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In case you missed it! Our own Donald Genzel made the National Catholic Education Association's newsletter.

[Catholic-school student wears police badge for a day](#)

A second-grade student from St. Thomas Catholic School in Illinois recently served as police chief for the day of the Peoria Police Department. With Police Chief Eric Echevarria on hand, Donald Genzel was sworn in, received a tour of the department and said the experience -- won in an auction at a children's museum - - taught him about helping others.

Full Story: [WMBD-TV/WYZZ-TV \(Peoria, Ill.\)](#) (12/10)



Our 8th Grade Lady Comets won the Sectional title December 8th, which qualified them to compete in the State competition for the first time ever! Congratulations Lady Comets!

The holiday season is here! Remember to shop at [smile.amazon.com](#) or in the Amazon mobile app with AmazonSmile ON under Settings.

Your holiday shopping can help make a difference, at no additional cost to you!

When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](#), or in the Amazon app with AmazonSmile turned on within Settings, you'll find the same products and same low prices as the Amazon you already know - plus, they donate a portion of your purchases to your chosen charity.

You can select STS as your AmazonSmile charity by visiting: [smile.amazon.com/ch/37-0662587](#)



Robocomets competed this past weekend and one of our teams will compete at State on Jan. 29 at U of I. They won the Core Values award- really impressing the judges!



It's Back!!!!

We're having a spring musical and we want YOU to audition.

January 25th and 27th



**Auditions open to 5-8th grade students.
More info to come soon!!!**



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Don't behave as you believe, you will end by believing as you behave. — Ft
CLASS OF 2019



Eight 8th graders that delighted the audience with their band concert!!

Notification of Vision/Hearing Screening

Children do not really know how they are supposed to see or hear. Therefore, they may not complain about poor vision or hearing. Each year your school provides screening to ensure children are seeing and hearing optimally for their growth and learning. This is done in accordance to the IL Rules and Regulations of the Child Vision and Hearing Test Act. ***In the event you are unable to participate in this free service provided, it will be your responsibility to ensure your child does not have vision and/or hearing deficits.***

The screening dates for 2021/2022 school year will be:
**January 12th, 2022 with a rescreen date of
January 25th, 2022.**



8th grade trip to the Riverfront Museum!

The Comet Cash Program

is offered all year as part of our PTO fundraising. We encourage all families to sign up to be a part of this great opportunity, to help you with your tuition as well as the PTO. For those who are active already, make sure you download the new RaiseRight mobile app.. If you have never signed up for the mobile app., it is easier and better than ever to use. Our school code is BA38E9AD7759.

We stock cards listed on the order form in RenWeb/FACTS. Additional retailers and card denominations can be viewed at shopwithscrip.com. You can send your orders through school, email

aebuckardt@gmail.com or purchase after weekend masses.

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

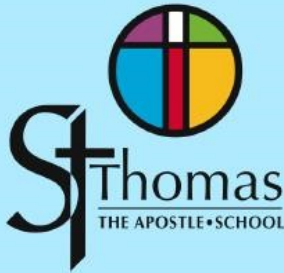
Students will be outside before school and at all recesses when the temperature (including wind chill) is 15 degrees or above and it is dry. Temperature is checked throughout the day during cold weather.

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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Catholic Schools Week Open House

Sunday, January 30—10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Congratulations!

We are very proud of the exceptional teachers and staff we have at St. Thomas the Apostle School.

We would like to congratulate Trina Schmidt, Jill Ward and Jan Crim on their service anniversaries!

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our school, parish, and students!



Jan Crim—15 years, Jill Ward—20 years, and Trina Schmidt—20 years

Find out more about us at school.stthomaspeoria.org



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January 30–February 5

www.NCEA.org/csw

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