

St. Thomas of Villanova School

a Catholic School Family

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From the desk of the principal ...

“Oh, what a night!”

Our first Annual Christmas Tree Lighting event was a HUGE success. Over a hundred people attended this event. Everyone enjoyed hot chocolate, cookies, and a present for everyone who came, both young and old. The lighting was perfectly timed with Santa’s countdown. Thank you so much:

- * Friends of St. Thomas of Villanova School, for donating “Thomas”, our dwarf blue spruce tree.
- * Fr. Mirek, Deacon Jason, and Andy Matijevic, for the blessing.
- * Mrs. Liquin and the wonderful school singers.
- * The McNally’s, Phelan’s, Mrs. B, and Mr. Murphy for all their help.
- * And, of course, Santa, for taking time out of his busy schedule to come!

ADVENT is being celebrated in all the classrooms. Please ask your children what they are doing in their rooms to prepare to celebrate Jesus’s birth.

Let’s keep Mr. Olson in our prayers, as he is undergoing heart bypass surgery today. Our faculty and students are praying for him daily, and bringing him cards and gifts a few times a week. During Mr. Olson’s absence, we are blessed to have Mrs. Litchfield be our long-term substitute. You may reach her at juniorhighsub@stvschool.org.

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION- Please look at this information, and pass it on to anyone you know who might benefit from this initiative. Please return the Letters of Intent to the school office. We will start registration immediately after Christmas break.

Is your emergency contact information up to date? With unpredictable winter weather, we want to make sure everyone is contacted in the event of school cancellation or a child becomes ill. Children will be released only to their parents, legal guardians or emergency contacts listed on the student emergency cards.



Upcoming Events

December 15

Pizza Day

December 19

- Dine-N-Share at Café Zupas
5pm-9pm

-7pm School Board Meeting
(MR2)

Save the Date(s)!

December 20

Christmas Program 7pm
(Church)



December 22

- Breakfast with Santa PS– 3rd

- 11am dismissal

NO AFTERCARE

NO AFTER SCHOOL BUS



December 25-January 5

Christmas break



Let's hear it for our alums! **Johnny O'Shea** was named MVP of the PHS football team (and also All Area by the Herald and All Conference. **Conor McGarvey** was named MVP of the PHS soccer team (and all Conference). **Anne Marie Jordan** was the #1 runner on the PHS **VARSDITY** team (as a freshman), and the MVP of Varsity Cross Country. **Katie Castelli** was the #1 runner and MVP on the St. Viator **VARSDITY** team (as a freshman). **We are so proud of you!**

Thank you to **Janice Pellettiere** for the fantastic Christmas bulletin board in the front office. Stop by and see it if you haven't, or check our Facebook for a glimpse of it.

Have you voted for your favorite door yet?? If not, quit procrastinating and do it! Go to Facebook and enjoy all the Christmas doors.

Do you read my little blurb every Wednesday? Let's see...the first parent who contacts me with the correct name of the donated Christmas tree will receive a gift card. School email only please! I will let everyone know the winner in next week's envelope.

We have collected **\$156.00** through Greens for Jeans for the Iron Giraffe Project for South Sudan. This money will be combined with money being collected through Ice Cream sales to help provide water for the South Sudan Project.

Here is what is happening in a few more classes:

Technology with Mrs. Valis:

Kindergarten is using Kid Pix to create snowmen.

1st and 2nd graders are engaging in Gingerbread Coding.

3rd graders are involved in a Christmas Round the World Web Hunt.

State projects are being created in Google Slides in 4th grade.

5th graders are creating Power Point presentations with their colonies.

6th graders are wrapping up Digital Citizenship with Common Sense Media.

7th STEM is intensely involved with Digital Coding.

Spanish with Ms. Garcia

Primary grades are creatively working on vocabulary.

Intermediate grades are incorporating the culture and music into their studies.

Junior high students are completing creating restaurant menus.

Preschool 3/4 with Ms. Falkenberg

Students are busy creating Christmas gifts, and learning about Jesus.

Children are playing the role of Mary and Joseph and taking care of the baby Jesus in the Dramatic Play Center.

Don't forget to save the date for our Christmas program. December 20th is the exciting event.

God bless us...every one!



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.



ICE CREAM FOR SALE AT LUNCH

6th grade is selling ice cream bars and popsicles at lunch on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** for \$1 per item. They are participating in the Iron Giraffe Challenge to raise money to build wells for fresh drinking water in Sudan. Visit <http://www.waterforsouthsudan.org/iron-giraffe-challenge/> for more information. So, your child can enjoy a sweet treat and also support a great cause.



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

Grab some friends and join us at our next Dine-N-Share 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!!



DSP during the Christmas and New Year weeks.

Dear School Families and Parishioners,

There is a change for DSP pick-ups during the Christmas and New Year weeks. The last submission before Christmas is **Sunday Dec. 17**. Please place your online orders by this date. If you are paying by check, you must drop off payment by the last English Mass (11:15am) on Sunday, Dec. 17. If paying by Prestopay, submit your order by Sunday, Dec. 17 at 3:30pm.

Parishioners' orders will be available for pick up on Wednesday Dec. 20 after 12pm until Thursday, Dec. 21 until 8pm in the Parish Office. The Parish Office will be closed Friday, Dec. 22 and Saturday, Dec. 23. School families' orders will be sent home in the family envelopes on Wednesday Dec. 20. No After-Mass DSP during the holiday weekends of Christmas Dec. 23 /24, New Year Dec. 30 /31 and Jan. 6/7. All orders placed during holiday weeks will be included in the next submission on January 14 and cards will be available on January 17. If you have any questions please contact the DSP Coordinator at stvdspshopping@gmail.com.

Altar Servers

Dec 16 & 17

Saturday 5:00 PM

Emily Murphy
Tyler Murphy
Caitlin Wilson
Chase McCluskey
Jacob Korney

Sunday 7:30 AM

Jason Mayschak
Kathy Palmowski
Chris Parlier
George Leidolf

Sunday 9:30 AM

Konrad Malik
Michael Nix
Joshua Reiswig
William Slatkay

Sunday 11:15 AM

Emmett Maude
Kieran Maude
McKenzie Maude
Ryan Maude



Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast?

Santa will be returning to St. Thomas of Villanova on **Friday, December 22** and he is inviting all preschool through 3rd grade students and their teachers to share a delicious pancake breakfast in Viking Hall.



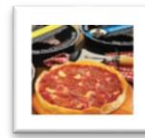
January 19th is the Deadline for the 2017/2018 Yearbook Cover Contest!

Calling all artists: This is your chance to design a cover for this year's STV yearbook. The winning entry will appear on the cover and the artist will receive a free yearbook in the spring. Please submit your entries to the School Office on or by Friday, **January 19th, 2018.**

Contest Rules:

- All STV students are eligible. One entry per student. Submit original student artwork only.
- The drawing must be of the STV School building, STV Church or the whole campus to be considered for the cover.
- Use 11" x 17" white paper in landscape orientation if you would like to have your art considered for the cover.
- Drawings done in crayons, markers, paint, or colored pencils are all acceptable. Keep in mind that colored pencils in very light colors may not reproduce clearly.
- Write your name and your grade in pencil on the BACK of your entry.
- The winner will be determined by the Principal and Yearbook Editor.
- The winner will be announced between April 25 and May 20 at the Principal's discretion. The free yearbook will be awarded as a credit to the artist's TreeRing account or as otherwise agreed upon with the Principal.

STV's Lou Malnati's Frozen Pizza Fundraiser



Thank you so much STV Families!

We sold **439** pizza coupons as a school! This earned St. Thomas a total of **\$2,195.00 in profit!!!** Great job to everyone who helped to sell these. Coupons will be distributed in your family folders before Christmas break and then you can deliver them to your friends and family.

The STV office will also be applying your fundraising credits to your family accounts (\$5.00 per pizza sold).

Below is the breakdown of pizzas sold:

1st place: 2nd Grade (77 pizzas)

2nd place: 8th Grade and Kindergarten (74 pizzas each)

3rd place: 3rd Grade (46 pizzas)

As promised, the **2nd graders** have won Spunky Dunker donuts for the class! We will be working with your teacher to determine the best date for this.

Thank you again for all your efforts and helping to support St. Thomas!

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

Thanks!

Stay current on your VIRTUS training

Virtus posted a new online training bulletin last week. If you have completed Virtus training, visit <https://www.virtus.org> to log on to answer the multiple-choice question which keeps your training current. If a series of bulletins go unanswered, your Virtus certification will deactivate. All school volunteers and coaches must complete Virtus Training., along with the other compliance requirements. Please contact Meg Spano at the Parish Office with any questions.

Instagram and Facebook

Please check us out on Facebook and Instagram! If you have any pictures you would like to see posted, please send them to Mrs. Pratt at kinderergarten@stvschool.org and Miss Alex Kmioleck at preschoolaidekmiotek@stvschool.org. They will get approval, then post them. Thanks for helping to market our school.



From Athletic Director Jenny Parlier:

Boys Basketball:

5th grade and 6th grade were in tournaments last weekend. They had some good games, won some and lost some!! 6th Graders placed in the Consolation Bracket and brought home a plaque. Congratulations to all the players!! They never give up!!!

7th Grade Boys were in the St. Emily Tournament this past weekend and placed in the Consolation Bracket!! They also brought home a plaque. Congratulations!! Visit the trophy case!!!



Girls Basketball:

5th Grade will be participating at the St. Emily's Tournament this weekend. Good Luck Girls!!

Varsity will be hosting their Tournament this weekend at RAC. The first game is Thursday at 5PM. Come on out and cheer on our Viking Girls!! We still need your help for the tournament. Please consider filling a slot. You can go to the athletic website and click on the link for Varsity Girls Tournament to sign up for a slot or contact me and I will sign you up.

Cheer: The Cheerleaders have been busy practicing and getting ready for their Home Game debut next week Monday, December 18th. I got a sneak peek of their routines and can't wait to see it live in full uniform!!!



Please visit the Athletic Website for the Full Schedules of all the teams. Let's Go Vikings!!!

