

St. Thomas & St. Timothy School



PEEK AT THE WEEK

Colleen DiSanto

Dear God, Thank you to our families who take care of us. Thank you to our teachers who teach us new things. Thank you to the friends that we hang out with. Thank you for the clothes we wear that keep us warm during the winter. Thank you for our coaches who help us work on things we need to practice. Thank you for all the opportunities we get. Thank you for our good health. Thank you God for everything.

Prayer by Grade 7 Student

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Upcoming Calendar Events

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

11/17 - Bake Sale, both campuses

11/20 - NWC Shadow Day; Homeroom 8B

11/20 - Pie Pick Up, 2:30 pm at St. Thomas Campus

11/22 - St. Timothy Homeroom Breakfast, Sponsored by HSA

11/22 - Early Dismissal

11/22 - Prayer Service, 11:00 am at St. Timothy Campus

11/23-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break

Classroom Spotlight

4th Grade combined classrooms to learn about the Rosary and different ways to turn to God in prayer. Students each moved from their bead spaces as they reflected on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Each student was able to go home with their own Rosary. Thank you to Mr. Hadyka and Ms. Cahill for your continued commitment to our mission!

School News



While the weather is still warm enough, Mrs. Stuck took to the trails! Her classroom went on a Nature Walk outside to see what they could discover.

Congratulations Cross Country

Congratulations to all our Cross Country athletes for their hard work this season!

- **Coaches Award:** Brendan Jaroch, Paloma Zayas
- **Most Improved Award:** David Hrach, Sylvia Ritacco
- **Most Valuable Player Award:** Cameron Niemitz, Mikartny Hart,
- **Athletic Award:** Santiago Zayas, Jack Butler, Harrison Evaristo, Elijah Kwakye, Alexander Beganski, Casey Boyle, Peter Butler, John Ryan, Brooks Bevier, Caleb Lowry, Brandon Gee-Little, Jesa Eckstrom, Khloe Diaz, Enyaw Lindo, Allison West, Allora Barrett, Abby McCullough, Lily Hole, Leslie Sanchez, Katherine Hole, Lyla Diaz, Elizabeth West, Grace Conaghan, Mary Peters, Airelle Anderson

Community

Book Fair at St. Thomas Campus: The St. Thomas Book Fair is coming back! Our fair will run Monday, December 4 - Wednesday, December 6. Our librarian, Mrs. LeBlanc, would love for some parent volunteers to help make this a fun event for our students. If you'd like to assist with set up on Nov. 29 or, helping students make purchases, or packing up the week of the fair, please follow the link to this [Sign Up Genius](#). Please note in the comment line how long you can help out, or email bleblanc@stastmschool.org with any questions or availability. Thank you!

Basketball Forms for both Campuses: An email was sent out to basketball families with all of the necessary forms to be completed for the basketball season. Just a reminder, the Code of Conduct for Parents, Code of Conduct for Athletes and the Sports Permission Form must be returned for all players before the season begins. These forms can also be found on the website under [Athletics](#).

Pre-K and Kindergarten Intent: Reminder to all Pre-K and Kindergarten families to complete the annual letter of intent earlier this year. [Please click here](#). Thank you for your continued partnership!

Knights of Columbus Food Drive: Our yearly commitment to the Knights of Columbus Food Drive has begun. We are reaching out to each family for a donation of canned foods, pasta, pasta sauce or any nonperishable food items that will relieve the cost burden for families this holiday season. We have one more day for our collection. There has been an uptick in collection, but we are not close to our goal of at least one donation per family. Please take one last look at your cupboard or one last trip to the store to purchase and then donate nonperishable food items. You never know who you might be helping!



Look to see what Pre-K discovered on their walk!

School News



Thank you to Judge O'Keefe who came in and spoke with our 8th Grade students this week about the criminal justice system and how it compares in real life to the book they are currently reading in novel studies. Students were able to ask questions and hear wonderful stories from his almost 40 year career.

Home and School Association

Lyman Pie Sale: November 20th is pick up day for pie and cookie dough orders. All orders will be picked up at the St. Thomas Campus at dismissal. Because of the overwhelming amount of orders, the HSA needs several volunteers to help with distribution. [Click here to volunteer.](#)

Wreath Sale: [The annual HSA wreath sale is here!](#) [Click here](#) to place your order.

Health and Safety

Safety First: Thank you to our staff and faculty for participating in the annual safety drills and training that will keep our students safe and secure in times of emergency. Our personnel at both campuses have completed their training which began at the end of the summer with CPR training. While not all staff members were able to process the training, there is a role for everyone during a time of need at our schools. Everyone has been in preparation for an emergency. Thank you to our school nurses Terri Leduc, RN (STA) and Renata Kalinowski, RN (STM) as well as the West Hartford Department of Health for their guidance and support. Be assured that the exercises to prepare our staff and faculty are only the beginning. We will continue our drills beyond the monthly fire drills.

NWC News and Reminders

NWC Shadow Day: Students in Homeroom 8B will attend a shadow day on Monday, November 20th at Northwest Catholic High School. Permission slips have been sent home with your child for this event.

NWC Flag Football: Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) will be introducing girls flag football as a high school club sport for the spring of 2024. There will be an equivalent for the boys, as they have football. Northwest Catholic has invited girls grades 6-8 to play in a short 'exhibition game' on Saturday 11/18. This opportunity is available for all middle school girls. Please [click here](#) if you are interested.



Congratulations to our student athletes on their commitment to their team and a very successful season!