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## Newsletter—December 3, 2021

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*Dear STS Families,*

*This Advent season, we are gathering together as a school community in the gym at 8:35 a.m. Friday, December 3, 10, and 17. This will allow us time to come together to prepare our hearts and minds for Jesus' birth. I hope through the hustle and bustle of the season that you too as a family can come together and enjoy and reflect on your year and the many blessings that you have received.*

*I consider our entire faculty, staff, students and parents to be blessings in my life. It doesn't take more than a few steps away from the office for me to realize the genuine love and care that our students and teachers have for each other and our community as a whole. The smiles, the hugs, and the respect shown are all true signs of what make a strong parish and school community.*

*As we quickly approach this Advent season, I hope the season allows you to recognize the little joys of everyday life and thank those around you for blessing you with their love and care.*

**Mrs. Bentley**



4th grade would like to thank you for participating in the food drive!



Student Council representatives went shopping for gifts for the Neighborhood House Angel Fund. Students collected over \$700 from the out of uniform day! Thank you for your generosity!



**We will have a Christmas Band Concert** on Monday, December 6th in the gym at 6:30 p.m.. Please join us! **All visitors MUST wear masks.**

**PK-4 Christmas Sing:** Our PK-4 Christmas sing will take place on **Thursday, December 9th @ 6:30 p.m.** We look forward to your being with us! **All visitors MUST wear masks.**

**Christmas celebrations** will be on December 17 from 1:30-2:15 p.m. with **dismissal at 2:30 p.m.** Parents may provide games/treats, but will not be admitted for celebrations.





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7th graders extracted DNA from strawberries to view under a microscope.



### **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](http://shopwithscrip.com). You can send your orders through school, email [aebuckardt@gmail.com](mailto: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.***

The holiday season is here! Remember to shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://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](http://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](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-0662587)



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**Registration forms with payment are due Wednesday, December 8!**



**Join us for some “Christmas Cheer”  
at the 2021 STS Holiday Cheer Clinic!**

- Who:** St. Thomas School Girls Pre-3 through 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Where:** St. Thomas School Gymnasium
- When:** **Clinic: Saturday, December 11, 2021 | 8:30-10:30 a.m.**  
**Performance\*: Wednesday, December 15, 2021**  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Game Halftime  
(Game starts at 6:00 p.m.)
- Cost:** \$15 per student

The girls will learn a basic floor cheer and a simple, fun Christmas-themed dance to be performed live at a St. Thomas basketball game\*!

*\*Performance at the game is not required to participate in the clinic, but girls MUST participate in the clinic in order to perform at the game. Participants will be granted free admission to the basketball game on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Family members attending will be required to pay regular admission to the game.*

*Brought to you by your St. Thomas 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cheerleading Squad  
~Proceeds support the St. Thomas Athletic Program~*

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**STS 2021 Holiday Cheer Clinic Registration – Saturday, December 11, 2021**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$15 per student payable at time of registration

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, December 8th