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Newsletter—May 7, 2021

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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.](#)

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**.



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.

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

RISK FREE
BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING

[Click Here To Order](#)

1stDaySchoolSupplies.com

Records for 2021-2022

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.



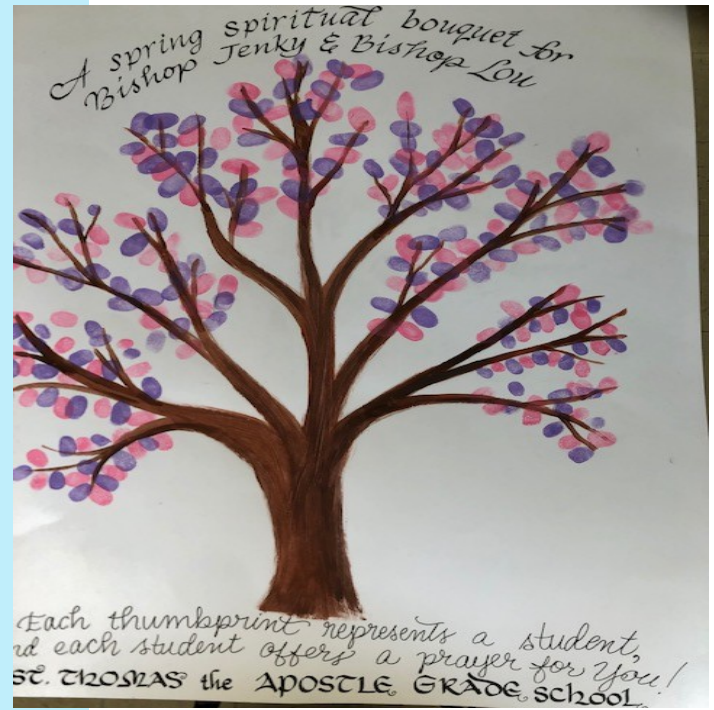
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Miriam Martinez crowns Mary, with Ben Geers as her escort, for our Mary Celebration.



A Spiritual Bouquet Tree was created for our bishops!



8th grade class—Mary Celebration



Preschool also had a Mary Celebration!





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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

Student Summer Service Hours

The St. Thomas Food Pantry offers an excellent opportunity for students who need service hours. Summers offer two days each week for four students to gain service hours. On Monday and Thursday mornings, holidays excepted, the pantry distributes groceries to clients. Packing groceries, registering clients, restocking shelves, repackaging food, helping clients with food selection and assisting clients to their vehicles, are activities students will perform with adult supervision.

An additional service opportunity is available one Thursday per month when we receive a truckload of food products from Midwest Food Bank. On these days, students help adult volunteers unload the truck, repackage food, rotate stock and stock shelves.

Students interested in earning service hours at the food pantry this summer should email Diana Janda at dianajanda1964@gmail.com

Opportunities Available:

Monday and Thursday mornings – 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Monthly Truck – 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM – Dates are June 17th, July 15th and August 12th



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2021 St. Thomas Golf Scramble

Hosted by: St. Thomas Men's Club

In support of the St. Thomas Student Assistance Fund

Friday, June 25, 2021

Mt. Hawley Country Club

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

HOT SPOT SPONSOR

- Golf Beverage Sponsor: \$200 / Logo at beverage stations
- Reception Sponsor - \$200 / Logo on table tents at the reception

TEE SPONSOR \$125 / 36 Sponsors

Placement of company logo sign at the Tee Box or at the Hole.

BE A PRIZE OR RAFFLE SPONSOR

Feature your business by donating a raffle or prize item. Please drop off prize or raffle item to Macro Wealth Management at 6915 N. Knoxville Ave, Peoria IL 61614 Include donor information and value (optional).

GOLF REGISTRATION

\$99 Per Person

Registration Deadline Friday, June 18th

Late registration after June 18th,

\$110 Per Person

For more information contact:

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