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Newsletter—November 10, 2023  
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ST. THOMAS SCHOOL  
*Thanksgiving*  
FOOD DRIVE

**NOW ACCEPTING CANNED FOOD AND  
NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS**  
All donations benefit the St. Thomas Food Pantry!

**NOVEMBER 13th-17th**

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To help meet the pantry's variety of needs, we would like to ask each grade level to focus on one specific food item. Of course, any and all donated food will be accepted, but asking students and families to help bring in their specific items will be a huge help.


- pre-3 ) Canned Fruit
- pre-4) Canned vegetables
- K) Cereal / Oatmeal / Pancake mix
- 1) Canned Fruit
- 2) Canned Vegetables
- 3) Soup / Pasta sauce
- 4) Boxed Potatoes / Stuffing
- 5) Peanut butter / Jelly / Syrup
- 6) Mac n Cheese / Hamburger Helper
- 7) Cereal / Oatmeal / Pancake mix
- 8) Dry pasta / Rice / Beans

Join us for


**#iGIVECATHOLIC**  
#GIINGTUESDAY

**NOVEMBER 28**

Visit [www.iGiveCatholic.org](http://www.iGiveCatholic.org)  
and search for:



**DONATE NOV. 13-28!  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT!**



For more information about participating in  
**#iGIVECATHOLIC** contact us at: [office@stthomas-school.net](mailto:office@stthomas-school.net)



6th grade Saints for All Saints Day!





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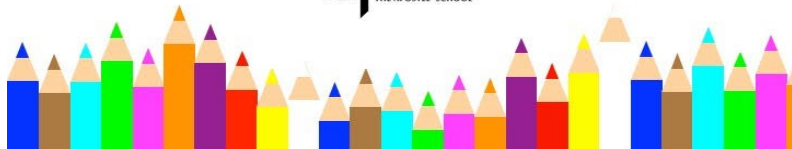


Support St. Thomas School by eating out at Weaver's!



Wednesday, November 15th 11:00am – 9:00pm  
7301 N Radnor Rd, Peoria, IL 61615

St. Thomas School will receive 10% of total sales from dine in and carryout!



### KNOW WHEN TO WASH YOUR HANDS AT SCHOOL



[www.cdc.gov/handwashing](http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing)



## SHARE YOUR SPARE

### St. Gianna's Baby Drive



We are looking for baby and kid clothing (New or Gently used) up to size 3T and all other baby essential equipment. Diapers (all sizes), formula, baby toiletries, etc

Drop off or Ship to  
419 NE Madison Ave, Peoria IL, 61603

ANYTHING YOU CAN DROP OFF WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!



PLEASE, CHECK OUT  
ST. GIANNA BABY PANTRY WISHLIST  
ON AMAZON



### START EARNING FOR STS NOW

Use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipts for participating products. STS will automatically earn cash with every Box Tops product you buy.

In order to earn cash for STS, you'll need to use the Box Tops App on your mobile device!





**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 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.*



Hello, friends of St. Thomas School - PTO!

We have a wonderful fundraising opportunity through our friends at Kroger to share.

Through Kroger Community Rewards, each time you shop at Kroger, a donation will be made to St. Thomas!

**This is FREE to you and to us!**

How to help:

- Scan the QR code → or visit [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com) to sign-in or create your digital account.
- Make sure your Kroger Loyalty Card information is updated in the 'My Account' tab. (If you don't have a Kroger Loyalty Card, just pick one up at any Kroger store!)
- Click the 'Community Rewards' tab.
- Locate our organization and click 'Enroll.'



Each time you shop at Kroger with that Loyalty Card number, donations from Community Rewards are made to us!

*Thank you for your support!*



**We will be on break** November 22, 23 & 24 for Thanksgiving. Classes will resume on Monday, November 27. Happy Thanksgiving!

**Pre3-4th grade Christmas Sing:** Our Pre3--4th grade Christmas sing will take place on *Thursday, December 14th @ 6:30 p.m.* We look forward to your being with us! You are welcome to bring other siblings to enjoy the program with you, but we ask that they **sit with you** during the program. This will allow our performers to enter & exit the gym easily.

**We will have a Christmas Band Concert** on Monday December 18th in the gym from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Please join us!

THOM'S MOMS  
**Holiday Floral Workshop**  
 Friday, December 1st  
 6:00 pm - STS Cafeteria

\$35 includes everything to make a beautiful holiday arrangement!  
 Bring your own container- not too big or too small  
 Money covers - Florals - white and red roses, greenery, sticks, pine cones, berries and bow!

Bring an appetizer to share & your own beverage!  
 Friends welcome!  
 Hope to see you there!  
 Use the Google Link to RSVP!  
 Money due to front office by Friday, November 24th.  
 Cash or check made payable to St Thomas School.

**RSVP HERE** and turn in payment to the office by Friday, November 24!