



"Faith in Every Student"

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Happy New Year!

I hope you have a Merry Christmas & fun New Year celebrations. The Christmas season begins on December 25th & continues into the new year, so pray, give, & celebrate together.

We will jump right back in to being very busy when we return from Christmas break, so make sure you read all of the information that is coming home in your family folder. It's a good idea to keep this newsletter posted on your fridge or another place where you can easily reference it throughout the month.

National Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration. The national theme for the week is Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service, and our Home and School Association has planned activities to promote "The Pieces That Help Saint Thomas School." We will celebrate and unite as a Catholic School family through activities, prayers, and outings throughout the week. Please see the enclosed flyer for daily details.

God Bless,
Mrs. Amy Higgins

Dressing for a Cause

Our January Dressing for a Cause will be for the *St. Vincent De Paul Society*. We will be doing a Money Drive in the classrooms and are looking forward to helping a needy family this winter. Please be as generous as you are able. Students who donate to this worthy cause may "dress down" on Thursday, January 26th instead of wearing their uniform.

Little Tiger Story Time will resume on January 11th.

We invite our community toddlers to join us for a story, snack, and craft from 9:30-10:30AM in Miss Tammy's PreK3 room.

Little Tiger Story Time is held every other Wednesday.

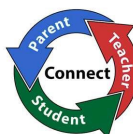


Spread the word!

Parent Teacher Conferences

It is an honor to be able to teach your children. We look forward to discussing each student's growth and achievements at Parent Teacher Conferences on **January 27th**.

Conference time schedules will be sent home for each student by January 9th. If you are not able to make your scheduled time, please inform your child's teacher ASAP.



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Keep up on the latest St. Thomas School happenings by "liking" us on Facebook. Updates, reminders, photos, & events are posted regularly.



Important Dates!



January

- 3rd: School resumes
- 6th: Eucharistic Adoration
- 9th: Dibels testing begins
- 11th: Little Tiger Story Time
Bingo-Workers: Walker, Diehl, Clark, Oherrick
- 18th: End of the 2nd marking period
- 25th: Little Tiger Story Time
- 26th: Dress Down Day
School Board Meeting
- 27th: NO SCHOOL-P/T Conferences
- 30th: Catholic Schools Week begins

Looking ahead to February...

- 11th: Ladies Winter Raffle

Mass

We celebrate Mass every Wednesday at 8:30am in our school hall. This is a focus of our school-religious education and the worship of God.

Everyone is welcome to join us!

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.

Luke 1:46



We are excited to announce the activities, celebrations, and outings that are planned for this year's Catholic Schools Week:

- Monday - **Saint Thomas Spirit Day** with crafts
- Tuesday - **Sports Day**
- Wednesday - **Crazy Hat/Scarf Day** after Mass
- Thursday - **Patriotic Bingo Day**
- Friday - **Pajama Movie Day**

See the flyer included in your family folder for more daily details.

****Please return the 2 completed permission slips for bingo at the Senior Center & movie at the Pitt Theater to the office by **Wednesday, January 11th******

Ladies Winter Raffle *Saturday, February 11, 2017*

Doors open at 1:00PM ~ First drawing at 2:00PM
Saint Thomas School Hall

\$20.00 donation ~ Ticket admits one person, includes food & beverages, plus 25 chances to win a basket

(Do not need to be present to win, but must have someone to distribute tickets for baskets)

Over 20 baskets being raffled, each valued over \$100.00

Each school family is asked to sell **5 tickets &** turn the money/unsold tickets in to the office by **January 16th**. Additional tickets are available in the office.



Buy that special lady in your life a raffle ticket! It's a fun afternoon with lots of opportunities to win great prizes!