witness in our hallways on a daily basis. I look forward to sharing these ideas as we move forward and would welcome your ideas and support as well. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Matt Tietema



Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

“School of Distinction”

October 19-Dec. 2, 2010

After School Enrichment Opportunities

Latin Class

3rd Grade Students-Adult

Class Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays

October 19-Dec. 2 5:15-6:15 PM*

Location: Ministry Center

Instructor: Brandy Springstubbe

Fee: \$ 90/person \$200 limit/family

(scholarships available)

The Latin class will introduce students to one of the foundational languages of western civilization. Through interactive class periods including direct instruction, conversation, games, songs and chants, and hands-on activities, students will learn basic vocabulary and grammar and will begin to recognize the Latin roots of the English language. Lesson content will be presented in the context of cultural and historical topics such as families, food, work, school, the army, medicine and mythology. Students will also be challenged to learn some Christian Latin, specifically the Sign of the Cross and the Table Blessing. This introductory session will conclude with a Roman feast complete with traditional entertainment.

Students interested in digging deeper into the vocabulary, grammar and Christian Latin presented in this introductory session should watch for more information concerning future classes.

To enroll, please fill out the registration form below and check all appropriate boxes including those pertaining to scholarships/financial need. Send with check* to Amy Zakrajsek by Oct. 8.

*Make checks payable to St. Thomas School.

Saint Thomas Registration Form for Latin Class

Last Name _____ Family Members _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Cell #: _____

*Please note: The class is dismissed at 6:15. Any student not picked up by 6:20 will be charged our customary late fee of \$1.00 per minute/per person.

Saint Thomas Payment:

____ Check enclosed for Saint Thomas Program Fee -\$90/person \$200/family

____ Partial Scholarship Needed - Check Enclosed For - \$45/person \$100/family

____ Maximum Scholarship Needed - Amount Enclosed - _____

(Any amount is encouraged, including a student allowance or money earned. Scholarships are awarded on an “as needed” basis.)

Make checks payable to Saint Thomas School

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Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

“School of Distinction”

October 2010-December 2010

After School Enrichment Opportunities

Technology Club

Grade Levels: 5th-8th Grade Students

Class Dates: Wednesdays (Oct. 13-Dec. 8, 2010) from 3:20-4:50* pm

Location: Media Center

Instructor: Mrs. Ellen Kieras

Fee: \$82 semester (scholarships available)



An opportunity for all 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders to expand their experiences with technology. Students will have a chance to experience the following:

- ♦ Stop Motion Video (Claymation) Production
- ♦ Unique Font Design
- ♦ Games
- ♦ Programming/Robotics
- ♦ Additional programming opportunities you would like to explore _____

To enroll, please fill out the registration form below and check all appropriate boxes including those pertaining to scholarships/financial need. Send with check to Amy Zakrajsek by Oct. 8. Make checks payable to St. Thomas School.

Saint Thomas Registration Form for Technology Club

Student Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Cell #: _____

*Please note: The class is dismissed at 4:50. Any student not picked up by 5:00 will be charged our customary late fee of \$1.00 per minute.

Saint Thomas Payment:

_____ Check enclosed for Saint Thomas Program Fee - \$82

_____ Partial Scholarship Needed - Check Enclosed For - \$41

_____ Maximum Scholarship Needed - Amount Enclosed - _____

(any amount is encouraged, including a student allowance or money earned)

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In exchange for services, the parent/guardian agrees to fulfill obligations of support: financial, spiritual, educational and emotional.

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St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
"REACH OUT FOR CHRIST"
Youth Ministry
2010/2011

www.roc youth ministry.catholicweb.com

*"Planted and built up in Jesus
Christ, firm in the faith"*
Col 2:7

"...Our young people are invited to think about how they are listening to the Good Teacher's message for their own life and responding to Jesus' invitation to follow Him." ~Pope Benedict XVI

R.O.C. Youth Ministry...what's it all about?

It's all about a Catholic centered comprehensive Parish Youth Ministry program open to teens, grades 6-8 and 9-12.

Youth Ministry takes care of you . . . spiritually, emotionally, and socially.
It is the TOTAL package!

R.O.C. Youth Group meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday evenings of each month from 6:30 -8:30PM! Beginning Sept. 19th thru May 1st.

You'll love what this dynamic youth program has to offer...all year around.
Any questions? Call Patti 459-4662 x209 or email preynolds@stthomasgr.org



Follow Jesus with Courage!

- Sunday Night R.O.C. Youth Group
- Jr. High JOY Rally
- CCHS Second Thursdays "Get Your Heart in the Game" lunchtime gatherings
- Monthly direct service opportunities
- Cardboard City & 24-Hour Food Fast
- Sr. High Breakfast Club
- Jr. High Lock-Ins
- Christmas & Easter visits to Holland Home
- Super Bowl of Trail Mix
- Jr. High SHINE Rally
- Graduate Mass & Brunch
- College Goody Boxes
- Liturgy Leadership opportunities
- DYMO Camp
- Rock-Climbing & Hiking High Adventure Retreat, Torrent Falls, KY
- Steubenville Youth Conference
- Jr. High Service-Learning trip
- Sr. High Service-Learning trip



The annual East Deanery sponsored
JOY RALLY, October 23rd,
for 6th, 7th, & 8th graders, is featuring:

CHRIS SCHWARTZ | HIP-HOP BREAKDANCE ENTERTAINER
URBAN HIP-HOP OLD-SCHOOL HIP-HOP POPPIN BREAKDANCE MARTIAL ARTS BASKETBALL DANCE



Chris Schwartz was born in Washington D.C. but was raised in Taiwan and later moved back to the states. For the past 10 years, Chris has instructed, choreographed, and performed for many events. Some of his honorary notes include: receiving an invitation to practice with the *Cleveland Cavaliers Scream Team*, NBA half-time breakdancers; being a member of *Urban Annunciation*, a hip-hop group; and directing *Breakdown of Restriction*, a hip-hop play. Other places Chris has performed include: Bowling Green State University Art Department, Franciscan University Baron's Basketball, Jefferson Community College, Harding Middle School, Dance Marathon, A Place to Dance, Holy Family Catholic Church, St. Teresa Catholic Church, Diocese of Austin Youth Ministry, 4U Ministry, XLT Ministry, and more.

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HIP-HOP BREAKDANCE ENTERTAINER

Our theme this year is

"He gives me strength to proclaim the word fully." 2Tim 4:17

Parents & families are welcome to join us for 5:00 Mass!

Cost: \$20 per student - includes tee shirt, live music, presentations, and a meal!

Checks can be made payable to St. Thomas Youth Ministry.

(At-the-door registrations will be accepted. \$25.00. Checks to SJV)

Please also consider contributing to our Rally outreach by providing ingredients for the Kids Food Basket Trail-Mix Project. If your last name begins with:

A-E 3 lb 4 oz jar of peanuts

F-J 36 oz bag of raisins or dried fruit

K-O 31 oz box small Goldfish crackers,
or Cheez-It crackers

P-T 16 oz bags mini twist pretzels

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

PLEASE NOTE: Quantities are large because the Trail Mix Project recipe is for 2600 bags of trail-mix; a one day supply. Smaller amounts and sandwich-size recloseable bags are also greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for your donation!

*Return registration form & payment no later than October 6th
to the St. Thomas Youth Ministry Office.*



JOY Rally, October 23rd, 2010, Features:

CHRIS SCHWARTZ

Catholic Hip-Hop Breakdance Entertainer

"He gives me strength to proclaim the word fully" 2Tim 4:17

Students will need to provide own transportation to and from event.

Registration due no later than OCTOBER 6th. Please print information:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Parish _____ E-mail _____
School _____ Grade _____

T-Shirt Choices (Adult Sizes): Small Medium Large X-Large XXL

Please list any and all allergies, medications, contacts, or other pertinent medical comments:

Parent: A [yearly] Parish Medical Treatment Release Form needs to be filled out for this activity.

During this event, I can be reached at this number _____.

I agree to allow my child's picture to be used for publications for JOY Rally 2010 as well as for future Deanery youth events & Parish publications. YES NO

I hereby consent to participation by above named child, in the Joy Rally 2010. In consideration of my child being allowed to participate in this event, I agree to waive and release, and indemnify and hold harmless the Deanery and participating Churches, the Diocese of Grand Rapids, any and all affiliated organizations, their employees, agents, representatives, volunteers, and drivers, from any and all claims I or my child may have, excluding claims for intentional misconduct or gross negligence, arising from or relating to my child's participation in this event.

I certify that I am the: _____ Parent or _____ Legal Guardian of the minor child named above and I agree to the above terms for my child and myself.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Return form no later than OCTOBER 6th to Patti in the Youth Office.