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We are now in the process of collecting our Projected Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year.

Please complete the [Projected Enrollment Form](#) by January 23, 2026

We will NOT be sending home paper forms. This form must be submitted online.

Please note: This is not enrollment. This is projected enrollment to secure your child's space.

DO NOT GO IN AND COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FOR A CURRENT STUDENT.

Enrollment will be done through FACTS before May 31, 2026.

You will receive instructions in April/May to complete these packets.

HELP US GET OUR 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL PLAYERS AND CHEERLEADERS PUMPED UP!

ALL GRADE LEVELS MAY PARTICIPATE IN SPIRIT WEEK.

SPIRIT WEEK

JANUARY 20TH-23RD

Tue S

BLUE OUT DAY-
DIABETES AWARENESS

Wed

ROLE REVERSAL DAY
KIDS DRESS LIKE TEACHERS
& TEACHERS DRESS LIKE KIDS

Thur

SCHOOL
SPIRIT DAY 2.0-
OUT OF UNIFORM

Fri

PAJAMA DAY



5TH-8TH GRADE BATTLE FOR THE
STS SPIRIT STICK!



STS STUDENT COUNCIL OUTREACH

Pediatric



OSF HealthCare
Children's Hospital
of Illinois

Diabetes RESOURCE CENTER

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR CHANCES TO PLAY IN CSW ASSEMBLY GAMES -
.25 CENTS EACH OR 5 FOR \$1. TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT CSW OPEN HOUSE
ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH, GRANDPARENT LUNCH JANUARY 26TH OR IN
HOMEROOM FROM MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 1/26-1/29



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CELEBRATING CSW

JAN 25TH - JAN 30TH

Sunday, January 25th- 10:00 Mass followed by a School Open House from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Wear your STS Spiritwear! P.T.O. will be providing donuts, juice and coffee in the cafeteria. Book Fair will be in the library - Uniform exchange in the gym

26
MONDAY

Grandparent/Parent Lunch
CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY
Book Fair Open in Library

27
TUESDAY

Wear Red, White & Blue
Gym Blessing with the Bishop 9 am
CELEBRATING OUR NATION

28
WEDNESDAY

CELEBRATING OUR PARISH

29
THURSDAY

CELEBRATING OUR TEACHERS & STAFF

30
FRIDAY

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS
Student Assembly! Teachers vs. Students
Volleyball Game! NO HOMEWORK!!!
Out of Uniform Day!

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL
TEACH TRUTH-BUILD CHARACTER-INSPIRE SERVICE

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! :)

love you

PLEASE, JOIN US FOR OUR
Grandparent/Parent
Day LUNCH

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH

Come
Celebrate
Catholic
Schools
Week with
Us!

Older
siblings
may eat
with
younger
siblings!

[Order hot lunch here](#)


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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It is that time of the school year again to file your application for Grant & Aid. Both St Thomas School and John Lancaster Spalding scholarships require completion of a FACTs application and upload of supporting tax documents by **April 24, 2026**. Visit [St Thomas Grant & Aid](#) to apply. If you need assistance uploading documents or filling out the application form, please reach out to Sheris and she will be happy to assist you. sheriscatton@stthomas-church.net



Statements for Childcare & Tuition for Taxes:

If you go to the FACTS Family Portal you can get all of your tax information. Next to the words PAYMENT PLAN AND BILLING, you can click on VIEW DETAILS. On the next screen, you can click on VIEW PAYMENT SUMMARY. That page breaks down tuition and other expenses by child for the calendar year.

COMETS You're Invited!

St. Thomas School warmly invites you to join us for a special and joyful occasion as we celebrate the Blessing of our School Gym by Bishop Tylka.

Date: January 27th
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: St. Thomas School Gym

We are honored to welcome Bishop Tylka as he blesses our newly completed gym. Following the ceremony, we invite all adults present to join us for a small reception.

We look forward to sharing this meaningful moment with our school families, parish community, and friends.

Save the Date

**St. Thomas
Progressive Dinner and
Auction 2026**

November 14th, 2026

An evening of fine dining, dancing,
live and silent auctions!



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"A" Honor Roll

MRS. KILIAN 6TH GRADE— CISCO ALANIS, JOSH BRAET, JEFFREY CRAIG, GIGI FONTANA, HENRY GARDNER, BLAKE WHITTEN

MR. SHOWALTER 7TH GRADE— CLAIRE COAD, AMELIA DOBEREINER, ELENA MENDEZ, MASON MOHNING, LEO SCHENDL

MS. TOMLIN 8TH GRADE—NATALIE BRAET, AMALEA MOURO, PAUL SCHRAMM, NOELLE SHIELDS, ZOE TORRES RAVELO

MRS. WARD 8TH GRADE— ALEXIS DINH, JULIANA HUDSON, MORGHAN JAMES, EVIE OLSON, ELLA SCHMIDT

"B" Honor Roll

MRS. KILIAN 6TH GRADE— TERESA ARRIAGA, DONALD GENZEL, SAM GUINGRICH, ADELE JAMES, AJ KEPPEL, CARLY LACHER, GERI OLSON

MR. SHOWALTER 7TH GRADE— OSCAR AYOUB, HARRY KOSZUTA, NICK LYNCH, SAMANTHA WAYNE, GABBY ZIMMERMAN

MS. TOMLIN 8TH GRADE—JONAH BEYER, BRYAN LE, MARISA LEON, ONYX MARTIN, BELLA MENCHACA, EMELIA RITTERBUSCH

MRS. WARD 8TH GRADE— JAX COWAN, MCKINLEY DENNHARDT, JACK GEBHARDS, KATIE LAI, MAZZY PARRY, ABERDEEN RASCH, RILEY REUSCH

Student Improvement List

SISTER ELIZABETH 4TH GRADE— KYLE KAZLAUSKI

MRS. LINKO 5TH GRADE— ELIANA ARRIAGA, KNOX COWAN, RILEY HACKETT, THOMAS KNECHT, ANDREW LE, JULEA LE, BRAELYNNE MANSFIELD, EMMA MARTIN, CARTER ROBERTS, STELLA SCRIVNER, INCOLN SHIELDS, LILY TAMBURRO

MRS. KILIAN 6TH GRADE— CISCO ALANIS, TERESA ARRIAGA, JOSH BRAET, GIGI FONTANA

MR. SHOWALTER 7TH GRADE—NONE

MS. TOMLIN 8TH GRADE—NONE

MRS. WARD 8TH GRADE— ALEXIS DINH, EVIE OLSON, ABERDEEN RASCH



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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 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