

St. Thomas of Villanova School

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From the desk of the principal ...

We give thanks for our Thanksgiving break! We continue to count our blessings as we enter Advent. St. Thomas School is busy preparing to celebrate Jesus's birth.

Our *Gift of Love Chains* brought in over \$840 for needy families at Christmas. Our teachers will be shopping for gifts for over a dozen individuals. God bless you for your generosity! The class with the highest donation per student was the 6th graders, who brought in over \$15 per student, followed by the 8th graders.

Thank you to FOSTOVS for a really exciting afternoon at Dirty Nellies watching the Bear's Game and raising money for the school. Thanks to ALL who worked so hard, and who donated their time, treasure and talent to raise \$18,000.00 for the school. We will let you know next week which class sold the most raffle tickets!

Get ready to get on Facebook! We will continue the tradition begun last year with decorating our classroom doors. We will place the pictures of the doors on STV's Facebook page. Starting Wednesday, December 6th, you will be able to "like" your favorite door(s). The decorations receiving the most likes will win a prize!

FIRST ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY and SANTA'S WORKSHOP are coming up. More information is inside this newsletter.

PRE-REGISTERING FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

The Archdiocese has asked all the Catholic Schools to send out pre-registration forms this year because of the tax credit scholarships. Next week in the Family Envelope you will receive pre-registration forms. More information will be in next week's newsletter.



Upcoming Events

November 30

Dine-N-Share at Tap House Grill 4pm-10pm

December 1

Santa's Workshop 6pm-8pm (RAC)

December 2

8th grade babysitting fundraiser 6pm-10pm (RAC)

December 5

Hot Dog Day

Save the Date(s)!

December 8

8:00 School Mass (no Mass on Dec. 6)

Crazy Hat Day (PADS fundraiser)

December 9

Tree Lighting Ceremony (after 5pm Mass)

December 12

--Two Can Tuesday

--FSA Meeting 7pm (MRA)

December 20

Christmas Program 7pm (Church)

December 22

11am dismissal (**No aftercare/No after school bus**)

SALESMAN/MARKETING PEOPLE NEEDED...to spread the word about the excellent education and climate in the school. YOU are our best marketing source, parents. Please spread the word to your friends and family, and let them know we would love to give them a tour of the school. STV will sell itself then! Let's get the enrollment over 200...we are almost there at 197 strong! Remember, there are monetary incentives for referring families to the school!

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.



Dine-n-Share: Tomorrow November 30th – Tap House Grill

Grab some friends and join us at our next Dine-N-Share at The Tap House Grill in downtown Palatine (56 W. Wilson St.) on **Thursday, November 30th from 4pm-10pm**. Bring in the flyer sent home or emailed to you when you dine-in and 20% of proceeds will be donated back to STV School. See you there!!



TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

All are welcome to join in the first annual TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY hosted by the STV School on Saturday, December 9th after the 5:00 Mass. This will be held in the front of the school by the Nativity Scene. The tree will light the days as we anxiously await the birth of our Savior. Hot chocolate and cookies will follow, along with some Christmas songs around the tree. So come—join in this new tradition!

CRAZY HAT DAY



Crazy Hat Day is on **December 8th**! You can wear any fuzzy, crazy, or colorful hats. In order to get to wear a hat, you must bring in a new hat or adult size gloves or mittens to school. We will be giving the hats and mittens to an organization called PADS. They are a group that gives the homeless food and shelter when people are in need. Let's see which friend has the craziest hat and help the homeless at the same time! Remind your children to wear a fun hat! Thank you to our fantastic 6th graders, whose leadership and service-oriented focus are benefitting so many people in need.

FOSTOV'S FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER



Our 5th Annual Bears Football Fundraiser held on November 19 at Durty Nellie's was another huge success. Jim Cornelison thrilled the crowd with his rousing rendition of the national anthem. We raised **\$18,000**, all of which will be used to further help the kids of St.

Thomas of Villanova School. Thank you to all who attended, donated auction and raffle items and helped with the event. We hope you had a good time!

Want to Get More Involved? Join the School Board.

We are looking for people who are passionate in serving STV school and in working with our teachers and administrators. We are in need of members of diverse talents in areas such as Administration Liaison, Enrollment, Marketing Assistant, Communication Manager, Media Coordinator, Treasurer, Budget Management, Community Development, Charitable Events, Active role in the Chamber of Commerce. Please email Theresa Hubert at hubert898@sbcglobal.net with your interest or questions.

BABYSITTING FUNDRAISER

Attention ALL Parents! Looking for a night without children? The 8th Graders (and the parents) are hosting a Babysitting Night Fundraiser **this Saturday, December 2 from 6pm—10pm** in the Rowley Activity Center. Children ages 3 and up are welcome to come. (Children must be potty-trained.) No set cost, just donations accepted. All proceeds will go towards the 8th Grade Washington DC trip scheduled for this spring. So, parents—take the night off and let us watch your children. You deserve it!

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 this Friday, December 1, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the 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 pizza, hot dogs and sweet treats** for purchase at the Mrs. Claus Café, brought to you by Student Council.

Altar Servers

Dec 2 & 3

Saturday 5:00 PM

Douglas Hall
Anna Martino
Elise Martino
Chase McCluskey
Kara Rady

Sunday 7:30 AM

Connor Loftus
Ben Pribilski
Aaron Hardy
George Leidolf
Anika Tsau

Sunday 9:30 AM

Katie Burke
David Dabrowski
Grace Hedgepeth
Thomas Smithe
Jacob Korney

Sunday 11:15 AM

Tim Sloan
Matthew Sloan
Aiden Hill
Patrick Shoults
William Slatkay

Congratulations to Our November Lottery Winners:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Sold By:</u>
\$25	Shelley Hoffman	Violet Hoffman
\$25	Matt Dowling	Morris Family
\$50	Pasqualucci Family	Pasqualucci Family
\$50	Margaret Royer	Loftus Family
\$100	Nick/Emma Jahnke	Jahnke Family
\$200	Scianna Family	Scianna Family



Lou Malnati's Frozen Pizza Fundraiser

Order Forms & Money due tomorrow, November 30th!

Pizza coupons are \$13.00 each and St. Thomas gets \$5.00 for every pizza sold! 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 30th. 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.



From Athletic Director Jenny Parlier:

Welcome Back Vikings!!

Boys Basketball:

This weekend our 5th Grade team will be in the Prince of Peace Tournament. Our 6th Grade team will be in the St. Emily's Tournament. Good Luck everyone. Please see the website for Tournament details and times and all regular season schedules.

Girls Basketball:

The Varsity team will start their season December 6th with an away game. The Varsity Girls Tournament is December 14th-16th. Please consider signing up to cover a slot. Go to the Athletic Website for signup details. Come on out and cheer on our Varsity Girls on 12/14 @ 5:00PM in the first game of the Tournament.

Please visit the Athletics website for all tournament details and all regular season schedules.

Cheer:

The Vikings Cheerleaders will be cheering at our home games starting December 4th.

