

# St. Thomas of Villanova School

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### *From the desk of the principal ...*

**Please take advantage of the Tax Credit Scholarship Program. For more information please visit the Archdiocese of Chicago website, or call John Breit at the parish office.**

Conferences begin today. Can you believe the first trimester is already completed? After Friday, everyone will get to enjoy a little break to reenergize!

God bless our second graders who made their First Reconciliation last Saturday. It was a beautiful celebration of the sacrament. Thank you, Mrs. Kerr, for preparing our students so well!

Our seventh graders had a fabulous learning experience at Timber-lee Outdoor Education Center in East Troy. From digging for fossils to Orienteering to holding a variety of animals, students had three days of hands-on learning. Thanks to Mark Sorrentino for planning this trip, and to Mrs. Hardy and Mr. Olson for chaperoning with Mr. Sorrentino.

Congrats again to our **boys' cross country team** as they received honors from the Village of Palatine for their State Championship! Once again, **AWESOME JOB!**

Thank you **FSA** for a hosting a fantastic **Craft Fair** on Saturday to benefit our school. It was well attended by crafters and buyers. I happen to know that another one is scheduled for the spring, and that some crafters have already reserved a table. We can't wait!

### ***AND THIS UPCOMING SUNDAY...***

***DA BEARS...DA FOOD...DA FELLOWSHIP...DA AUCTIONS AND RAFFLES...***

*Enough said...call the office for more details...*

I placed this in last year's Principal blurb, and realized that I am just as blessed and grateful this year, so I would like to re-share these comments.



## Upcoming Events

### **November 15-17**

Parent-Teacher Conferences

### **November 15-16**

2pm - 8pm Book Fair

### **November 16**

PS Thanksgiving Feast

10:30am-noon (RAC)

### **November 17**

11am Dismissal – No Bus,

No Aftercare

### **November 19**

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Football

Fundraiser @ Dirty Nellies

## Save the Date(s)!

### **November 20-24**

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break



Happy Thanksgiving

### **November 30**

Dine-N-Share at Tap House

Grill 4pm-10pm

### **December 1**

Santa's Workshop 6pm-8pm

(RAC)

### **December 20**

Christmas Program 7pm

(Church)

At this time of year, when we are conscious of our many blessings, I thought I would share some of the blessings for which I am grateful:

Receiving a smile and a handshake from students in the morning...encouraging and supportive parents...a dedicated faculty...an amazing administrative assistant...FOSTOVs...a School Board and FSA eager to help the school...our parish priests...parents who are placing their trust in us to teach, model, and guide their children...students who keep challenging us to provide an exceptional education and be positive role models...and my family who supports me every day...

This Thanksgiving, take the time to reflect on your blessings with your children. Begin the day by sharing Mass with your family and friends. A nice activity is to go around the table and list one thing for which each person is grateful. See how many times you can go around the table.

**FINALLY**, we are starting a new tradition at the school, which I hope all parishioners join with us. We will host a **TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY** on December 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, after the 5:00 Mass. This will be held in the front of the school by the Nativity Scene. Hot chocolate and cookies will follow, along with some Christmas songs around the tree. Please join us!

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: As the cold weather sets in, please don't forget a warm coat, boots, hats, mittens and snow pants! K-8 will go outside if the "real feel" is 10 degrees or above. Please label all items with your child's name.**



**SADDLE UP AND READ!** The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to STV! This year the fair has a Wild West theme. Students will preview the books during their regular library classes. Sales will take place from **2:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 15, and Thursday, November 16.** There will be a wide assortment of books available, appropriate for preschool through the junior high grades. Books make great gifts! Please help us reach our goal of \$2500.00 in sales. See you there, Partner!

## Don't break the Spirit Chain

**November 13 - November 17: The Student Council's Annual Gift of Love Spirit Chain Week is in progress!**

All grades have an opportunity to help a family in need have a wonderful Christmas. To help motivate us, each grade is given a different color paper chain and for every 25 cents they raise, another link is added. Whichever class has the most links at the end of this week wins their choice of a pizza party, doughnuts brought in for snack time, or a jeans day (with uniform top). Good luck, everyone! Remember the main goal is not just to win, but to share in the joy of Christmas by raising money to help a family experiencing difficult times.



## Preschool Thanksgiving Feast

Tomorrow, **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** from 10:30am-12:00pm in the gym (RAC) is Preschool's Thanksgiving Feast. Parents of preschoolers are welcome to join the fun.





## FOSTOV'S FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

**LAST CHANCE!!!! Have you purchased your tickets yet?**

- No shopping, no cooking, no cleanup and your kids reap benefits of money raised
- **Open Bar** during the game and **Great Food** with New Restaurateur in kitchen, with new menu and great food just like "mom's"
- Purchase your grand prize raffle tickets through the family envelope. Silent auction items include golf foursome, women's jewelry, sports tickets, Florida Condo and other great men's and ladies prizes!

If you want to purchase tickets please include:

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Qty (\$50 each): \_\_\_\_\_ Huddle of 6 (\$45/each) : \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Friends of St. Thomas of Villanova School and return in the Family Envelope. Questions or Reservations outside of the Family Envelope: [johnhake95@gmail.com](mailto:johnhake95@gmail.com), or 312-805-6791.

**WOW:**  
 Jim Cornelison, the gentleman who sings the National Anthem at Chicago Blackhawks games will sing the National Anthem at this fundraiser.

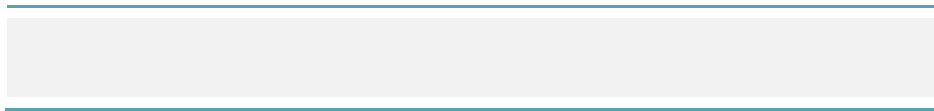
## St. Viator 4th Annual Craft Beer & Wine Fest



Please join us on Saturday, November 18 for Saint Viator's 4th Annual Craft Beer and Wine Fest at Arlington International Racecourse from 7 - 10 pm. This is a great opportunity to support the Saint Viator Parents Club! Tasting glass included! Register online at [www.saintviator.com](http://www.saintviator.com)

## St. Viator Family Mass & Visit with Santa

Please join us on Sunday, December 10 for Mass at 10am in the Chapel and then visit with Santa at 11am in Querbes Hall.



## FSA Notes

### SANTA'S WORKSHOP AND MRS. CLAUS CAFÉ Coming December 1, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM (RAC)

- Take a picture with Santa – perfect for Christmas cards!
- Spend time in Santa's Workshop. Create a craft that could be a gift for someone special! Prices range from \$1-\$5.
- Sing and dance to some of your favorite Christmas carols or take your turn in the BOUNCY HOUSE...new this year!
- Enter to win raffle baskets put together by St. Thomas of Villanova classrooms and the Family School Association.
- Enjoy a snack and some sweet treats at the Mrs. Claus Café, brought to you by Student Council.



## STV Lottery Tickets

Once again, it is time for STV's annual lottery, which is now 40 years old! It continues to be the biggest fundraiser to date, which is why everyone's participation is so important. Each ticket is still only \$10, and provides 74 chances of winning! The lottery proceeds provide funds for extra activities and for those needs of the school not covered by tuition. See this week's insert for more information.



### STV's Lou Malnati's Frozen Pizza Fundraiser

**STV Families.... Get ready to sell some pizzas! Pizza coupons are sold for \$13.00 each. St. Thomas gets \$5.00 for every pizza sold!**

- Coupons are good for one 9 inch frozen pizza at **any Lou Malnati's location.**
- Coupons are good for 6 months.
- Options: Cheese, Sausage, Pepperoni or Spinach.
- Coupons cannot be used for any other purchases or for shipping frozen pizzas.

This is a great way to raise money towards your fundraising commitment! 20 pizza coupons = \$100! Your family, friends, neighbors and you get to enjoy this great pizza while helping out our school! Please help us sell some pizzas!

**Please use the order form in your family envelope last week. All money must be collected at time of order. Cash OR checks made out to St. Thomas of Villanova are acceptable. All order forms and money must be turned into the office by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Coupons will be distributed in your family envelopes before Christmas break. Then you can deliver them to your friends and family. Makes a great gift idea!**

Any questions, contact Colleen Hubbard at (312) 758-5176 or [colleen.hubbard@comcast.net](mailto:colleen.hubbard@comcast.net).

**Order Forms & Money due November 30th!**

**\*\*\*The class that sells the most pizza coupons will win DONUTS from Spunky Dunkers!\*\*\***



## Dine-n-Share: November 30<sup>th</sup> – Tap House Grill

Grab some friends and join us at our next Dine-N-Share at The Tap House Grill in downtown Palatine on **Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**. See you there!!



From Athletic Director Jenny Parlier:

**Boys Basketball** will be in full swing when we come back from break. Congratulations to the Varsity Boys who came in 3rd Place at the St. Al's Vets and Nets tournament this past weekend. Check out the trophy in the trophy case.

5th Grade Boys games will be held at STV on Saturday. Come on by and cheer on your 5th Grade Viking Boys @ 1PM VS Our Lady of Wayside.

We need your help. Please consider covering a slot, go to 5th Grade Boys page on the website and click the Signup.com button to sign up for a slot, or contact me.

Please visit the website for full schedules of all the Boys Teams.

**Girls Basketball:** The Varsity Girls games season will begin in December. The 5th Grade Girls season began last weekend. Please visit the website for full schedule of all the Girls Teams.

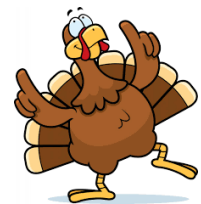
**Cheer:** We are still accepting registrations. Practices are Tuesday and Thursday 4:30-5:30 in Viking Hall.

**If you have not paid your athletic fees please send them in the Family Envelope or to the school office before the Thanksgiving Break. Wishing all of you and your family's a very Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!!!**

### Traditional Catholic Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us, both spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, and the love we have for one another, our family and friends. Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued grace and blessing throughout the coming year. This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

**There is no school next week.  
Have a happy Thanksgiving!**



### Altar Servers

Nov 18 & 19

#### Saturday 5:00 PM

Douglas Hall  
Josh Hulsebosch  
Mark Hulsebosch  
*Jack Castelli*

*Armando A-Rodriguez*

#### Sunday 7:30 AM

Aiden Hill  
Josh Reiswig  
Claudia Tran  
*Thomas Smithe*

#### Sunday 9:30 AM

Marty Davis  
Johnny Pellettiere  
Truman Sanchez  
*William Slatkay*  
*Madalyn Chambers*

#### Sunday 11:15 AM

Connor Loftus  
Anna Martino  
Elise Martino  
*Kara Rady*  
*Kyle Rady*