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# Newsletter—February 9, 2024

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## **John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Fund Grants**

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 2024-2025 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 the Diocesan website [www.cdop.org](http://www.cdop.org) under the heading 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 at:** <https://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 2024-2025 school year must reapply.

**Deadline date for the completed application is April 26, 2024.** Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2024.

**THANK YOU!!!**  
**STS STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, LOVE ONE ANOTHER  
 JOHN 13:34  
**COMETS- OVER 2,600 FOOD ITEMS DONATED!**

THE PANTRY RAN OUT OF FOOD LAST WEEK, AND AS WE BROUGHT THE COLLECTION OVER, THE WORKERS WERE OVERWHELMED BY THE SCHOOL'S GENEROSITY.

CONGRATS TO OUR 8TH GRADERS FOR WINNING THE OUT OF UNIFORM DAY!

**VOLLEYBALL**  
**PACK THE GYM NIGHT**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH**  
**5TH @ 5 PM, 6TH @ 6PM.**  
**7TH @ 7PM & 8TH @ 8PM**  
**SPORT YOUR COMET GEAR!**

## Wednesday, February 14, 2024



For you are  
**DUST**  
 and to dust you shall  
**RETURN**

Genesis 3:19

*Ash Wednesday  
 School Mass  
 9:15 am*

### Statements for Childcare & Tuition for Taxes:

If you go to the FACTS Family Portal you can get all of your tax information. Next to the words PAYMENT PLAN AND BILLING, you can click on VIEW DETAILS. On the next screen, you can click on VIEW PAYMENT SUMMARY. That page breaks down tuition and other expenses by child for the calendar year.



# Happy Valentine's Day!

On Tuesday, February 13, 2024, our students will have Valentine's Day celebrations in the Afternoon. They will run from 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

The conclusion of these activities earlier than 3:30 p.m., allows teachers time to wrap-up with the children before the 3:30 p.m. dismissal. **We are requesting that parents leave the classroom at the conclusion of the celebration activities.** In order to promote greater security and safety for our children, we also ask that parents **not take** students from the classroom following the celebrations, but wait for them to be dismissed at 3:30 p.m.

Your cooperation and support is appreciated!

## **St. Thomas School Registration has begun for the 2024-2025 school year.**

***Pre3– 3 year old program:*** Students must be 3 years old on or before 09/01/2024 and potty-trained. We will be offering M-F, MWF, or T/TH .

***For Preschool:*** Students must be 4 years old on or before 09/01/2024. Class is M-F.

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

***For Kindergarten:*** Students must be 5 years old on or before 09/01/2024.

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!**

## **Records for 2024-2025**

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

**Required exams:**

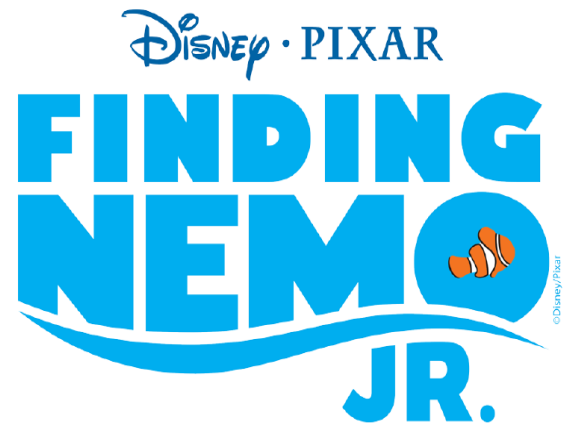
**Physical Exams:** The state of Illinois requires a current physical , with up -to -date immunizations, for all students entering Preschool, K & 6th grade.

**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.**

St. Thomas School Announces Auditions for



St. Thomas School presents Disney/  
 Pixar

*Finding Nemo Jr.*

April 19, 20, 21

Performances are at 7:00 p.m. on

April 19 and April 20

2:00 p.m. on April 21.

All performances are held at Peoria  
 Notre Dame High School.