

St. Thomas of Villanova School

a Catholic School Family

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From the desk of the principal ...

Merry Christmas to each of our school family members. Each one of us contributes to our school climate and energy. Your kindness, support, smiles, and suggestions are appreciated and noted. We have the **BEST** staff, students, parents, families and friends at St. Thomas. *God bless us, every one.*

Christmas Program is tonight! All children should be in their Sunday best, and should arrive at the church by 6:45. Jr. High will be given simple costumes if they have a part, but they may wear what they like underneath. Please no blue jeans or T-Shirts. Thank you so much for your support at home!

The winners of the question: “What is the name of the new dwarf blue spruce tree used for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony that *Friends of St. Thomas of Villanova School* donated?” is Nicole Hennessey and Trista Bialorucki. They knew the name of the tree is “Thomas.” This earned them gift cards! Stay alert for our next contest in a few weeks.

I hope you have a blessed, joyful, and safe Christmas. I may even see you at the 3:00 Christmas Mass. Thank you so much for the privilege of leading your children at St. Thomas of Villanova School.

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS Application Process Updates

Application process: As a reminder, families will need to apply for tax credit scholarships through a scholarship granting organization (SGO), which will manage this process, instead of the Archdiocese or your school directly. There are several SGOs in Illinois. The Archdiocese of Chicago is working with two SGOs: Empower Illinois and Big Shoulders Fund.

The application process with Empower Illinois will be completed online at www.empowerillinois.org. The application process will open January 24, 2018.

The application process with Big Shoulders Fund will be completed online at www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org. The application process will open the second half of January 2018. The exact date is TBD.



Upcoming Events

December 20

Christmas Program 7pm
(Church)



December 22

- Breakfast with Santa PS– 3rd
- Jeans/ red or green day

- 11am dismissal

NO AFTERCARE

NO AFTER SCHOOL BUS



Save the Date(s)!

December 25-January 5

Winter Break! No School!!!

January 8

School Resumes

January 9

Two Can Tuesday

Hot Dog Day

FSA Meeting 7pm (MRA)

January 28

School Mass 9:30am

Open House 11am-2pm

February 3

Spaghetti Dinner 6-9pm RAC

What families will need to apply: Based on what we know today, families will need the following documents in order to apply for a tax credit scholarship:

- 2016 tax return
- Proof of residency (i.e. driver's license or state ID)
- Birth certificate, federal/state ID or passport for student
- If available, a letter of acceptance or enrollment at an eligible, participating, non-public school

Note: There may be changes to this list as the application process is finalized by the SGOs. We will provide updates as they are available.

******Please note: The next family envelope will go home on Jan. 10, 2018******



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.

FACTS – payment summary

Do you need a payment summary for tax purposes or company reimbursement? Please see the orange insert in this week's family envelope for simple, step by step instructions on how to print your payment summary directly from FACTS.



Six Flags "Read to Succeed"!

This program is open to all K - 6th Grade students. The reading logs and a letter outlining the program went home in last week's Family Envelope. Complete 6 hours of extra reading and earn a free ticket to Great America! This is a great activity for your child to work on over winter break!



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.



DSP during the Christmas and New Year weeks.

Remember that pre-Christmas DSP orders and payment were due last Sunday, December 17. 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 today's family envelope.** 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.



Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast?

Santa will be returning to St. Thomas of Villanova **this 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.

Altar Servers

Dec 23 & 24

Saturday 5:00 PM

Ruth Hall
Aaron Hardy
Johnny Pelletiere

Sunday 7:30 AM

Marty Davis
Katie Burke
Ethan Leigh

Sunday 9:30 AM

Aiden Hill
Colin Regan
Ryan Regan

Sunday 11:15 AM

*11:30am Mass will
be in the Polish
Language*

The Mass schedule at St. Thomas of Villanova for Christmas is:



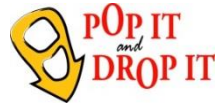
Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24, 2017

3:00pm—Children's Mass
5:00pm—English Mass
10:00pm—English Mass
Midnight—Polish Mass

Christmas Day Monday, December 25, 2017

9:30am—English Mass
11:30am—English Mass
1:30pm—Polish Mass

Pop Tab Collection – “Pulling For Families”



As Catholics, we are called to help others in big ways and in small ways. Though pop tabs are small, they can make a BIG, positive impact! The pop tabs that we collect will be recycled and the money will benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Please bring in your pop tabs and spread the word! For more information on the services provided by the Ronald McDonald House, please visit RonaldHouseChicago.org.

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 kindergarten@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:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Vikings! When we come back it will be full Basketball and Cheer!!!

A HUGE THANK YOU to so many who helped make this past weekend’s Varsity Girls Tournament a huge success!! The Varsity girls did not have the outcome they had hoped for but they never gave up and had some very close games!! Congrats to Immanuel Lutheran who came in 1st Place.

Congratulations to the 5th Grade Girls who came in 1st Place in the St. Emily Tournament this weekend. Check out the trophy case for the plaque that they brought home!!

For Ages 9-14 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest January 8th. Please see the flyer in today’s family envelope.

January 11th is Pack The Gym



5:00 6th Grade Boys vs Holy Family
6:00 7th Grade Boys vs Holy Family
7:00 Varsity Boys vs St. Anne
8:00 Varsity Girls vs Holy Family



Come on out and cheer on the teams and see the Cheerleaders perform. Full concessions with walking tacos and pizza from Pizza Bella are available.

January 13th: We will be hosting **5th Grade Girls Games** 12-2PM. Come on out and cheer on the 5th Grade Viking Girls at 2PM vs St. James. Please see the website for full schedules.

