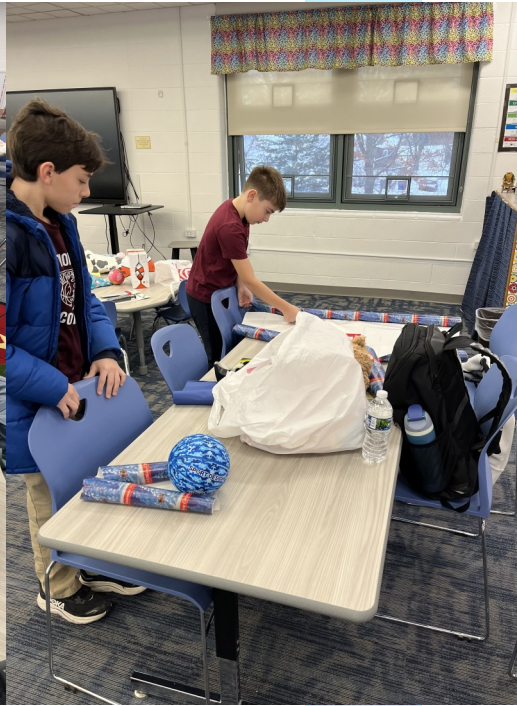
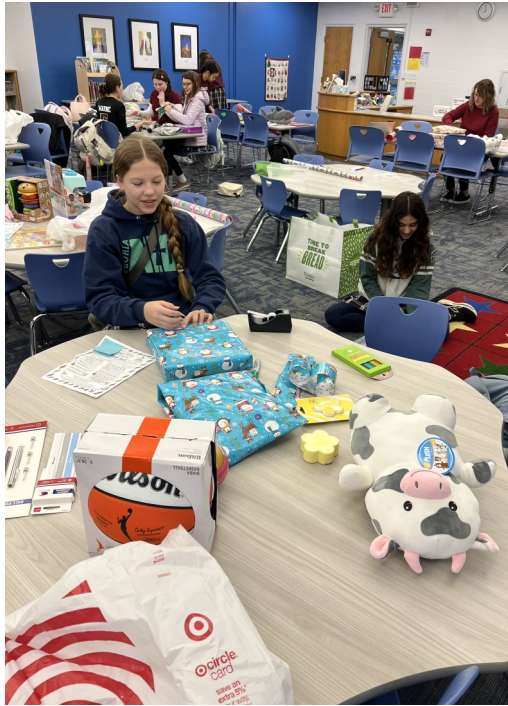




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Student Council elves were busy wrapping all of the goodies we purchased!
Thank you so much to all the Comet families who donated to make this a success!





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We're raising dough!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

**December 8, 2025
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
1101 W Bird Boulevard, Peoria, IL**

Use code **FUND4U** at panerabread.com, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe.

Online orders placed all day at your event cafe will count toward your total sales.

30%
OF NET SALES
WILL BE
DONATED*

Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe to ensure your organization gets a portion of the net sales.

**Panera
FUNDRAISING**

*20% fundraiser: Up to 20% of net sales from your designated and registered fundraising event will be donated to your approved organization. Minimum sales of \$100 on the specified date, time and location required to receive 20% donation. 25% fundraiser: Up to 25% of net sales from your designated and registered fundraising event will be donated to your approved organization. Minimum sales of \$150 on the specified date, time and location required to receive 25% donation. General terms: Details on percentage of net sales to be donated and the minimum sales requirement will be provided during the event registration process. Fundraising events available only at participating US bakery-cafes. Fundraising event details and available dates and times for fundraising events will vary by bakery-cafe. Gift card purchases, catering orders, and orders placed on third party delivery sites are excluded and will not count towards the total net sales from your designated fundraising event. This offer will be void if flyer is distributed in or near the participating bakery-cafe on the night of the event. Fundraising events may be cancelled without notice due to abuse, error, fraud, computer error, electronic or technical malfunctions, or other unforeseen or unintended circumstances. Other restrictions may apply. For more information on how our fundraising events work, please visit: <https://fundraising.panerabread.com/faq>. © 2024 Panera Bread. All Rights Reserved.

COMETS

You're Invited To Our

CHRISTMAS SING

Thursday, December 11th
6:30 p.m.

Pre-3, Pre-4, Kinder, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th
PLEASE HAVE ALL STUDENTS TO THEIR CLASSROOMS BY 6:15 P.M.

Enter through the GYM Doors!
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

COMETS

Comets,
We would love to show off our beautiful families! Please send in your Christmas card for us to display in our front entry way!
Happy Holidays!

Letters to Santa

December 8th-19th

It's that magical time of year!
From December 8th-19th, students can drop off their Letters to Santa right here at St. Thomas outside the front office. Santa's very own elves will be stopping by to pick them up and deliver them straight to the North Pole!

Be sure to get your letters in on time so Santa has plenty of time to read them before Christmas Eve!



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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.*

ST. THOMAS PRESENTS



Christmas


**CHOIR
& BAND
CONCERT**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

6:30 PM

STS GYM

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!



CHRISTMAS OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th

Come wearing your most festive Christmas outfits, green/red, santa hats, reindeer antlers, socks, etc.

Students may be fully out of uniform, but please follow our out of uniform guidelines in the handbook.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas vacation!

HEY!



JUST POPPING IN TO SAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

**2:30 PM DISMISSAL FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 19TH**

NO AFTERCARE!

NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER 22ND - JANUARY 4TH





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CMGConnect DIOCESE OF PEORIA




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 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