

St. Thomas & St. Timothy School



PEEK AT THE WEEK

Colleen DiSanto

"I am convinced that love is the most durable power in the world. It is not an expression of impractical idealism; but of practical realism. Far from being the pious injunction of a Utopian dreamer, love is an absolute necessity for the survival of our civilization. To return hate for hate does nothing but intensify the existence of evil in the universe. Someone must have sense enough and religion enough to cut off the chain of hate and evil, and this can only be done through love."

Martin Luther King, Jr., in *The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Volume IV: Symbol of the Movement, January 1957-December 1958*

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Upcoming Calendar Events

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

1/19 - Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest at St. Timothy

1/19 - Bake sale at both campuses

1/24 - Mass at St. Timothy, 9:00am

1/25 - Winter Open House, 9:00am at St. Thomas

1/31 - Mass at St. Thomas, 9:00am

2/1 - Family Bingo, 6:00pm

2/2 - Contracts Due

2/7 - HSA Meeting, 6:30pm at St. Timothy

2/8 - Kindergarten Breakfast, 9:00pm at St. Thomas

2/9 - Father Daughter Dance, 6:30pm at St. Thomas

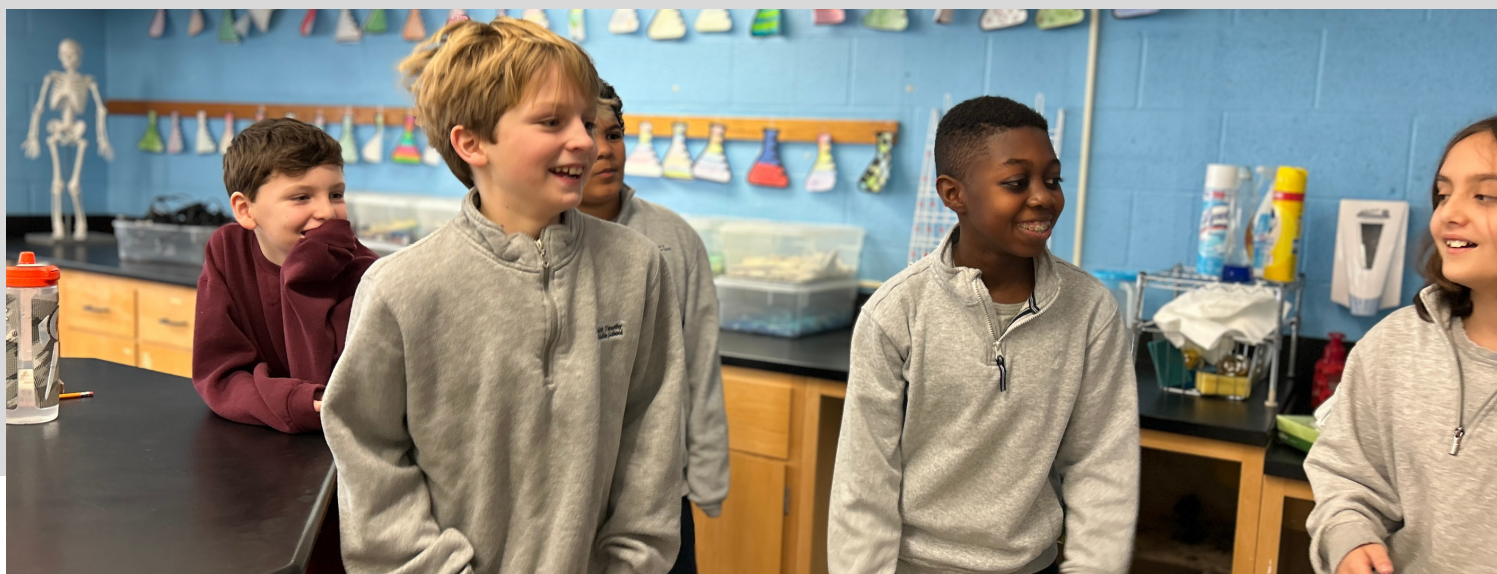
2/9 - Valentines Dance, 7:00pm at St. Timothy

Classroom Spotlight

St. Thomas 5th Grade students spend their morning at St. Timothy Middle School "shadowing" 6th and 7th grade students. Shout out to our Student Ambassadors for hosting the 5th grade, making them feel welcome, and answering all their questions about what to expect in middle school!

5th Grade Parents, please be sure to return your contracts as soon as possible to secure your child's seat for 6th Grade!

School News



Reminders

2024-2025 Tuition Contracts were mailed the week of January 2nd. Those with outstanding balances of \$1,000 or more were not issued a Tuition Contract.

- **Reminder:** Please include your deposit of \$300/student when returning your completed tuition contract. Thank you to all our families for your continued commitment to Catholic education with St. Thomas & St. Timothy School!
- The deadline is Friday, February 2, 2024.

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 [click here](#) to start the process. Our school code is 13753. Please contact Michelle Curley with any questions.

Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools (FAC'S): Application information will be released to us in mid February. Stay tuned for more information.

Session 3 Clubs: Don't delay! Time is running out. The last day to sign up for session 3 clubs is tomorrow, January 19th at 11:00am. Please [click here](#) to view and sign up for the clubs. Each club meets for four weeks. The cost is \$55.00 and will be billed to your Blackbaud Management account. Check the flyers for dates and times.

Dennis Uniforms: Dennis Uniforms for the New Year: As we look forward to 2024-2025 school year, get back-to-school ready with Dennis uniforms! [Click here to read more from the uniform experts.](#) [Click here](#) to view shopping guides.

First View Bus Tracking App, West Hartford Transportation: West Hartford Transportation will be implementing the First View Bus Tracking App for all families/students that are bus eligible. They plan to start this program district wide on Monday, 1/29. An email will be sent from the district to bus families which will share all of the information on how to set up the app and notifications. Families will be able to track their child's bus, as well as receive notifications of any changes on their bus route.



St. Thomas 5th Grade sat in on two middle school classes and then joined the Student Ambassadors for a Q&A session!

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From the Nurse

The St. Thomas Campus held a successful Medical Emergency Drill this week, in conjunction with the West Hartford EMS department. We are grateful for the assistance of Andrew Eccles, Community Support Officer for the West Hartford Fire Department. Officer Eccles provided training for our staff, helped to fine-tune our emergency plan, and conducted the drill, along with other members of his team. Our Emergency Team is committed to promoting the safety of our staff and students, and we all felt empowered by the experience of practicing our skills in this way.

Lunch Ordering Available

Lunch ordering on EduConnect: You may now order lunch on EduConnect for the month of February. The cost is \$6.00 and will be billed to your Blackbaud Management Account. The last day to order lunch is Friday, January 26th. *Please note: Special School sponsored lunches will be offered at STM, during Catholic Schools Week. This order will not be impacted.*

Home and School Association

Save the Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 save the date for the St. Thomas Father Daughter Dance for PreK through Grade 5 girls and their special escort. *Your special escort could be a father or father-figure.*

Save the Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 save the date for the St. Timothy Middle School Valentines Day Dance from 7:00pm-9:00pm. *We are looking for volunteers. The sign up will be available next week.*

St. Timothy Middle School Skate for FUNds Event: Postponed due to a scheduling conflict, new date to be announced. Thank you to Mrs. Conaghan for being flexible. We look forward to an update soon!

Community

Volunteering for Open Houses: If you would like to serve as a parent ambassador for either open house date, please contact Kerry Smith at admissions@stastmschool.org. Thank you in advance for your help and dedication to growing our school community!

Gym Teacher Needed, St. Timothy Middle School Campus: Thank you for your help with this search. We have two promising candidates at this time. Please continue to contact Mrs. DiSanto if you or someone you know may be interested.

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Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week Masses: We are so excited to welcome Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne to St. Thomas & St. Timothy School! Both campuses will be celebrating Mass with Archbishop Coyne during the month of January to celebrate our great Catholic school. These masses will be in lieu of the previously scheduled Catholic School Week mass. Parents and families are all welcome to join. While the parish masses on 1/28 will still occur, the Catholic School celebration schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, January 24 at St. Timothy at 9:00am
- Wednesday January 31 at St. Thomas at 9:00am

Catholic Schools Week Celebration: We are all so excited to celebrate our school together! With the help of the student council, St. Timothy Middle School has organized a number of events:

Monday, January 29:

- House of Bread Service project: We are welcoming the House of Bread Director, Beth Boyle, to share their mission with us.
- Sandwich Ministry: We will be seeking donations for the sandwich ministry for that day (loaves of bread, ham, turkey slices, cheese slices, and candy bars, sandwich bags) [Click here to sign up.](#)

Tuesday, January 30:

- Career Day: We are inviting parents to share their career choices with our students again this year! [Click here to sign up.](#) We are looking for 8-12 parents to join us from 9:00am-10:00am, coffee and tea will be available for 8:30am. This year, we are asking that parents bring with them a book or recommendation for a book for our students that reflects their occupation.
- A special MOE'S lunch is being offered. As we get closer to the date, look out for that sign up!

Wednesday, January 31: Spirit Day...dress up day in school colors (gray, white, Tiger Orange, burgundy, and blue)

Thursday, February 1:

- Bingo in English, French and Spanish
- A special Chick-fil-A Lunch. As we get closer to the date, look out for that sign up!

Friday, February 2: Gym experience during gym classes with teachers

Stay tuned for the outlined schedule of the St. Thomas Catholic Schools Week Celebration, sponsored by our Home & School Association!