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Newsletter—April 8, 2022

We Teach Truth - Build Character - Inspire Service

Sunday from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Parish

Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Sunday, April 10th, 2022



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ALL THE CHILDREN OF ST. THOMAS SCHOOL

Tickets can be purchased at the cafeteria doors after all morning masses.

PRICES ARE:

- Family - \$20.00
- Adult - \$5.00
- Kids - \$3.00

The St. Thomas PTO appreciates your support. We look forward to seeing you and your family at our annual breakfast on April 10th, 2022.

Records for 2022-2023

Birth Certificates for New students: Official copy is needed - not hospital issued.

Required exams:

Physical Exams: The state of Illinois requires a current physical, with up-to-date immunizations, for all students entering Preschool, K & 6th grade.

Dental Exams: Dental exams are required for students in K, 2nd & 6th grades.

Eye Exams: Required for Kindergarteners only. The exam must be from an eye doctor, not your family doctor or pediatrician.

All exams must be turned in to the school office by the first day of school.

Windows Fundraiser—We are still fundraising for new school windows! If you would like to donate, please use this link <https://stthomaspeoria.org/giving/donate-now/>

We are close to reaching our goal!

Every little bit helps!





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St. Thomas is excited to partner with 1st Place Spiritwear to offer a new and exciting variety of STS spirit apparel year round. 1st Place Spiritwear is currently offering some great deals with their spring sale right now! We hope you log in to <https://1stplace.sale/29815> and take a look!

Some additional information about 1st Place Spiritwear:

They use Bella Canvas t-shirts and other high quality materials.

1st Place Spiritwear ships directly to your home! There is always a free shipping threshold (most typically, this ranges from \$50-\$100 and changes throughout the year). They also have free shipping events 1-2 times per year.

The school will get 10% back from every sale in fundraising. Your spiritwear purchase helps the PTO fund activities throughout the year!

If you have any questions or concerns about your order they have a convenient link on their website, or you an email CustomerSupport@1stplacespiritwear.com

There are numerous sales throughout the year. They are currently in the middle of their spring sale that offers 25% off discount site-wide and free shipping on orders over \$75. This ends April 4th.

******STS Grand Opening Sale is a one-time sale we are being offered to us! April 11th to May 1st STS families are offered 25% off and free shipping.**

We hope you take advantage of these sales and are soon sporting some new Comets gear!



Performing Arts Showcase 2022

Join us Monday, April 11th at 6:30pm in the St. Thomas School Gymnasium for a Spring Showcase of our performing arts groups.

We will have a concert feature the Meteor and Comet Bands, the St. Thomas Youth Choir and members of our theatre group will join us for songs from Schoolhouse Rock, JR.

Doors will open at 6:00pm with our concert starting at 6:30pm.

All are welcome! Donations may be made at the door for our Performing Arts Programs.



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QU Wedding fun!



Financial Assistance Available

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2022-2023 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under *Catholic Education* and then under *Financial Assistance*. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at:

online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2022-2023 school year must reapply.

Deadline date for the completed application is **April 29, 2022**. Notification of grant awards will be made by the end of June 2022.

Another funding opportunity is also available due to the Invest in Kids Act legislation in Illinois. Students may be eligible for up to 100% of tuition and fees under a new program for tax credit scholarships (TCS). Details on how to apply and who qualifies are available on the Empower Illinois website at www.empowerillinois.org. Students who receive a TCS are ineligible to receive a Spalding award.



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A CALL TO CATHOLIC MEN OF FAITH

Fighting for Faith & Family

ANNUAL MEN'S MARCH & MASS



SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

- 8:30am- Confessions at the Peoria Riverfront
- 9:00am- Gathering & Opening Prayer
- 9:15am- Men's Rally Begins—Fr. Charles Klamut
- 9:45am- March to Cathedral
- 10:30am- Mass with Bishop Lou Tylka at the Cathedral of St. Mary
- 11:45am- Fellowship & Food Following the Mass at Spalding Pastoral Ctr.

**Food & Beverages will be available for purchase*

Catholic Diocese of Peoria - 309-671-1550 - www.cdop.org



Daddy/
Daughter
Dance!



St. Thomas School Registration has begun for the 2022-2023 school year.

Pre3– 3 year old program: Students must be 3 years old on or before 09/01/2022 and potty trained. We will be offering M-F, MWF, or T/TH.

For Preschool: Students must be 4 years old on or before 09/01/2022. Class is M-F.

Pre3/Preschool space is limited—first-come first-served!

For Kindergarten: Students must be 5 years old on or before 09/01/2022.

If you have a student, ***not currently at St. Thomas***, and you would like them to attend these grades, or any other grade you must go online and apply at our website <http://school.stthomaspeoria.org/>

Click on Admissions and Apply Today!

Current students will be sent an enrollment packet to compete in May! Do NOT submit an application for a current student!



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Ladies grab your hats & men wear your bowties!

We are off to the Heights!

ST'S Derby Pub Crawl

SATURDAY, MAY 7

1 P M - Navy Marine Club

2 P M - Sullivans

3 P M - Silver Dollar

4 P M - Pour Brothers

\$30 per person includes custom derby t-shirt, koozie & drink specials

\$15 per person for koozie & drink specials

Name (s): _____

Shirt Size (circle): S M L XL 2X 3X

Cash or please make checks out to St. Thomas PTO

*DEADLINE APRIL 25

TSHIRT SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE (\$100):

Your company or family name printed on the back of t-shirt

Questions or to submit sponsorship information contact

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