

St. Thomas of Villanova School

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From the desk of the principal ...

Our first annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event will be this Saturday after the 5:00 Mass. Walk on over to see our beautiful Nativity Scene and new blue spruce tree! Enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies while singing around the tree. Thanks so much, Friends of St. Thomas of Villanova School for donating this beautiful tree.

The Door Decorating Contest begins today at 4:00! Please go to the STV Facebook page to enjoy all the Christmas Door decorations. Teachers and students went all out to convey their Christmas spirit. Vote for your favorites by clicking “Like.” Have fun! Share with your friends, and have them vote!

The Archdiocese is asking all the Catholic schools to send out Intent to Return forms this year. This coincides with the Tax Credit Scholarships. Every family can benefit from this, so we are sending out Intent to Return Forms to all families. Please fill out and return. This is mandatory for any family applying for the Tax Credit Scholarship. While this is optional for everyone else, we encourage everyone to send this form back.

We will begin re-registration early this year, beginning right after the holidays. Look for your re-registration packet in early January. There will be great incentives to get it in early!

So, we all pretty much know what is going on in our own child’s classroom. Ever wonder what is happening in the other rooms? Here is a brief look into a few of the classrooms.

Jr. High: Is working on fractions and their operations, all the way to proportional relationships in math. They finished Global Read Aloud and are organizing ways to raise money for the Water for South Sudan Project, which brings clean drinking water to villages that need it.

5th grade: Working on *Hugs for the Homebound*, and are actively creating in the “Hour of Code” STEM Lessons online.

1st grade: Preparing for Advent and creating Nativity Scene figures. Students are rocking their new Super Kids Reading Curriculum.

Kindergarten: Practicing writing words and sentences and relating them to Advent and Jesus’ birth.



Upcoming Events

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)

Save the Date(s)!

December 15

Pizza Day

December 20

Christmas Program 7pm (Church)



December 22

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

December 25-January 5

Christmas break



ICE CREAM FOR SALE AT LUNCH

6th grade will be selling ice cream bars and popsicles at lunch on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** for \$1 per item. They are participating in a challenge to raise money to build a well for fresh drinking water in Sudan. So, your child can enjoy a sweet treat and also support a great cause.

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!



Dine-n-Share: December 19th – Café Zupas

Thank you for stopping in at the Tap House Grill in November. The tables were filled with people from St. Thomas of Villanova School AND Parish. We appreciate your continued support of the Dine-n-Share program!! Grab some friends and join us at our next event at the new Cafe Zupas in Kildeer (on Rand Rd. near Nordstrom Rack/Uncle Julio's) on Tuesday, **December 19 from 5pm-9pm**. Bring in the flyer sent home or emailed to you when you dine-in or take-out and 25% 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!

Altar Servers

Dec 9 & 10

Saturday 5:00 PM

Marty Davis
Jose Aguilar-Rodriguez
Garrett Colbrook
Armando Aguilar-Rodriguez
Jack Castelli

Sunday 7:30 AM

Lily Dix
Caroline Kawiecki
Maura McGarvey
Thomas Smithe
Alyssa Bourgeois

Sunday 9:30 AM

Madeline Hake
Brianna Holmes
Ethan Leigh
Jackie Westfall
Madalyn Chambers

Sunday 11:15 AM

Nate Carlson
Michelle Weber
Kiera Treganza
Kyle Rady
Katie Seligmann

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.

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.

STV Lottery Tickets

Lottery tickets went home the week before Thanksgiving. Each family is required to sell 20 tickets (preschool families are strongly encouraged to participate as well). Each ticket is only \$10, and provides 74 chances of winning! Drawings are held monthly.



Ticket stubs and money are due on Thursday, February 22nd, and may be sent to school via the Family Envelope. Please write clearly and fill out the entire ticket, including address and phone number, being that checks are mailed directly to the winners. The lottery proceeds provide funds for extra activities and for those needs of the school not covered by tuition. Don't forget! After selling 20 tickets for FSA, any additional tickets sold go 100 percent directly towards your fundraising goals!!!! If you have questions or need additional tickets, please contact the school office or Shanna Mitchell.

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.

