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# Newsletter—January 30, 2026

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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](mailto: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.

## ST. THOMAS BIDDY BASKETBALL PROGRAM

We are excited to offer a Biddy Basketball Skills and Drills Program for students in Grades 1-4 who attend St. Thomas School. This program is designed to help our Junior Comets build basketball fundamentals in a fun and supportive environment.

DATES: MARCH 16TH-APRIL 24TH (NOT OVER SPRING BREAK)  
TWO PRACTICES PER WEEK - MON/WED OR TUES/THURS

Grades 1 & 2: 5:00-6:00 PM  
Grades 3 & 4: 6:00-7:00 PM

When signing up, please indicate which two days your child prefers. We understand schedules may change and are flexible-this is simply to help us gauge interest.

We are also in need of parent volunteers to help make this program a success. Volunteer time will count toward required volunteer hours.



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### REGISTER NOW

NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 20TH

**\$25**

Or use this link to sign up!

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/IHHaKXGZ>

## 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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### 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.*



## JOIN THE PEORIA TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC)



**BOYS TEC #382 - FEBRUARY 14-16, 2026**

**GIRLS TEC #383, JUNE 2026 and BOYS TEC #384, JULY 2026**

TEC IS A SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS.

IT BEGINS WITH A RETREAT WEEKEND FILLED WITH DYNAMIC REFLECTIONS, MUSIC, SACRAMENTS, ADORATION, SMALL GROUP DIALOGUE, AND PRAYER. AFTERWARDS, THE TEC COMMUNITY EVOLVES INTO A NETWORK OF SUPPORT THAT BOTH REINFORCES PARISH INVOLVEMENT AND PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH.



LEARN MORE AND  
REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[PEORIATEC.ORG](http://PEORIATEC.ORG)

ALL DENOMINATIONS WELCOME!



4th Grade Hosts our

## Valentines Day Can Food Drive

*Show the love*

**FEBRUARY 9th-13th**

*Bring all food items to your homeroom teacher*





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## JOIN THE PND LADY IRISH VARSITY TEAM AT SENIOR NIGHT

### FRIDAY, 1.30.26

VS RICHWOODS H.S | GAME STARTS AT 7 PM.

FREE ADMISSION FOR LOCAL GRADE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS  
RSVP TO A.CARROLL@PNDHS.ORG

## CONGRATULATIONS

*Honor Roll*



### St. Thomas School & Parish Inductees

#### Honors

Jorge Almonazi  
Jacob Anderson  
Luke Bare  
Remington Joesting  
Matthew Kilian  
Dominic Langholf



## JOIN THE PND BOYS BASKETBALL VARSITY TEAM AT SENIOR NIGHT!

### TUESDAY, 2.3.26

VS BLOOMINGTON H.S | GAME STARTS AT 7:00 PM.

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### St. Thomas School & Parish Inductees

#### High Honors

Gracie Anderson	Michael Guingrich	Haven Mouro
Rylie Bare	Kailynn Hightower	Whitney Parks
Jack Bartoletta	Audrey Horst	Andrew Plaskon
Matthew Bennett	Noah James	Francis Plaskon
James Beyer	Genevieve Koszuta	Michael Plaskon
Natalie Buckardt	Jacob LaBarre	Drake Reese
Callaway Byrkit	Ryan LaBarre	Parker Sarff
Gus Callaway	Elizabeth Leustek	Lillian Schendl
Celest Cogdal	Lauren Leustek	Maxwell Schmidt
Noah Corrales	Pierce Lynch	Julian Sturm
Barrett Gangloff	William Lynch	Julia Watts
Violet Gardner	Kendra Mendez	Evan Wolbeck
Mitchell Goddard	Liam Mohning	Drake Ziegler



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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](mailto: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](mailto:comethours@gmail.com)