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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.



Pre-K theme on snow! Pre-K made snow volcanoes and even had a special snowman snack! It was SNOW much fun in Pre-K!



**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS WEEK 2021**
January 31 - February 6
#CSW21

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.***



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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 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 school year must reapply.

Deadline date for the completed application is **April 30, 2021**. Notification of grant awards will be made by the end of June 2021.

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.

*******Attention!*****Attention!*****Attention!*******

Comet Variety/Talent Show 2021

Attention 5th through 8th graders!

Student Council is hosting a virtual talent show during Catholic School's Week. We thought you may want to get a head start on planning your act. Can you sing? Dance? Juggle? Do a card trick? Create crazy hair styles? What's your talent? We want to see it.

Create a video **between 30 seconds and 3 minutes long** showing us what you are good at. We will use your video in our virtual talent show.

Please submit your video **by 3PM January 20** to Mrs. Longanbach (jenniferlonganbach@stthomas-school.net). You can email it to her or share it with her using Google Drive.

Video considerations: when filming, film in landscape view, not portrait, also be sure you can be heard (speak up when talking or singing) - check before you send it to her!

Classes will have viewing parties in their homerooms during Catholic Schools Week- on Student Appreciation Day.



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"A" Honor Roll

Mrs. Kiser 6th Grade - Audrey Edwards, Barrett Gangloff, Mitchell Goddard, Logan Hilst, Elizabeth Leustek, Lauren Leustek, Carson Lott, Avery Potter, Parker Sarff, Lily Schendl, Max Schmidt

Mrs. Cushing 6th Grade— Taylor Ullrich

Mrs. Donarski 7th Grade—Andrew Benjamin

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

Mrs. Ward 8th Grade—Asher Cady, Mia Couri, Martha Gardner, Grace Kilian, Ishan Kishore, Lizzy Morgan, Christian Pag-ong, Shawn Slevin, Catalina Tyre

"B" Honor Roll

Mrs. Kiser 6th Grade— Alexa Leon

Mrs. Cushing 6th Grade— Lucas Behm, Patrick Graham, Sean Graham, Matthew Kilian, Genevieve Koszuta, Kendra Mendez

Mrs. Donarski 7th Grade— Celest Cogdal, Jacob LaBarre, Nadia LaFond, Will Lynch, Andrew Plaskon, Julian Sturm, Julia Watts

Mrs. Crim 7th Grade— Gracie Anderson, Rylie Bare, Remington Joesting, Jacob Robenstein, Emily Taylor

Mrs. Ward 8th Grade - Rachel Horst, Gabe Jockisch, Felicia Phan, Truman Raher, Jhaneza Sarmiento, Olivia Stuart, Sophia Wolbeck, Summer Woo

Student Improvement Lists

Miss Hozie 4th Grade—Noah James, Chase Ullrich

Mrs. Kilian 5th Grade—None

Mrs. Kiser 6th Grade—Alexa Leon, Elizabeth Leustek, Lauren Leustek, Carson Lott, Lily Schendl, Ella Z eck

Mrs. Cushing 6th Grade—Lucas Behm

Mrs. Donarski 7th Grade—None

Mrs. Crim 7th Grade—None

Mrs. Ward 8th Grade—None



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PEORIA NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL



CLASS OF 2025

VIRTUAL ENROLLMENT WORKSHOP

January 26, 2021 - 6:30 P.M

Check pndhs.org for the meeting link

Enrollment Process Overview
Tuition and Financial Assistance Overview
Curriculum and Course Placement Overview
Q & A



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