THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

St. Thomas & St. Timothy School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



PEEK AT THE WEEK Colleen DiSanto

For flowers that bloom about our feet, For tender grass so fresh and sweet, For song of bird and hum of bee, For all things fair we hear and see, Father in heaven, Father in heaven, we thank thee. For blue of stream and blue of sky, For pleasant shade of branches high, For fragrant air and cooling breeze, For beauty of the blooming trees, Father in heaven, Father in heaven, we thank thee. Ralph Waldo Emerson, Springtime Prayer For Flowers that Bloom

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Upcoming Calendar Events

To view our school calendar and upcoming events, please <u>click here</u>.

5/10 - May Crowning and Spring Concert at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 9:00 am

5/10 - Grandfriends Day at St. Thomas

5/13-17 - Teacher Appreciation Week

- 5/15 Field Day (see information below)
- 5/17 Jazz Under the Stars, 6:00pm-8:00pm
- 5/17 Bake Sale at both campuses
- 5/23 8th Grade Field Trip to High Meadow
- 5/23 3rd Grade Field Trip to New Britain Museum
- 5/24 No School
- 5/27 No School Memorial Day
- 5/30 8th Grade Class Night and Last Day of Classes for 8th Grade students
- 5/30 5th Grade Field Trip to Old Sturbridge Village
- 5/31 8th Grade Graduation

Classroom Spotlight

Today the 7th Grade toured Connecticut's Old State House and State Capitol. A highlight of the trip was Julien (7th Grade) being elected governor!

The staff at the Old State House said that our students were perfectly well behaved and asked interesting questions. Well done!





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Kindergarten had so much fun on our field trip to Imagine Nation! They made animal masks, met the animals, and explored lots of fun rooms and activities in the museum!

Reminders

If you intend to have your child(ren) attend for the 2024-2025 school year, kindly send back the Tuition Contract and a \$300 deposit.

Blackbaud Tuition Management account-Incidental charges have been posted in the May billing. Please check that your payments include ALL incidental billings.

Dennis Uniforms: The new school year is right around the corner! <u>Click here to purchase</u> your uniforms for the 2024-2025 school year today!

Home and School Association



Save the Date for Jazz Under the Stars! St. Thomas & St. Timothy School's Home & School Association invites you to a cocktail party fundraiser "Jazz Under the Stars: Help us Jazz up the Classrooms! The event will take place on Friday, May 17, 2024 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at the West Family residence at 44 Sycamore Road, West Hartford, Connecticut.

<u>Click here or scan the QR code to the right to purchase tickets or make a donation</u> to Jazz Under the Stars today!

Community

St. Timothy 8th Grade Poster Boards and Graduation Signs are Ready for Pickup Today and will be distributed after students return to school from their field trip to Mystic and Dave & Busters.

St. Thomas Campus cafeteria is in need of paper towels: We would greatly appreciate any paper towel donations you can offer. Every donation is a huge help. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

A note from the librarian: Mrs. LeBlanc thanks you all for helping her have a great first year in the library. The last time St. Thomas students may check out books is Monday, May 13 and Tuesday, May 14. All library books will be due Tuesday, May 21 so that inventory can begin. If after that time a book is still missing, an email will be sent home to discuss next steps.



Scan the QR Code for Jazz Under the Stars Tickets

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Our caterpillars arrived in 1A! We are going to be observing each day and recording our observations in our journals.

Community Continued

Grandfriends Day is tomorrow, Friday, May 10th. Grandparents and Grandfriends are invited to join us at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at 9:00am to begin the morning with May Crowning and Spring Concert. Immediately following the spring concert, Grandfriends will join their grandchild(ren) in the school classrooms until 11:00 am. Please <u>click here</u> to register Grandparents and Grandfriends.

May Crowning and Spring Concert will be tomorrow, Friday, May 10th at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 8:45 am. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Teacher Appreciation Week will be celebrated on both campuses the week of May 13-May 17. We are so blessed at St. Thomas & St. Timothy School to have the most dedicated faculty! Look forward to an emailing coming out from your homeroom parents regarding the celebrations. Teacher Appreciation Week will commence with a celebration of our school at Jazz Under the Stars on Friday, May 17, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Field Day is Here! St. Thomas & St. Timothy School Field Day will take place on Wednesday, May 15th.

- Lower School (PreK-Grade 2) will be at the St. Thomas campus from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM and Upper School (Grades 3-8) will be at the St. Timothy campus from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.
- There will be a special Chick-fil-a lunch provided for grades 3-8. Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to order or you may choose to bring your own lunch.
- Please <u>click here</u> for more information to volunteer for the events on both campuses, or donate supplies.
- For class colors please see the attached Lower School Flyer (Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers will be in contact for specific group colors). Class colors for Upper School will be emailed today.

Northwest Catholic Summer Youth Football Camp 2024: Summer is right around the corner! Is your family looking for a camp that is fun and great for developing football and life skills? Consider the Northwest Catholic Summer Football Camp! <u>Click here</u> to view the flier with more information.

Mirabello Basketball Clinic at Northwest Catholic High School: <u>Click here for more information</u>. Register at northwestcatholic.org

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8th Grade Information

8th Grade Exam Schedule: 8th Grade exams will take place during regular class times 5/16-5/21. The schedule is as follows:

- 5/16 Math
- 5/17 Language Arts
- 5/20 Social Studies
- 5/21 Religion
- 5/22 Science
- World Language will be ongoing throughout the week.

High Meadow Reminders: Buses will be leaving the school promptly at 8:30am. There will be NO TOWN BUS HOME on Thursday, May 23rd for 8th Grade students. Students will be arriving back at the school at approximately 2:30pm and should be picked up at that time. **Graduation gowns will be available for pick up**. Aftercare will still be provided. Phones will not be permitted at High Meadow. Students are to leave their phones at home or at school. Appropriate casual attire. Students must wear sneakers. Any student wearing a bathing suit must wear shorts and a shirt when not at the pool. Students should also bring sunscreen. All food and drinks will be provided. We are looking forward to an amazing day!

8th Grade Yearbooks will be distributed on May 29th. Each 8th grade student will receive a yearbook, which was included in their end of the year fee.

Class Night Reminders:

- Class Night Posters: The tradition continues for our graduates to create a poster that reflects their personality and their time at St. Thomas & St. Timothy School. The presentation must be portrait NOT LANDSCAPE. The posters must be completed and at school by Wed., 5/29. Feel free to check in with Mr. Kradas or Deacon Pallotti. Posters will be displayed at Class Night on Thursday, May 30th.
- Thursday, May 30th will be the last full day of school for 8th grade students. This is also a dress down day for 8th grade students.
- **Class Night, Thursday, May 30:** This event is for 8th Grade students and parents only. A welcome reception will be held in O'Connell Hall (gym) with posters and refreshments. Student reflections will follow in the church. All students must be in church appropriate attire. No sneakers, jeans, or t-shirts.

8th Grade Graduation, May 31, 2024:

Friends and family are invited to join us for our end of the year promotion for our 8th grade students on May 31, 2024 at 6:00pm. Mass and the graduation ceremony will be held in the church. **There will be no school for 8th grade students this day.**

- Appropriate attire: All students must be in church appropriate attire. *Boys: Dress slacks, collared shirt, and tie under their graduation blue gowns. No sneakers. Girls: Church appropriate dress modest in length (white is optional) under their white graduation gowns with comfortable shoes. No sneakers.*
- After the ceremony, students will report to their homerooms and return their gowns. At that time, they will receive their diplomas.