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Newsletter—April 23, 2021

We Teach Truth - Build Character - Inspire Service

It's once again time to officially re-enroll **between now and May 31**. At the time of re-enrollment, you will also be asked to pay a \$60 per student fee.

We need 2 parts completed- the contract (link below) and the enrollment packet in FACTS Family Portal.

[Please complete your tuition contract by May 31, 2021 using this link.](#)

Starting May 3 – students in grades K-7 may wear gym shoes, for the remainder of the school year, if ***BOTH*** of these steps are complete.

Thank you, in advance, for seeing that the tuition contract and enrollment is completed by **May 31, 2021**.



Second graders created posters to review important grammar skills. They had to write the rules for their topic and give examples to present to the class.



Portillo's for GOOD FUNDRAISERS

Show this flyer to our drive-thru order taker prior to ordering and 20% of the proceeds will benefit

St. Thomas the Apostle School PTO

May 12, 2021

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

at the Portillo's located at:

4412 N. Rockwood Drive

Peoria, IL

We look forward to seeing you there!

For the safety of our guests and team members, fundraisers are currently being conducted exclusively in our drive-thru. To learn more about how you can partner with us to serve up a better tomorrow, visit portillos.com/good



Not valid with online, app, or phone orders. Promoting on Portillo's premises is strictly prohibited.

2021-2022

Monday, May 3 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Tuesday, May 4 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM <small>*Parent meeting @ 5:15 PM</small>	Wednesday, May 5 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Thursday, May 6 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
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- ❖ Where: Peoria Notre Dame Gym
- ❖ Parent meeting: Tuesday, May 4 @ 5:15 PM in the PND Commons (cafeteria).
- ❖ What to bring/wear: jazz shoes or tennis shoes, T-shirt, leggings, water, etc.
- ❖ The tryout dance and requirements will be taught on May 3rd, May 4th, and May 5th. May 6th will be the judged tryout.
- ❖ Please download and fill out the tryout form on our team website under *Tryouts 2021-2022*:
<https://pnddanceteam.weebly.com/tryouts-2021-2022.html>.
- ❖ Results will be posted by 9:00 PM on May 6th on our team website under *Team Roster*.
- ❖ If you have any questions, please contact Coach Sevier at pnddanceteam@gmail.com.





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SAVE THE DATE!

Artsfest May 17 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

-Both Beginner and Comet band will perform outside on the back blacktop

-Eye Spy with Senora Sturm in the garden walk between the school and church

-Art Fair in the Gym

-High School Musical Performance by our 8th graders!

Financial Assistance Available

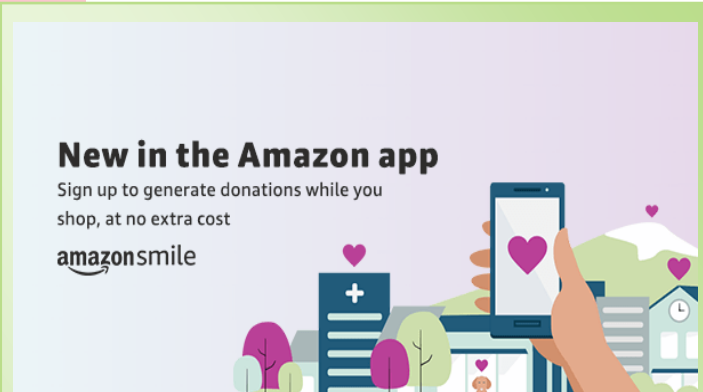
Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2021-2022 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll 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 **MAY 17, 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.



Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "St. Thomas the Apostle Church" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "St. Thomas the Apostle Church" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app



4th graders use frosting and graham crackers to study plate tectonics!



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St. Thomas School Registration has begun for the 2021-2022 school year.

Pre3– 3 year old program: *Students must be 3 years old on or before 09/01/2021 and potty trained. We will be offering M-F, MWF, or T/TH.*

For Preschool: *Students must be 4 years old on or before 09/01/2021. Class is M-F.*

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

For Kindergarten: *Students must be 5 years old on or before 09/01/2021.*

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!

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.

Have you visited 1stdayschoolsupplies.com yet to purchase your child’s back to school kit? Our school has partnered with them! This year get all your school supplies hassle free from the comfort of your own home.

On top of that they are offering all the accessories we need including Vera Bradley, JanSport, and Under Armour backpacks, lunch boxes and water bottles! So this year avoid the "germy" experience of back to school shopping at retailers and shop online with confidence knowing you are getting the exact supplies your teacher requested.

Pre-Order School Supplies NOW!

DEADLINE July 1st

Click Here To Order

1stDaySchoolSupplies.com

BACK TO SCHOOL RISK FREE SHOPPING

PEORIA NOTRE DAME DANCE TEAM KIDS CAMP 2021

WE'RE GOING TO SAVE THE WORLD ONE

POW! BAM! DANCE AT A TIME!

The Peoria Notre Dame Dance Team will be having a dance camp for girls 4 years old to 8th grade.

It will be held from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM June 14 - 17, 2021. The cost is \$50 per dancer.

You may download the form at

<https://pnddanceteam.weebly.com/2021-summer-kids-camp.html>

or visit <https://pnddanceteam.weebly.com/> and click on 2021 Summer Kids Camp for more information.

You can also access it on the PND Athletics website under "Camps."

Please contact Coach Tally Sevier at pnddanceteam@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Hope to see you there!