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Newsletter—March 13, 2026

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Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Champion—
Christina Pag-ong

Runner up— BraeLynne Mansfield

And to all of our Spelling Bee participants—
Aberdeen Rasch, Nick Lynch, Elena Mendez,
Hyacenth Alms, Melanie Almonazi, Emma Martin,
Lily Eggena, William Merkley

CONGRATS
8TH GRADERS
ON YOUR
CONFIRMATION

COMETS

**GOD WILL GO BEFORE YOU,
WALK BESIDE YOU AND
STAND BEHIND YOU.
"I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS."
MATTHEW 28:20**

TUITION STATEMENT FOR TAX PURPOSES:

Your family's 2025 tuition statement may be printed from your FACTS account using the following instructions:

Visit FACTS <https://factsmgt.com/login/>

- Log into your account (Family Portal)
- Click on View Details
- Click on View Payment Summary
- Select 2025 and print your report

HAPPY
St. Patrick's Day

**IN CELEBRATION OF
ST. PATRICK'S DAY,
STUDENTS CAN WEAR
GREEN AND IRISH ATTIRE WITH
UNIFORM BOTTOMS
TUESDAY THE 17TH!!!**

COMETS

HEY COMET PARENTS & FAMILIES

PTO MEETING

THURS. MARCH 19TH @ 7PM

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL LIBRARY



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March Madness PTO Bracket Fundraiser!



Get ready for some friendly competition while supporting our PTO! We're hosting a **March Madness Bracket Challenge**, and everyone is invited to join the fun.

How it works:

- **Sign-ups open:** Sunday, March 15 at **6:00 PM**
- **Sign-ups close:** Tuesday, March 17 at **2:00 PM**
(It's a quick window because teams are announced Sunday and games start Tuesday!)

Once you sign up through the link below, you'll be able to **make your picks for the tournament bracket.**



Cost: \$20 per bracket



Payment: Please send your payment into the school office.



Prizes will be awarded at each round of the tournament, so you'll have multiple chances to win!

Whether you're a college basketball expert or just picking based on mascots and colors, it's all for a great cause. Don't miss your chance to play!



[Sign up here](#)

Thank you for supporting our PTO and good luck with your bracket!



COMETS **MARCH MADNESS** **NCAA** **BASKETBALL BRACKETS-FUNDRAISER**

\$20/Bracket to Play- Pay at Office

SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE!

Sign up starts this Sunday March 15th at 6pm and closes at 2pm on Tuesday March 17th- **PRIZES FOR EACH ROUND!**

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

an IRISH Prayer

COMETS *May God give you...*

*For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
AND A BLESSING IN EACH TRIAL.
FOR EVERY PROBLEM LIFE SENDS,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.*



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ANNUAL ST. THOMAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 Sunday, March 29th 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
 Served with all you can eat Pancakes & Sausage, Coffee, Juice & Milk

St. Thomas THE APOSTLE Catholic Church

Rober's Pancakes Co.

\$10/ADULTS
\$5/KIDS
\$30/FAMILY
KIDS 2 & UNDER EAT FREE!
CASH OR CHECK AT THE DOOR!
50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS!!!
VOTE FOR HAMPIONS!

WE ARE HIRING

COMETS

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL IS SEEKING A FULL TIME FOURTH GRADE Teacher for the 26-27 School Year

Come and see why STS is the BEST!

Please send us your letter of interest & resume to:

Maureen Bentley, Principal
 maureenbentley@stthomas-school.net

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Which class will be crowned the HAMPIONS?

St. Thomas THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

March 23rd - 29th

THANK YOU TO OUR HAMPIONS SPONSOR!
THE GAW FAMILY

WE ARE ASKING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES TO SEND IN SPARE CHANGE AND CASH TO VOTE FOR THEIR FAVORITE DECORATED CLASSROOM PIG! THE VOTING WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE END OF PANCAKE SAUSAGE BREAKFAST WHERE THE CLASS THAT RAISES THE MOST MONEY WILL BE AWARDED A SPECIAL TREAT AND NAMED THE HAMPIONS OF STS!!!

RSVP HERE

Floral Workshop

WHEN: FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH
WHERE: PARISH HALL
6:00 PM ARRIVAL - 6:30 WORKSHOP
COST: \$60 INCLUDES ALL YOUR FLOWERS & VASE
(CHECK OR CASH TO FRONT OFFICE)
RSVP BY THURS. APRIL 2ND
PLEASE BRING GARDENING CLIPPERS/SCISSORS, AN APPETIZER TO SHARE AND YOUR BEVERAGE OF CHOICE!

Join us for an evening of blooms and beautiful moments at our Annual Floral Workshop. We're looking forward to a night filled with fun, friendship, and stunning floral arrangements.

Whether you're a seasoned flower enthusiast or simply love a creative night out, this workshop is the perfect opportunity to relax, connect, and create something beautiful to take home.



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