

St. Thomas & St. Timothy School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



PEEK AT THE WEEK

Colleen DiSanto

Congratulations everyone! We have successfully accomplished two drop-off and one pick-up for our students. The buses had only one hiccup and walkers all arrived at home and school as requested. Thank you all for your help and patience. Even though the sun was shining upon us for the rainy day trial, it was worth keeping the routine for our students and teachers. Without the rain, footing was assured and waiting parents stayed dry. *You can help us adjust to the new year by making sure that all of your immunization paperwork is filed with the school nurse. Each campus has their own nurse, ready to help with questions and to accept your updated paperwork.*

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A GLIMPSE OF WHAT'S INSIDE:

Let the 2023-2024 school year begin!

Upcoming Calendar Events

To view our school calendar and upcoming events, please click [here](#).

9/1 Full day for K-8 students; Pre-K EARLY DISMISSAL

9/4 No School- Labor Day

9/5 Instrument Demo and Information Sessions

- Please note that virtual Zoom links for future Thursdays will be included in upcoming newsletters.
- Band Demo Day for Students: STA 10:30 am
- Band Demo Day for Students: STM 1:00 pm
- Virtual Band Parent Meeting @ 6:30 pm

To learn more about the Strings Program at STA, please click [here](#). Virtual meeting information will be sent to you upon confirmation. The meeting is at 7:00 pm.

9/6 HSA Meeting at STA @ 8:30 am

- Virtual Piano Parent Meeting @ 7:00 pm

9/8 Dismissal Bake Sale for Both Campuses

9/9 Yard Goats Faith and Family Day

9/14 Violin Lessons Begin at STM



Thank you, Father Sam, for stopping by both campuses yesterday to offer a prayer for our students! This will be the first of his weekly visits to classrooms.

School News



Housekeeping

Calendar Updates: St. Thomas & St. Timothy Board Meeting and Curriculum Night dates have been changed from Wednesday September 27th to Tuesday September 26th. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Back to School Forms: Parents can access back-to-school forms and handbooks on the website under the Parents-School Forms/Uniforms tab. Please send in the required forms as soon as possible.

Piano Lesson Information Session will be held virtually on 9/6 from 7:00-7:40. Parents and students are all welcome to attend. To sign up, [click here for the Zoom link](#). The first day for piano lessons will be Monday, 9/11, for registered students. Check out information on the school website for more inspiration!

Lunch Ordering: The first lunch order for the month of September is now closed. Lunches will begin after the holiday weekend and will reopen mid-month for ordering in October. Lunches ordered ahead will be served on Wednesdays and Fridays. Going forward, look for information and a link to order in the Weekly Newsletter.

Family Handbook Updates: Please note that two changes have been made to the Family Handbook here. This includes new teacher information and updated information on Before Care for delayed opening. *Before Care will be available when there is a delayed opening. It will be delayed the same amount of time as the start of school day.*

Practicing routines and drills: At both campuses our students practiced the rainy day exit procedures. Depending on the type of inclement weather, we may use the altered exit and utilize the gym for the safety of the students. Thank you for helping us with a truly dry run this week. Students and teachers will continue the practice exercises through the days and weeks ahead. Today many teachers took advantage of the sunshine and breezes to practice the fire drill exit procedures. Next week, during the building faculty meetings staff will be reviewing the safety procedures from the medical perspective.

Uniform Updates: The students' uniforms looked so wonderful. Thank you for your resilience in making a commitment to maintaining the Catholic school tradition. As mentioned in the previous updates, I welcomed a member of an alternative uniform company to our school for a discussion about the possibility of joining their company for service to our school. He outlined some ways in which his company can help us. We are continuing the discussion and will share the full offer with our HSA presidents and members at the first HSA meeting on Wednesday 9/6.



Ms. McMahon took some time to give her 1st grade class a tour of the building.



8th Grade students, Caleb and Greg started our day by raising the flag for the St. Timothy Campus.

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School Board

Please see the message below from St. Thomas & St. Timothy School Board President, Michael Hrach.

On behalf of the St. Thomas and St. Timothy school board, welcome to the 2023-24 academic year! I have the privilege of serving as school board president this year and need your help ensuring the mission of our wonderful school. Specifically, the school board is not involved in day to day operations, but rather focuses on long term planning and budgeting. The school board consists of 5 standing committees (strategic planning, nomination, finance, advancement, and building & grounds) and can appoint ad hoc committees as needed. If interested in serving on the board or a committee, please contact me (michael.a.brach@gmail.com), we welcome all but are especially interested in those with accounting, grant writing, or construction experience. The school community is generous with their time, please consider helping to ensure our long term success.

5th Grade Experience

The enrollment in the 5th grade has increased. With the encouragement of families to enroll their students at St. Thomas Campus for 5th grade, we began to welcome students. Due to the cancellation of the admissions process for both 5th and 8th grades during the last school year, there was a significant delay in welcoming new families. We have accepted 24 students to the 5th grade and have established a wait list while we search for an additional instructor.

While other Catholic schools have more students in their homeroom classes, some have less. We are right in the middle. With the increased number of charges for Mrs. St Laurent to manage, she will have the assistance of Mrs. Barnett for three days a week. Mrs. Barnett will have the use of the 5A classroom and will focus on strengthening the skills of our students. Her additional time may also be used to support students in the upper school, grades 3 and 4. The 5th grade schedule is being created over the next few days. It will be adjusted to accommodate the needs of individual students and the class.

Homeroom Parents

If you are interested in serving as a homeroom parent for your child's class this year, please sign up below. We are in need of two homeroom parents per class. In order to allow as many families to participate as possible, please only sign up for one slot per family. All homeroom parents must be virtue trained and have completed a background check. Your duties as a Homeroom Parent would include:

- Being available to answer questions for new and returning families in your homeroom during the school year.
- Serving as a liaison between your class's homeroom teacher and families during the school year.
- Serving as a liaison between the HSA and your class's families during the school year.
- Assisting with Catholic Schools Week and Teacher Appreciation Week
- Class/Room Parents get the first opportunity to chaperone field trips for their class.

If you are interested in serving as a Class/Room Parent for the 2023-2024 school year, please [sign up using the signup genius linked here for the class you would like to serve as homeroom parent for.](#)



A huge thank you to 8th Grade students, Perry, John, James, and Brooks, who helped to reconfigure our cafeteria for lunches!