

St. Thomas of Villanova School

a Catholic School Family

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WELCOME BACK FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR!

From the desk of the principal...

Welcome back, or welcome to our STV family! We have over 40 new families this year! School Board invites everyone to join them in the back parking lot for a **SCHOOL PICNIC** on **FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH at 6:00 pm**. Bring your own food, drinks, and chairs, and get ready to meet new families and see old friends.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY MEMBERS!

We have added another preschool room. Miss **Meghan Falkenberg** is busy setting up her classroom. Her degree is from Indiana University. Although she makes some of us seem *really* old, we welcome her to our STV family!

We wish good luck to Ms. Caitlin Brady, who is going to pursue her law degree. We will let you know the name of our new Spanish teacher in the next newsletter.

Okay, I think that this blurb has gone on long enough. If you ever have any comments, kudos, concerns, etc., I invite you to call or email me. I do try to return all communication within 24 hours.

God bless you!



Upcoming Events

August 18

6pm - Back to school picnic (school's west parking lot)

August 21

Portillo's Dine-n-Share 3pm-8pm (Arlington Heights)

August 22

Mandatory Parent Athletics Meeting- 6pm (Viking Hall)

School Board Meeting- 7pm MR2

August 24

6:30pm – K-8 Curriculum Night (Viking Hall)

8pm- 6th Grade Lorado Taft Meeting (Health Room)

Save the Date(s)!

September 4

Labor Day – NO SCHOOL

September 10

9:30 School Mass



Welcome to the 2017/2018 school year and to your weekly newsletter!

Each week, your Family Envelope will include the STV School Newsletter. Please look for it and read through it. It is our way of keeping you up-to-date on what is going on around school. If you have anything you would like included in the newsletter, please email it to Lea Turnbull by Sundays at noon for inclusion in the next newsletter. All inclusions must be approved by the Principal.

Prayer to Begin This School Year

God of wisdom and might,
we praise You for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

General Reminders

Please submit any outstanding forms to the School Office by Monday, August 21: Emergency Cards (one per student), Physicals, Publicity Releases, Medical Authorization Form (one per student, if your child takes medication during the school day), Medications Procedures Form, Technology Form, US Dept. of Education Ethnicity Survey, Pet Permission Form, Park Permission Form, Free and Reduced Lunch application (if applicable) and Family Directory Form. All these forms can found in your white packet that you received at the end of last year.

Attention 6th Grade Parents: There will be a Lorado Taft Trip Meeting on Thursday, August 24 at 8PM in the Health Room.

Back-to-School Picnic

Mark your calendars for Friday, August 18 at 6pm. We will have a back-to-school picnic in the west parking lot. Please see the flyer in your envelope for more details.

The Family Envelope System

Today you are receiving the first of our weekly Family Envelopes. This system is our way of distributing all the important information that you need and your way of keeping in touch with us. Think of it as your "one stop shop" for all school communications!

Here's how it works: The STV Family Envelope is sent home every Wednesday with the youngest K-8 child in your family. Preschoolers' envelopes typically go home Tuesdays (if no older children are enrolled). It contains all pertinent communications from the school office, including the school newsletter, Shopping Club order forms, and other important papers. Depending on the week, it may also contain order forms for Hot Dog Days, Pizza Days & Bingo Lunch, field trip permission slips, as well as information on special events and announcements.

We ask that you review your Family Envelope every Wednesday and sign the front of the envelope. Place ALL forms and that you wish to return to the office in the envelope and return it with your student every Thursday morning.

Any lost envelopes should be reported to the office so they can be replaced. Fridays at noon is the deadline to submit flyers or other items for the Family Envelope.

Procedural Reminders

The School Day

The first bell of the school day will ring at 7:35 am; the second (tardy) bell will ring at 7:40 am. Students are tardy if they arrive after the 7:40 am bell (except bus riders). Tardy students are to go to the School Office to obtain a tardy slip before going to their classrooms.

Please help your children to be on time. Tardiness is disruptive both to the teacher and the entire class.

Lunch

The Hot Lunch Program began this week for students who ordered lunches prior to August 11. All hot lunches and milk must be ordered online. Gourmet Gorilla is our lunch provider. To order lunches and/or milk, please go to www.gourmetgorilla.com and enter our school code: ST199

If your child forgets his or her lunch, you may drop it off at the School Office. Please make sure your child's name and grade are clearly marked on the lunch as it will be placed on a cart outside of the school office.

Medication

The school office does not stock ibuprofen, cough drops, or similar over-the-counter remedies for students' use. Prescription medication must be kept in the original prescription container. Only parent-supplied medications may be dispensed to students. All medications to be dispensed at

school require a Medical Authorization Form to be signed by the physician and turned in to the School Office.

Parents may supply these medications on a daily basis, or arrange permission to leave medication with the office for a longer term. For the safety of the student, medicine must be clearly labelled with student's name, dosage instructions, and expiration date.

Dismissal

All PS-8 students will be released in the parking lot behind school for afternoon pick-up. Please allow one lane between each car in the event of an emergency. Please pull all the way forward. The front driveway is reserved for buses. Please do not park there after 1:30 pm. If your student will be going home with another family, please email the office and your teacher. If your student must ride a bus on which they are not ordinarily assigned, the District 15 bus driver will also require a note. Please **notify** the School Office whenever your child **will not** be taking their regularly assigned bus home.

Requests for early dismissal must be made in writing or by phone. Parents can pick up their children at the office.

After School Care

Prior to the beginning of each month, you will receive all of the next month's Before & After Care contracts in your family envelope. Each contract is due at 1:50 PM the Friday prior to the week of service. Alternatively, if you have a set schedule, feel free to turn them in all at once for the month to come.

Absentee Students

Parents are asked to call or email the School Office by 7:30 am if their student will be absent or late for school. Please leave a message if you call before or after office hours. If your child will be absent for more than 2 days, a note is required. Any absences that are due to infectious diseases (such as strep, chicken pox, pink eye, etc.) need to be reported to the school office as soon as possible. Please do not send your child to school with any fever, contagious infections or rashes until your child has been seen and cleared by your doctor.

School Visitors

For the safety of the children and the good order of the school, all school doors are kept locked. To enter the building, ring the bell at the front entrance. All visitors, (including parents and volunteers) must sign in and out at the School Office, turn in a photo identification, and wear a name tag and/or badge. Again, remember that ALL volunteers must be in Archdiocesan compliance to be in the building with children.

We also ask that parents not go to their child's classroom before school starts. If you wish to speak to a teacher, please make an appointment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Congratulations to Our August Lottery Winners:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Sold By:</u>
\$25	Rennie Mendoza	Renzo Mendoza
\$25	Chuck Detrick	McGreevy family
\$50	Stephanie Hardy	Aaron Hardy
\$50	Laura Kenny	Kotlarz Family
\$100	The Bowling Family	Bowling Family
\$200	Michael & Evelyn Quinn	Quinn Family

SOLAR ECLIPSE AUGUST 21ST

St. Thomas is preparing for the *Solar Eclipse* next Monday. Mrs. McGarvey is working with all teachers to create lesson plans to enhance this educational opportunity and experience. The school has purchased NASA approved eclipse glasses for all students to use while outside. We would like to address any concerns you may have. Our glasses are fully compliant with NASA's safety standards for safe eclipse viewing. Mrs. McGarvey was sure to order from a NASA approved vendor the proper ISO 12312-2 type glasses. She ordered from American Paper Optics, which is the number one company on NASA's approved vendor's list.

If you go to this link you will see all information to make our viewing safe for the eclipse. Of course, we will have to watch our students to make sure that they do not take off their glasses while looking to the skies, but they may take them off if they are looking at the image of the eclipse on paper through an eclipse viewer that some classes can make.

Preschool teachers will be sending home a separate information sheet about the solar eclipse and preschool participation.

NASA link <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety>

If you would prefer to NOT have your child participate, please sign and return the bottom of this page.

_____ **does NOT have permission to participate in the Solar Eclipse viewing, and should be kept indoors during the day.** (Students will be supervised indoors. If the school does not receive this slip back tomorrow, your student will participate in the Solar Eclipse viewing.)

_____ **Parent Signature**

Altar Servers

August 19 & 20

Saturday 5:00 PM

Emmett Maude
Kieran Maude
McKenzie Maude
Ryan Maude

Sunday 7:30 AM

Aaron Hardy
Chris Parlier
Victoria Walsh

Sunday 9:30 AM

Nate Carlson
Ben Pribilski
Katie Burke

Sunday 11:15 AM

Douglas Hall
Ruth Hall
Connor Loftus

FSA Notes

FSA (Family School Association) is the link between STV families and School and all registered families are members. As another new school year begins, we are asking for all families' help in supporting our fundraisers, volunteer efforts and support of the school. Consider becoming an active member of FSA by attending our monthly meetings (2nd Tuesday of month) or becoming an Officer on the FSA Board - we have openings.

Our Volunteer Sign Up is now online. Go to the school webpage and click on the orange "**Sign Up genius**" box link at the bottom and will take you directly to the STV volunteer activities. Remember every family has a volunteer point requirement.



Our first fundraiser- **Charleston Wrap** will be coming home in early September.



Dine-N-Share at Portillo's on August 21

Time to kick off the new school year with our first Dine-N-Share! And... we are starting with a favorite from last year—**PORTILLO'S! MONDAY, AUGUST 21 from 3pm—8pm** at 806 W Dundee Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. 20% of the proceeds will benefit our school. Bring the flyer or show it on your smartphone. Remember to mention the fundraiser when you place your order if you're using the drive-thru. See you there!!

Shop at Heinen's and earn money for STV

Do you ever shop at Heinen's grocery store in Barrington, Glenview or Bannockburn? Or, do you have relatives in the area (or in Cleveland) who shop at Heinen's? As a member of Heinen's Tasteful Rewards™ Program, when you shop at Heinen's you can help STV through their school donation program. Up to 1% of your purchases during the school year can be donated annually by Heinen's to a local school of your choice. Even if you signed up last year, members of the Tasteful Rewards Program are required to **RE-SELECT** their school every year on their profile page. Visit <http://www.heinens.com/home/tasteful-rewards/teaming-up-for-education/teaming-up-for-education-tasteful-rewards-member/> to enroll and choose St. Thomas.

Teaming Up For Education Program

If you choose to participate in Heinen's Teaming Up for Education Program, Heinen's will donate up to 1% of your qualified purchased to one of the participating Schools of your choice. Customers are required to **reselect** their school every school year.

Please select your school for the 2014-2015 school year from the list below. If your school is not listed, please have your school contact Customer Relations at tastefulrewards@heinens.com or call us at 1-855-475-2300 Ext 2337 Monday-Friday 7:30am-6:00pm EST.

Your School of Choice:

Illinois

Palatine

St Thomas of Villanova School

The school selected at the time of donation will be used to calculate the annual payment in April.

For more information about the Teaming Up for Education Program, please visit our [School Donation Program page](#) or visit www.heinens.com

“Like” STV on Facebook

Connect with STV on Facebook at facebook.com/stvschool. Find out about late-breaking news and events and see fun school photos as they happen.

Paper donation

We received a large paper/stationary donation over the summer. Because of that, we will be using some different types of paper for our flyers.



From Athletic Director, Jenny Parlier:

Welcome Back Vikings!!! I hope you all enjoyed your summer!! Are you ready for another fun filled Athletics Season?!!!

We have already been practicing for Girls Volleyball and Cross Country. If you are still interested in joining either team there is still time. Please contact me or any of the Cross Country or Girls Volleyball Coaches. You can come to a practice this week for either one to try them out prior to officially registering. Please see website for Practice Times and Locations.

Please plan to come to a **Mandatory Parents Athletics Meeting on August 22nd 6PM-7PM Viking Hall**. We will discuss Athletics Policies, Coaches Philosophies, expectations, Volunteer Expectations, Athletic Forms, etc.

Come on out and cheer on your Cross Country Future and Current Vikings as they compete for the St. Viator Cup on Saturday August 19th. First race starts at 4PM. There are 18 schools participating. STV will be defending the Cup that we took home last year. Please see the Athletics website for more details.

New registration procedure this year. I am trying to make less paperwork for us all. So you can register for ALL Sports at one time. (Sorry Cross Country and Girls Volleyball that I did not think of this sooner) When you fill out the registration form for sports please list all sports in which your son or daughter would like to participate. You can then pay for them all at once if you prefer, or you can pay for them closer to the time the sport is being played. However, uniforms will not be issued until the payment for that sport has been received. You can send in your completed forms through the family envelope or at the Athletics Meeting on August 22nd. Forms can be found on the Athletics website. Checks made payable to STV Athletics, fees are:

- Girls Volleyball \$50
- Cross Country \$50
- Basketball Girls and Boys \$60
- Cheer \$40
- Boys Volleyball \$50
- Girls Softball \$50
- Track and Field \$50

Please visit website to see important Athletic Dates and News often. Go Vikings!!!

<http://www.hometeamz.com/stvathletics/>