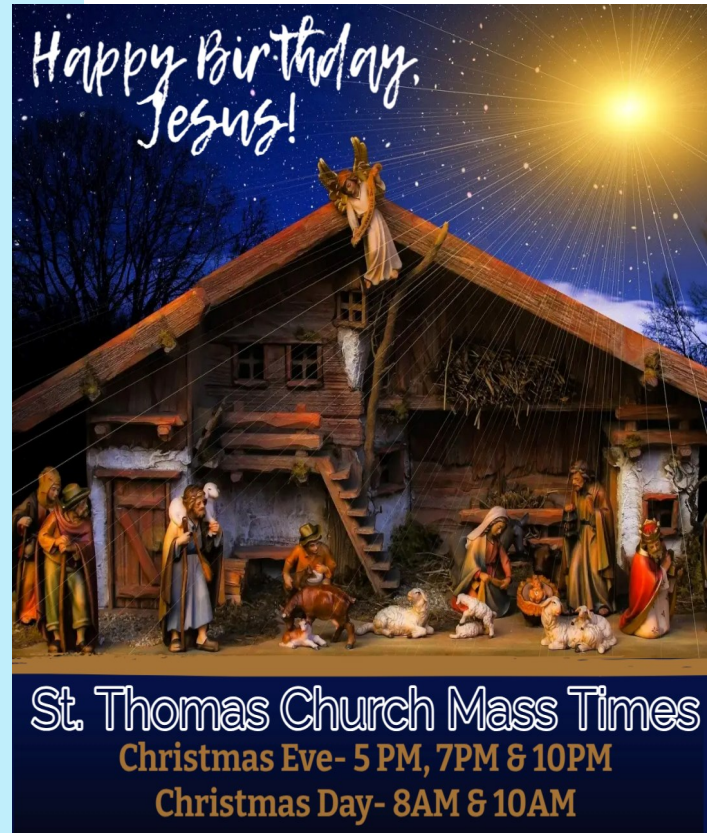




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Outdoor Recess:

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 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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Thom's Moms Yoga & Mimosas

Saturday, January 10th

Clink in the Heights



Take a morning just for you! Join fellow Comet Moms & Friends for a blend of relaxation, connection, and fun at our Yoga & Mimosas event. Come whenever you can — the morning is yours to enjoy!

Event Schedule
 10:15–10:45 AM — Yoga with Tracy Schendl
 A calming, all-levels session to start your day right. Please bring a yoga mat or a towel.

10:45 AM–12:45 PM — Drinks & Brunch
 Stay for mimosas, brunch, and great conversation.
 (Drinks and food available for purchase — cash or credit card.)

Cost: \$10.00
 Please send cash or a check made out to PTO to the school office by January 8th.

Whether you come for the yoga, the mimosas, or simply a moment to breathe, we can't wait to spend the morning with you.
 Friends are welcome!!!

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ST. THOMAS SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO

PRINCESSES & Pirates

AHOY MATEYS

ALL Current & Potential Pre-3, Pre-4 & Kinder Families for the 2026–2027 School Year!


Saturday, January 24th @ 9-11 am
 St. Thomas School Cafeteria

- * Meet the Princess Ballerinas
- * Face Painting * Snacks * Bounce Houses
- * School Scavenger Hunt & More!

See you there or **WALK THE PLANK! ;)**



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PLEASE, JOIN US FOR OUR Grandparent/Parent Day LUNCH

love you

Older siblings may eat with younger siblings!

11:15-12:15 Pre-3, Pre-4, K & 1ST
 12:15-12:45 2ND, 3RD, & 4TH
 12:45-1:15 5TH, 6TH, 7TH & 8TH

IF YOU ARE ORDERING HOT LUNCHES, ALL PAYMENTS & ORDERING WILL BE MADE ONLINE!
 \$4.20/LUNCH

Come Celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Us!

MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH



Join Us For Our Catholic School's Week OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 25th

Pack the Pews @ 10 am Mass
 Wear Your STS Spiritwear
 Open House Immediately Following Mass Until 12:00 pm.

School Tours Available!
 Come & See all STS has to offer!

- Christ-Centered Learning Environment
- Exemplary Academics
- Safe, Secure Campus
- Athletics & Extra-Curriculars
- Pre-Care & After-Care Services
- Financial Assistance Opportunities

Pre-3, Pre-K & Kinder 2026-2027
 Reserve your spot today!

Donuts, Coffee & Juice





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End-User Instructions

Getting Started:

1. Go to <https://Peoria.cmgconnect.org/>
2. Create a new account by completing all the boxes under the **Register for a New Account** area. This includes your address, primary parish, and how you participate at your parish or school. If you have questions please contact your parish/school coordinator.
3. Your dashboard will show you the required and optional training curriculums that have been customized for your particular role within the Diocese.
4. Click  under the Safe Environment Training-Peoria to begin.
5. On the last page of the curriculum, submit your background check information.
The curriculum will be marked "Resume" until your background check is processed and reviewed by the diocese. Processing can take up to 7-10 business days.
6. If needed, you can access your completion certificate after you are certified by returning to the training dashboard and clicking **Print Certificate**.



For technical assistance, contact us via the  button found in the bottom right corner of the web page.

Last Updated: 02/13/20

REMINDER: Diocesan requirement for volunteers.

Please check to see if you have expired! Training is good for 5 years.

All volunteers of the school and parish (those who work with or have contact with children) must have completed the Safe Environment workshop prior to working with our children.

To complete the training go to

<https://cmgconnect.org/> online training hub

Find your Diocese - Peoria

Set-up an account

Complete Safe Environment Training for **Volunteers**—not employees

Create ONLY ONE user account. If you have forgotten your log in – email safeenvironment@cdop.org

If you have already completed the online training, it will show as complete when you log in.

If you have expired, you must take the RENEWAL Training – complete the background check and CANTS at the same time. These are uploaded – do not print and send to the office. Follow the prompts to submit.

We appreciate your support by completing these mandatory steps for volunteers. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Track It Forward is an app is available on the Apple app store and Google Play. You may also see it called Volunteer Time Tracking in the app store when searching for it. We encourage parents to download the Track It Forward app to their phone to ensure hours are logged upon completion. Go to: Find an Existing Site and type in St. Thomas the Apostle Peoria Heights. Click to register.



TRACK IT FORWARD



DOWNLOAD THE TRACK IT FORWARD APP

PLEASE ONLY CREATE ONE LOGIN PER FAMILY!

Email Questions to comethours@gmail.com