

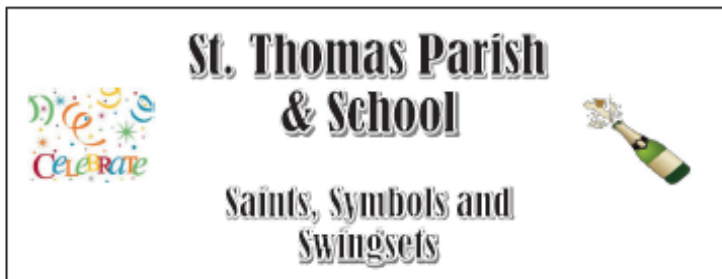


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# Newsletter—October 30, 2020

*We Teach Truth - Build Character - Inspire Service*

**You are invited to**



St. Thomas Parish will host an exciting evening of CELEBRATION showcasing the newly renovated sanctuary and parish offices to kick off a fundraising campaign to help build a new playground for our school.

Please come see all the beautiful changes that we have been working on over the last few months and take a glance into our future.

Small, adult geared tours will be given throughout the evening. Light snacks and adult beverages will be served.

RESERVE YOUR FREE SPOTS NOW through our Sign Up genius link or by calling the Parish Office at #688-3446

\*\*\* Due to COVID restrictions, masks are required, as well as an RSVP!

**When: Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7:00 P.M.**

**Where: St. Thomas Church, Lake St. Entrance**



**The Comet Cash Program** is offered all year as part of our PTO fundraising. We encourage all families to sign up to be a part of this great opportunity, to help you with your tuition as well as the PTO. For those who are active already, make sure you download the new RaiseRight mobile app.. If you have never signed up for the mobile app., it is easier and better than ever to use. Our school code is BA38E9AD7759.

**We stock cards listed on the order form in RenWeb/FACTS. Additional retailers and card denominations can be viewed at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com). You can send your orders through school, email [angierobenstein@stthomas-school.net](mailto:angierobenstein@stthomas-school.net) or purchase after weekend masses.**

## Outdoor Recess:

Students should be encouraged to engage in physical activity during recess year round...including winter--unless temperatures are dangerously cold or when it is raining. Every child, unless excused by reason of ill health, is expected to comply to the outdoor guidelines set at St. Thomas. Please keep in mind that winter air does NOT cause or worsen minor symptoms as long as children are dressed appropriately. Extended indoor recess requests require a doctor's note.

## Guidelines

Students will be outside before school and at all recesses when the temperature (including wind chill) is 15 degrees or above and it is dry. Temperature is checked throughout the day during cold weather.

Students need to dress adequately for cold weather by wearing coats that close, hats or ear bands, pants or tights/leggings, and mittens or gloves. Students will also be required to stay within the designated areas to avoid unnecessary wetness. Students may bring boots to wear for warmth, however, ***playing IN the snow during recess is not allowed.***



Father Stark recently gave the Middle School students a church and sacristy tour, showing them the vessels and vestments used at mass. We are grateful for our priests at St. Thomas, who take an active role in the students' education!



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We would like to share with you our 5th Grade [VIRTUAL](#) Living Wax Museum for All Saints' Day 2020!

Each student can be very proud of their work and effort to make this a memorable project!

Enjoy the presentations!

The 5th Grade Team

Mrs. Karrie Kilian, Mrs. Donna Selling, Mrs. Jenni Sturm

[All Saints' Day Presentations 2020 - 5th Grade](#)

## ***It's Not Too Late to Help STS and Yourself***

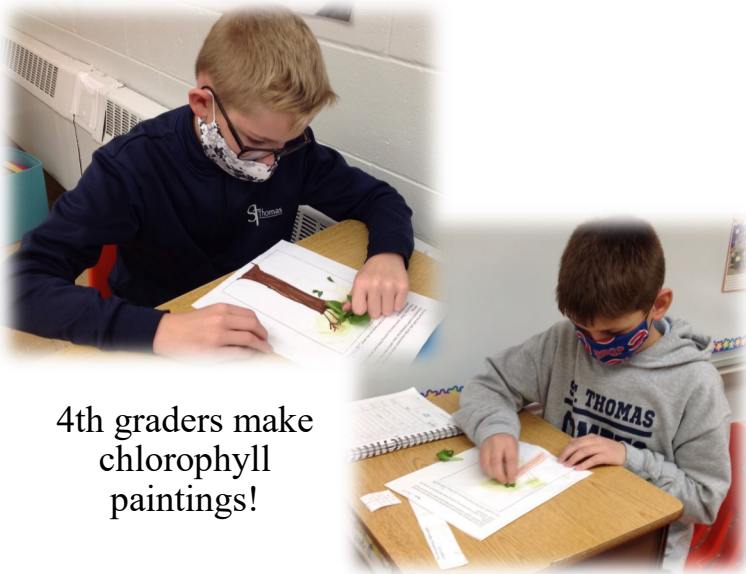
- 21 St. Thomas students have received tuition awards from Empower Illinois this year.
- 38 students in our school are on the waiting list for financial assistance from the Invest in Kids program.
- 22 students received awards last year due to your donations.

We need your help to support those students needing financial assistance, and you are able to claim the tax credit on your 2020 state tax bill. It is not too late to make a donation to the Invest in Kids Scholarship Program. As a donor, you designate St. Thomas School as the beneficiary of your donation. If you donate \$1,000, your Illinois state tax credit will be \$750 and our students benefit from the tuition assistance.

Please consider making a donation! ***Donations pledged and paid by November 30*** can still be awarded to help our students in the current school year.

If you have questions, please contact Pat or Julie in the parish office (688- 3446).

<https://empowerillinois.org/donors/>



4th graders make chlorophyll paintings!

## Help bring joy this season

Buy your gifts at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)  
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and Amazon donates



Make a difference this holiday. Shop for gifts at [smile.amazon.com/ch/37-0662587](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-0662587) to generate donations for St. Thomas the Apostle!



4th Grade STEAM project for Halloween Week!



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## *"A" Honor Roll*

**Mrs. Kiser 6th Grade** - Audrey Edwards, Barrett Gangloff, Mitchell Goddard, Logan Hilst, Elizabeth Leustek, Lauren Leustek, Lily Schendl, Max Schmidt

**Mrs. Cushing 6th Grade**— Matthew Kilian, Taylor Ullrich

**Mrs. Donarski 7th Grade**—Andrew Benjamin, James Beyer, Celest Cogdal, Jacob LaBarre, William Lynch, Julia Watts

**Mrs. Crim 7th Grade** Gabriel Gross, Michael Guingrich, Joshua Opherk

**Mrs. Ward 8th Grade**—Mia Couri, Martha Gardner, Rachel Horst, Grace Kilian, Lizzy Morgan, Christian Pag-ong, Felicia Phan, Catalina Tyre

## *"B" Honor Roll*

**Mrs. Kiser 6th Grade**— Cal Byrkit, Noah Corrales, Alexa Leon, Carson Lott, Avery Potter, Parker Sarff

**Mrs Cushing 6th Grade**— Lucas Behm, Gus Callaway, Patrick Graham, Sean Graham, Genevieve Koszuta, Kendra Mendez

**Mrs. Donarski 7th Grade**— Owen Balais, Nadia LaFond, Andrew Plaskon, Julian Sturm

**Mrs. Crim 7th Grade**— Gracie Anderson, Rylie Bare, Ella Edwards, Amathiel Gonzalez, Remington Joesting, Jacob Robenstein, Emily Taylor

**Mrs. Ward 8th Grade** - Asher Cady, Jackson Campbell, Gabe Jockisch, Ishan Kishore, Truman Raheer, Jhaneza Sarmiento, Holly Short, Shawn Slevin, Olivia Stuart, Sophia Wolbeck, Summer Woo, Edie Woolsey

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So many amazing pumpkins! Thank you to all for sharing your work! Contest winners were: Mikey Guingrich, Arhea & Arwen Vasudeva, Gabe Gross, Gavin & Christian Szudera, Kepple Family, Jax Cowan, and Lily Tamburro!



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Trunk or Treat—Thank you to all of our parents who helped coordinate and make this a fun and safe event for all! Thank you to all who donated candy too!



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# PlayHouse Everywhere

**Introducing PlayHouse Everywhere: A new membership  
for a new normal!**

## Benefits Include

- One FREE family session per month in Real Tools @ Lakeview Park, the Peoria PlayHouse Children's Museum's maker space for families
- FREE Admission at both live and virtual PlayDate programs designed for children ages 2-5
- Discounted registration for the Peoria Park District's "Beyond School" enrichment programs
- Special monthly benefits or events, changing each month; see below for a calendar of benefits

**Sign up today to play everywhere with us!**

For more information visit our website

<https://peoriaplayhouse.org/membership/playhouse-everywhere/>

Contact us at [playhouse@peoriaparks.org](mailto:playhouse@peoriaparks.org)

