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Newsletter—December 8, 2023

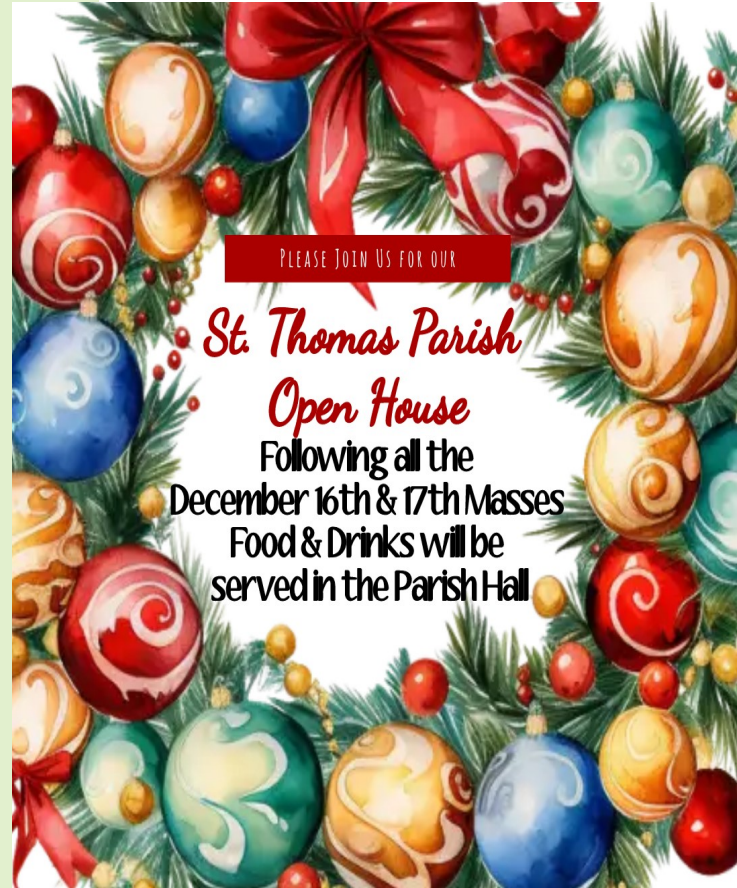
We Teach Truth - Build Character - Inspire Service



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!

Our last day will be Friday, December 22 with a 12:15 p.m. dismissal **NO AFTERCARE** on this day. Christmas parties are from 11:15 a.m.-noon.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

St. Thomas Parish

Open House

Following all the
December 16th & 17th Masses
Food & Drinks will be
served in the Parish Hall

COMETS

You're Invited To Our

CHRISTMAS SING

Thursday, December 14th
6:30 p.m.

Pre-3, Pre-4, Kinder, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th

PLEASE HAVE ALL STUDENTS TO THEIR CLASSROOMS BY 6:15 P.M.

Enter through the GYM Doors!
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

HEY! **COMETS**

JUST POPPING IN TO SAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

12:15 Dismissal Friday, December 22nd NO AFTERCARE!

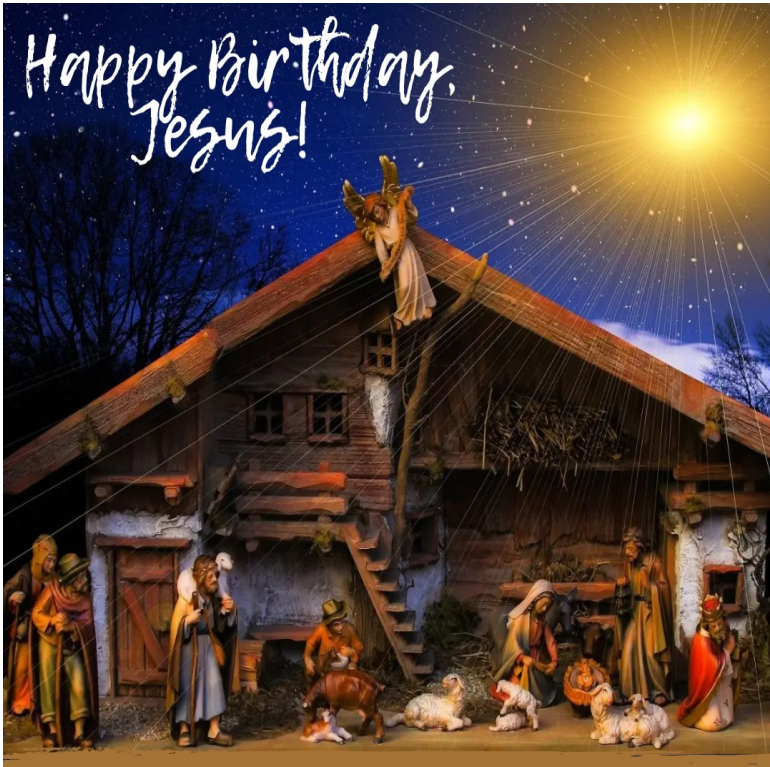
NO SCHOOL December 23rd - January 7th



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St. Thomas Church Mass Times

Christmas Eve- 5 PM, 7PM & 10PM
Christmas Day- 8AM & 10AM

KNOW WHEN TO WASH YOUR HANDS AT SCHOOL

www.cdc.gov/handwashing



Congratulations to the STS RoboComets on receiving the Rising All-Star Award at the Peoria Limestone Qualifier. They will be advancing to the Sectionals on January 13th.

COME MEET Santa Claws!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH FROM 9-11 AM

CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH FACE-PAINTING, BALLOON ANIMALS, ARTS AND CRAFTS, GREAT FOOD, AND PHOTOS WITH SANTA!

ADULTS - \$6 | KIDS - \$4 | FAMILY - \$20

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.*



6th grade participated in Computer and Electrical Engineering activities at JUMP Trading Center. They designed and built cars, viewed medical scenarios in VR, and coded a website.



**TUES
DEC. 19TH**

PIZZA & SNACKS AVAILABLE AT THE CONCESSIONS




BASKETBALL

PACK THE GYM NIGHT

ST. THOMAS COMETS VS. BLESSED SACRAMENT

5TH: 5 PM - 6TH: 6 PM - 7TH: 7 PM & 8TH: 8 PM

1ST 60 STUDENTS RECEIVE AN STS POM-POM SPONSORED BY KEPPLE REAL ESTATE GROUP!
HALF-TIME GAMES!




Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024
JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 3, 2024

www.NCEA.org/csw
#CSW2024



Progressive Dinner, January 20, 2024 - Registration is now open - [Register Here](#)

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE PROGRESSIVE DINNER!
JANUARY 20TH, 2024

And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
Genesis 1:3

Get excited for a bright night of friends, food, and festivities! Funds will be raised to replace the lighting in the classrooms at St. Thomas so let your light shine!!

The night will begin at 5:00 p.m. with cocktails and appetizers at the homes of Laurie and Dave Williams and Julia Adams and Robert Beach.

You will enjoy a small group dinner in a parish home at 6:45 P.M.

At 8:45 p.m., everyone will make their way to Santa Rosa Cafe for dessert, entertainment, and a short live auction.

Tickets \$50 per person
Reservations due no later than January 3, 2024
Tickets may be purchased on our website: stthomaspeoria.org or send or drop off a check to the parish office: 904 East Lake Avenue 61616
Make checks out to St. Thomas and place in an envelope marked "Progressive Dinner"

You will receive an email letting you know your appetizer and dinner hosts and their addresses within the week of the event.

*****If you are unable to attend, please consider a donation to help fund new lighting for our classrooms. Be sure to note on your check or online that your donation goes toward The Progressive Dinner fund. Thank you in advance for your consideration! *****

Contact Kim Kellock 630-880-9619 kimkellock@gmail.com or Christine Wigginton 952-200-5188 christinewigginton@gmail.com with questions.



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 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!



Join us for
MISSION STS COMETS

PRE-SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH

9:00-11:00 AM

Face Painting, Bounce House, Obstacle Course, Cheerleaders, Peoria Ballet, Space Walk Around STS. Meet our Teachers & Specialists:
★ Art, Music, Spanish & Library Activities
It's sure to be Out of this World!
Hope to see you there! Bring a friend!