

# St. Thomas & St. Timothy School

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



### PEEK AT THE WEEK

Colleen DiSanto

Well done everyone! We appreciate your support through this heat wave. Your generosity with donations of air conditioners, alternative daily uniforms and finally arranging for child care in cooler environments with today’s early dismissal.

*God certainly knows how to get our attention: sometimes in dramatic fashion, like heat waves. Other times quietly as in gentle breezes. Today, take some time to reflect on when and how God has shown up in your life and to what you are being invited. Then pray to God for the courage to answer yes.*

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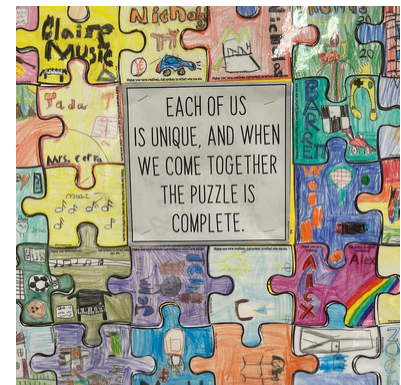
A GLIMPSE OF WHAT'S INSIDE:

**Back-to-School events are in full swing including All School Mass, Movie Night, and more!**

### Upcoming Calendar Events

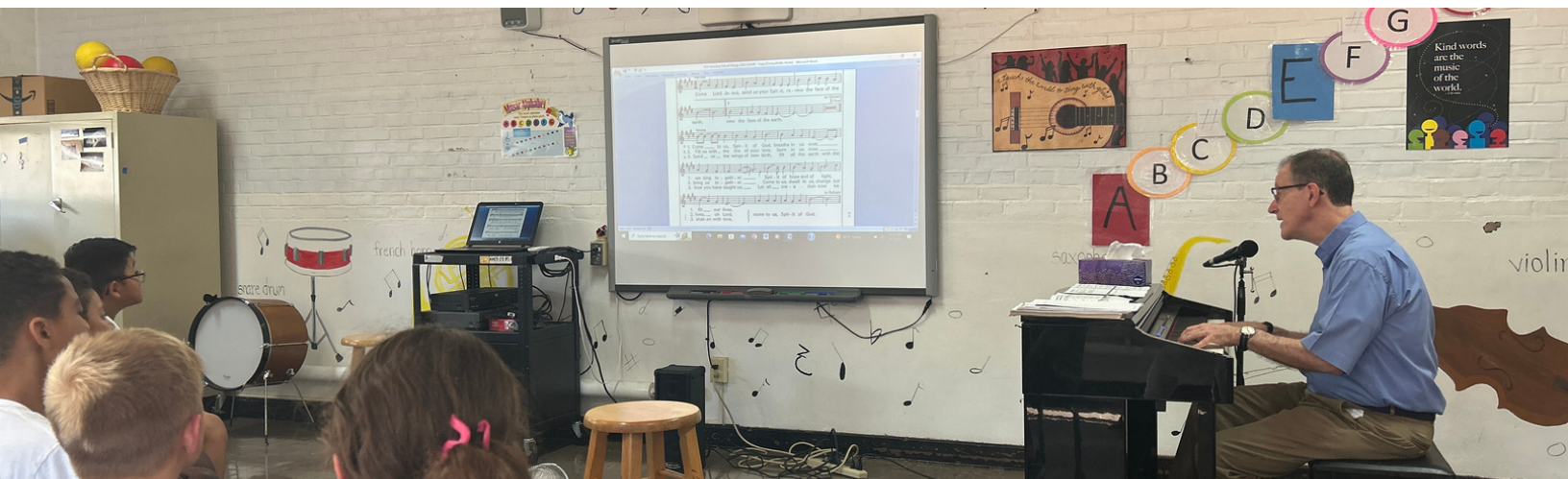
*To view our school calendar and upcoming events, please [click here](#).*

- 9/8 Dismissal Bake Sale for Both Campuses
- 9/9 Yard Goats Faith and Family Day
- 9/11 Piano Lessons Begin
- 9/12 STA Suzuki Strings Program Begins
- 9/14 STM Suzuki Strings Program Begins
- 9/14 All School Mass, St. Thomas the Apostle Church
- 9/15 Back to School Movie Night, St. Timothy Campus
- 9/17 Catechetical Sunday Mass followed by Parish Picnic, St. Thomas the Apostle Church
- 9/18 Benchmark Testing Begins
- 9/20 STA Curriculum Night
- 9/26 STM Curriculum Night and School Board Meeting



**We have loved getting to know our new classmates and teachers here at St. Thomas & St. Timothy School!**

# School News



## Housekeeping

**Required School Forms:** We are still missing the required school forms from several families. Please refer to the website under Parents, School Forms to access the list. [Click here](#) to access all necessary forms. Please send completed forms into the main office. There are still several families who have not yet turned in their student image permission form, which allows us to begin to share classroom updates with our friends and families, and include your child as part of our Weekly Newsletter. Please [contact Mrs. Smith](#) with any questions.

**Homeroom Parents Still Needed:** We are still looking for homeroom parents for 6A, 7A, and 8B. If you are interested in serving as a Class/Room Parent for the 2023-2024 school year, please [click here](#).

**Bake Sale Sign Up:** [Click here](#) to sign up and volunteer for Bake Sales. Please make sure all items are individually wrapped and that all items with nuts are clearly marked.

- St. Timothy is looking for a rep. for bake sales. [Please reach out to Mrs. Hrach](#) if you are interested.

**Birthdays:** We will be continuing to allow parents to spend lunch with their child on their birthday in the cafeteria at the student tables. Please give the main office at least 24 hour notice to allow us to verify through the Archdiocesan database whether the parent is Virtus trained. In addition, please be mindful of students who may have allergies. These phone calls or emails are very important for the safety of our school community.

**HSA Meeting:** Thank you to all our parents who attended the HSA meeting this week! We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. Thank you to parents for your comments regarding school communication. We are investigating programs to streamline and simplify our process.

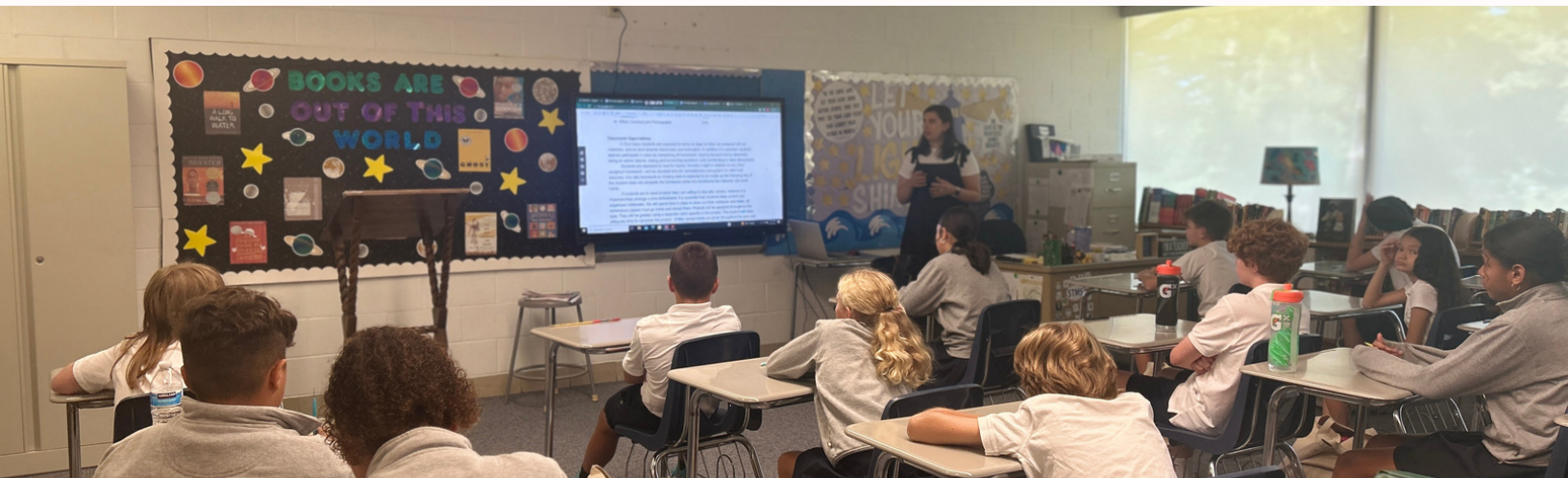
**NWEA Benchmark Testing:** Benchmark testing is coming around the corner and will take place September 18-September 22. More information will be shared in the next Thursday's email. Students in grades 2-8 will be administered this web-based, formative assessment to help screen and monitor reading and math skills. Teachers can use the scores to identify learning areas that their class should focus on, as well as monitor the growth of individual students. Scores are also reviewed to see the performance and progress of a grade level and school. Benchmark data is collected in September, January, and May. Results are used to help monitor and support students within the classroom setting.

**Directory:** The directory has been published from Educonnect. It is as complete as our families will allow. When you review the directory, using your access code, you are able to make any changes. The purpose of the directory is to help with connections between school families and should be considered confidential information.



**Ms. Tarowsky worked with her students today on identifying names in the classroom with multiple vowels. A great way to get to know each other!**

# School News



## All School Mass

We will be coming together for our first all school mass on Thursday, September 14 at 9:00 am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. *This will be a field trip for St. Timothy Middle School students. Parents in Grades 6, 7, and 8 must fill out the field trip form and send it to the Main Office. [Click here to access.](#) There is no cost to St. Timothy families.*

## Back-to-School Movie Night

HSA is ready to kick off the new school year with a fun-filled movie night! [Tickets are available for purchase by clicking here](#) or at the door, for \$5 per person, but no more than \$20 per family. Concessions will be sold before and during the movie and remember to bring your own blankets and chairs for a cozy viewing experience! This is a family event, and students must be accompanied by an adult. Be sure to check out our Instagram to vote on our movie! Reach out to [Mrs. Hrach](#) if you would like to volunteer or donate items.

## Fall Open Houses

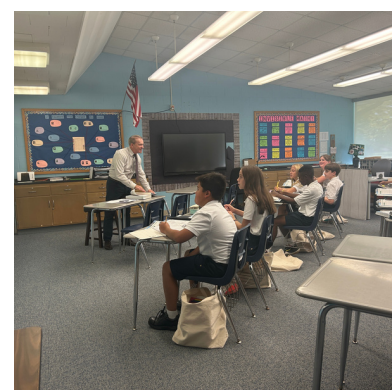
As we begin this new school year together, we look to grow our St. Thomas & St. Timothy School community this coming enrollment season! We are looking for parent volunteers to help us share our mission with new families. Our first Open Houses will take place on Tuesday, October 17 at St. Thomas Campus and Tuesday, November 14 at St. Timothy Campus. [Click here to sign up.](#) Thank you in advance!

## Club Sign Ups

As we begin the school year, both campuses are happy to begin to offer after school clubs. Both campuses offer a wide variety of clubs and activities throughout the school year which reflect the interests and abilities of our students. Parents are billed an additional fee for clubs; they are usually run by members of the school faculty. Club sign-up begins Monday, September 11th, at 9:00am for both campuses. [Click here to view clubs](#) currently offered for both campuses.

## Information from St. Timothy School Nurse

As a reminder, updated immunization records and health assessments are required in 6th or 7th grade in order for your child to meet CT State School Health Requirements; Sec.10-206. Please make sure to send copies of these documents to our school nurse as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call 860-236-0614.



**Mr. Keegan's class hit the ground running in 6th grade. Welcome to St. Timothy, Mr. Keegan!**



**Recess fun has started on the St. Timothy campus and the basketball hoops are filled.**