#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

### St. Thomas & St. Timothy School



### PEEK AT THE WEEK

### Colleen DiSanto

Help me to live your goodness and kindness each day. Remind me that my actions express who I am even more than my words. May I love as you love. Let me be good to those who wish me harm, forgive those who need forgiveness, and reach out in kindness to all I meet so they can experience the unconditional love of God.

Keeping friends happy. Invite people over to bond and make friendships. Never be negative to someone. Donate to a charity or someone in need. Never be rude, you don't know what people are going through. Encourage someone to fight their fears. Support someone when they are having a rough time. Say something nice to someone.

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### Upcoming Calendar Events

To view our school calendar and upcoming events, please click here.

- 2/23 Bake Sale at both campuses
- 2/28 School Board Meeting at St. Thomas Campus, 7:00pm
- 3/3 Open House at St. Thomas Campus, 11:30am
- 3/4 End of the Second Trimester
- 3/6 HSA meeting at St. Thomas Campus, 8:30am
- 3/8 Bake Sale at both campuses
- 3/8 Mother/ Son Night at St. Timothy Campus, 6:00pm
- 3/15 Report Cards Accessible
- 3/15 Second Grade Holy Communion Retreat
- 3/19 St. Timothy Honors Recognition Ceremony, 8:15am
- 3/19 School Board Meeting at St. Timothy Campus, 7:00pm
- 3/24 Open House at St. Timothy Campus, 11:00am

### **Classroom Spotlight**

Engineering thoughts into actions in science! Ms. Dander's 6th grade classroom looked into space probes and asked the question, how do engineers get space probes into space? Students were given limited materials and time to build a probe that travels and measured their distance.

The students eagerly brainstormed ideas, working together to design their own unique space probes using straws, paper, balloons, and rubber bands. Ms. Dander encouraged them to think like engineers, constantly adjusting and improving their designs for better performance.

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Testing and retesting their probes, the classroom buzzed with excitement as the students put their creativity and problem-solving skills to the test in 6th grade science.

### Reminders

Lunch Ordering Available: You may now order lunch on EduConnect for the month of March. The cost is \$6.00 and will be billed to your Blackbaud Management Account. The last day to order lunch for March is February 25th.

**6th Grade World Language Choice:** As we approach the third trimester of the 2023-2024 school year, it is time to express your World Language preference, (Spanish or French) for the rest of your time here at St. Timothy Middle School. Please sign up via this <u>SIGN UP</u> <u>GENIUS</u> to indicate which language you and your child request to study for the remainder of this year. Your child will continue to study your chosen World Language through 8th grade. Please make your selection by Friday, February 23rd. After a review of the teacher recommendations and previous trimester achievement, the final selections will be shared with you the following week.

### 2024-2025 School Year

**2024-2025 Tuition Contracts** were *due February 2nd*, *2024*. Please return your Tuition Contract and \$300/deposit per student as soon as possible. We are pleased to have extended a welcome to 20 new students for the 2024-2025 school year so far, and are looking forward to continuing to grow our community.

Applying for Financial Aid for the 2024-2025 School Year: You may begin applying for financial aid for the 2024-2025 school year now. Please <u>click here</u> to start the process. Our school code is 13753. Please contact Michelle Curley with any questions.

**Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools (FACS):** The Scholarship Application, Guidelines and Criteria for each of the 2024-2025 scholarships is available on our website. Please <u>click here</u> to begin your review. All applications need to be completed, and submitted to the school office by *Monday, March, 4th.* Please indicate the scholarship(s) you are applying for on page 5 of your application.

**Children's Educational Opportunity Foundation of Connecticut (CEO):** Please see the message regarding scholarship information from CEO: This is a friendly reminder that online applications will be available for our 2024-2025 scholarship starting on March 1, 2024. We hope to see many of your families apply with us for the upcoming school year! Applications are considered on a first come, first served basis; however, returning families are given priority consideration over new applicants. Families are encouraged to have all their financial documents ready to submit along with their application. We're also excited to share with you that for the first time, our scholarship program is going statewide! We will no longer require students to reside in Hartford, East Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport, or Waterbury to apply. Any family in Connecticut that meets our other eligibility requirements are welcome to apply for their child. We hope this change will benefit more students at your school who need a little financial help to achieve their unique potential. <u>Please see the website for more information</u> <u>about eligibility requirements.</u>

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# School News



First grade friends celebrated Valentines Day together last week in Ms. McMahon's classroom!

### Home and School Association

Save the Date, Mother/Son Game Night, March 8: Join us for a fun and active evening of games for mothers (or mother figures) and sons! We are looking for a co-chairperson and volunteers to make sure everyone has a great time. Please contact Ray Soto (bestgutters@yahoo.com) if you are interested in helping out with this event. The time has changed to 6:00 to 7:30.

Save the Date, Cultural Night, April 18: DATE CHANGE We are looking for musicians, dancers, artists, cooks, and/or speakers to share their culture with the school community. Please contact Shawn Harrell (sharrell007@yahoo.com) if you are interested in sharing at this event.

Easter Egg-citement Chairperson: Thank you to Mrs. Conaghan for stepping up and chairing this great fundraiser!

### Community

St. Thomas & St. Timothy School continues to receive new applications for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8. The process is moving into the next phase of enrollment with the acceptance of new families in all grades. Please contact our admissions office for more information at admissions@stastmschool.org.

Volunteers Needed for Spring Open Houses: Enrollment season is upon us and we are so excited to continue welcoming new families to St. Thomas & St. Timothy School. We are looking for parent ambassadors to help with our upcoming WEEKEND Open Houses on both campuses. Please contact our admissions office at admissions@stastmschool.org as soon as possible if you are interested.

- Sunday, March 3, 2024 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm at St. Thomas Campus
  *Thank you to Mrs. Grella and Mrs. Riley for volunteering!*
- Sunday, March 24, 2024 from 10:30 am-1:30 pm at St. Timothy Middle School Campus
  - Thank you to Mrs. Hrach, Mrs. Julien, and Mrs. Grella for volunteering!



First grade scientists in action! Our students explored the sweet science behind melting candy hearts! Watching their faces light up as they witnessed the magic of sinking, floating, dissolving, and transformation was priceless