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From the desk of the principal...

Happy Spring...almost! Students are *springing* through this Lenten season with hope and a determination to make positive choices and involve themselves in meaningful actions. Our kindergarten children are showing their understanding in the Stations of the Cross by filling a bag with items that they feel Jesus could have used during his journey, including band aids, for example. Mrs. Secedi and the third graders made beautiful Lenten organizers, which are displayed on the student lockers. These organizers include information about Lent, including important days, Scripture, promises, and more. Fifth graders just displayed their *illuminated manuscripts of the 1400's* in the hall. These manuscripts with the Psalms on them are just beautiful! Great job Mrs. Liquin and the 5th graders.

Please join us for Stations of the Cross after our Wednesday school Masses. We will be using a new *Way of the Cross for Children* book. We have extra copies for parents to borrow!

Congrats to all our students who did SO well in the **Band Solo Contest!**

Vince Bowling, SILVER	Lauren Scianna, GOLD
Brian Corsiga, GOLD	William Slatkay, GOLD
Amelia Dzieza, SILVER	Thomas Smithe, SILVER
Ethan Leigh, GOLD	Heidi Swerkun, GOLD
Maura McGarvey, GOLD	Caroline Turnbull, GOLD
Kara Rady, (performing 3/10, results to follow)	8th grade completely rocked, everyone earned GOLD!

Our children and staff safety is top priority at St. Thomas. Any time there is anything happening in Palatine, the police and our school administration are in contact, along with the archdiocese and pastor. The police department will only err on the side of caution. St. Thomas will follow the steps suggested by the police department.

Thank you, Parents, for getting your **registrations turned in!** We have almost everyone's registration back! Great Job!

Thanks for all you do, Parents, to support our school. Remember my door is always open for any comments and suggestions you may have. I appreciate all the positive feedback I have received on behalf of the teachers, programs, etc. We truly are blessed at St. Thomas!



Upcoming Events

March 8

-- K, 1st, 2nd - Marriott Theater field trip
-- 8th grade composite pictures

March 11

9:30am School Mass

March 12

6:30pm-8:30pm Family Fun Night at Orbit Skate Center

March 12 - 16

ACT/Aspire interims

March 13

-- Two Can Tuesday
-- FSA Meeting - 7pm MRA

Save the Date(s)!

March 19

-- St. Joseph Sweet table
-- 8th grade DC Trip meeting- 6:30pm in 8th grade room

March 23

Pizza Day



March 26-March 30

SPRING BREAK - No School



April 1

Easter Sunday

April 2

Welcome back – school IN SESSION

April 2 will be a school day



Because of the snow day, we will be **IN SCHOOL** on Monday, April 2 (the day after Easter). Spring Break will be Monday, March 26- Friday, March 30.

Attention 8th grade families

Tomorrow, Thursday, March 8 is composite picture day! Two pictures will be taken of each 8th grade student in their dress clothes from the waist up at 9am. Please do not wear green.



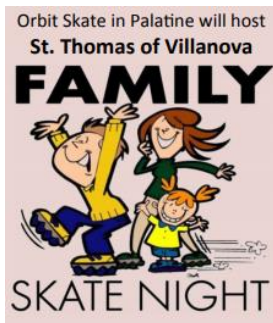
Fundraising Summary

See today's family envelope for your fundraising, DSP and lottery summary.

Lottery

Lottery tickets and money were due two weeks ago. Please turn in your lottery stubs and money ASAP. Any outstanding lottery balances will be billed on FACTS on March 20th.

STV Family Skate Night



Join us at Orbit Skate in Palatine for a private STV Family Skate Night on **Monday, March 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** \$7/person includes skate rental. Please see the flyer in today's envelope for more details.

It is time to personalize and order your 2017-2018 STV yearbook!



Don't miss out on the chance to make this year's yearbook unique to your STV student(s). **If you have not yet ordered your yearbook you can go to <http://www.treering.com/> and enter the STV code 1013805776361169.**

Yearbooks are \$19.49 and include 2 full pages that are customizable to you and your family! **The deadline to customize pages is April 4, 2018**, so don't delay! Your student(s) will love to have their own personal memories from this year saved forever! To customize your pages, log in to the TreeRing site, www.TreeRing.com, or you can upload your own photos, or use shared photos uploaded from other STV families on TreeRing. If you need help with custom pages or have any questions, please contact Kristen Moser or Karen Regan.

Altar Servers

Mar 10 & 11

Saturday 5:00 PM

Armando Aguilar-Rodriguez
Jose Aguilar-Rodriguez
Jackie Westfall

Sunday 7:30 AM

Aiden Hill
Chris Parlier
Thomas Smithe

Sunday 9:30 AM

Madeline Hake
Aaron Hardy
Katie Seligmann

Sunday 11:15 AM

Garrett Colbrook
David Dabrowski
Lily Dix

Rice Bowls

Please return your Rice Bowls to the Rice Bowl display next to the Holy Family statue at Mass on Palm Sunday. If you will be away that weekend, please return them to the school office with your Family Envelope on March 22.

Thank you for participating in this Lenten Archdiocesan Alms project in conjunction with the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops!

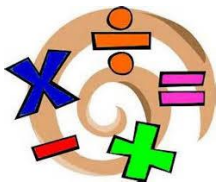
Run in His strength

Are you looking to do something powerful in 2018? Something that will bring joy to others? Consider joining Mercy Home for Boys & Girls' Heroes team for the sold-out Oct. 7 Bank of America Chicago Marathon and transforming the life of an abused child in Chicago.

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls has been a solution for kids in crisis since 1887. By joining our Heroes team, you will make it possible for us to provide a safe home, emotional healing, and academic opportunities for children who have suffered abuse, neglect, poverty, and abandonment.

Sign up at mercyhome.org/marathon or contact Jim Harding at jimhar@mercyhome.org or 312-738-9381 for more information.

Math-A-Thon is back!



St. Thomas of Villanova School is pleased to participate in the 2018 Math-A-Thon. The Math-A-Thon is a volunteer-based fundraising program for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. It is an educational program designed not only to supplement existing math curriculum, but also teach students the importance of helping others.

Each funbook is customized by grade to meet national standard requirements that will help students practice and prepare for standardized tests. We are excited about this program and encourage all students to participate!

Benefits

The benefits of Math-A-Thon add up to help a good cause. Students who participate will:

- improve math and comprehension skills
- solve age-appropriate math problems
- understand the importance of helping others

This all equals help for St. Jude patients battling cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases.

How it Works

1. The Math-A-Thon DVD is shown and students take home the Student/Parent Guide.
2. Students return the signed permission/consent form to the coordinator.
3. Students obtain sponsors, and then complete their Funbook by solving a variety of math problems.
4. After completing the problems, students collect donations from their sponsors and return them to their coordinator.
5. Students and schools earn prizes depending on total funds collected.

Math-a-thon permission slips are in today's family envelope. Please consider participating by filling out and returning the Parent/Guardian Permission Slip! Permission slips are due by Friday, March 9, 2018.



From Athletic Director Jenny Parlier:

BOYS VOLLEYBALL: The season started this week for our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teams. Please visit the website for full schedules and Home games Volunteer sign ups. 7th and 8th Grade have the first Home Opener on March 8th 6:00 and 7:00 vs St. Anne. 6th Grade Home Opener is 3/13 5:00 6th, 6:00 7th, 7:00 8th VS OLW. Come on out and cheer them on.

TRACK AND FIELD 5TH-8TH: Practice started this week. Monday-Thursday 4:30-5:45 at STV then heading on over to Winston Track. If you have not registered yet please do so via Family Envelope. Send in your registration form with the \$50 fee. NO UNIFORMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED WITHOUT PAYMENT. If you are not sure about track, please come to any of the practices this week or next and give it a try before registering. Your coaches for Track and Field will be Kristen Jordan (Head), Steve Stormo, Mike Murphy, Jenny Castelli, Darcey and Garth Martino.

GIRLS SOFTBALL 5TH-8TH: Practice for girls softball will start after Spring Break. If you still want to register, please send in your registration form with payment of \$25 through family envelope. More details on that TBA. Your coaches for Softball will be Tisa Barry (Head), Carrie Bargowski, Chris Fisher, and Brian Roe.

BRINGING BACK THE JR VIKINGS RUNNING/WALKING CLUB: We are excited to announce that the JR. Vikings Club will again be offered to 3rd and 4th Graders this Spring. We will start those practices after the musical (the week of April 16th). Practices will be Mondays 2:30-3:15 in the STV parking lot. We will be gearing up for the Got2Run For Education Race on May 19th. Lori Smithe will be coaching this club again. More details TBA. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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