



# St. Thomas More Catholic School

**A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE**



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Week Ahead: April 20, 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

We honor the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 1 with May Crowning. Students are asked to bring flowers for this special event. They will be collected in the gym before morning assembly on May 1. Thank you!

The time to plan for the summer is here!!! STM has openings in the Summer Day Camp as well as the Enrichment programs including Cheer, Volleyball, Art, Football, and Basketball. More information and registration forms can be found at [stmbr.org](http://stmbr.org).

## **Yearbook**

Yearbooks for the 2017 - 2018 school year may still be ordered. The cost is \$40.00 and checks may be payable to St. Thomas More. Contact Ms. Gail Cannon for a hard copy form. If you prefer to order online, the address is <https://yearbookforever.com/#school/4417/2018>

Space is still available in the Messages and Memories/Ad section of the yearbook. Contact Ms. Gail Cannon for a hard copy form. If you prefer to reserve online, the address is <https://yearbookforever.com/#school/4417/2018>

Online composition for the Messages and Memories/Ad section is disabled. Photos may be emailed to Ms. Cannon as jpg attachments or sent as hard copy pictures. You may also submit an illustration or worded description about the layout design you would like, or a layout can be designed for you. Printed out photo collages may also be submitted. Questions may be directed to Ms. Cannon.

## **Deadlines:**

Yearbook Orders submitted on paper: Wednesday, May 23

Yearbook Orders online: Friday, May 25

Messages & Memories/Ads materials (hard copy or digital) to Ms. Cannon: Wednesday, May 23

## **Standardized Testing: ACT Aspire – April 23 – 25, 2018**

At STM we take this time seriously. We all need to work together to ensure a successful testing period is had by all. We hope these tips are useful as you and your child prepare for standardized testing at STM. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding standardized testing.

## **Tips for Parents**

- \* **Be Prepared.** Check to make sure your child has at least two, good #2 pencils that are needed for each day.
- \* **Early to bed.** A good night's sleep is very important the night before a big test. Most children need at least 10 hours of sleep to perform their best.
- \* **Prepare a good breakfast.** Test morning is not the time for a high-sugar snack -- or no breakfast at all. A nutritious and filling breakfast is a must.

\* **Out of class?** Students can't be called out of class during testing to be given medicine or go to doctor's appointments.

\* **Be on time!** Please make sure your child is on time for school.

\* **Keep things in focus.** Standardized tests are just one of the ways that schools evaluate children's abilities. Don't believe, or let your child believe, that poor test results mark him or her as a failure. Our standardized testing does not have a bearing on a student's promotion.

### **Tips for Students:**

\* **Be Present.** Make sure you are at school unless you are sick. ☺

\* **Relax.** Try not to be too nervous before the test. Take a few deep breaths. Close your eyes for a moment and tell yourself to stay calm and focused.

\* **Listen Up!** Pay close attention to the teacher's instructions and carefully read the test instructions to make sure you understand exactly what you are supposed to do.

\* **On your mark, get set - whoa!** There's no need to rush, so take your time before answering each question. However... **Know the expectation.** We hope students will finish the entire test. A blank answer is wrong.

\* **Read the question in full before trying to answer it.** At least some of the answer choices will be designed to trap students who don't read the question fully.

\* **Watch out for tricks.** On multiple choice tests, consider all the choices before selecting the one best answer. Beware of choices that are close to the right answer.

P\* **Keep track.** Make sure that you match the number of your answer to the question number on your answer sheet. For example, when answering question #3, fill in the #3 circle on the answer sheet. Fill in the answer circles completely, and erase your mistakes thoroughly.

\* **Doodle bugs.** Completely erase incorrect or accidental pencil marks so the grading sensor doesn't record them as answers.

\* **Double jeopardy.** Make sure you haven't accidentally filled in two answers for the same question.

\* **Move on.** If you are having a hard time with one question, leave it blank and go on to the next question. Come back later to the hard one. Another question on the test may help you.

\* **Change it.** As a rule, you should stick with your first answer. But if you've thought about it afterward and now think that another answer is better, go ahead and change it.

### **End of year cafeteria information from the Diocese of Baton Rouge is attached.**

**Calendar Items:** (Athletic schedules are posted on the webpage under the specific sport.)

April 23 – 28           Aspire Testing for grades 3 - 8

Monday, April 23     Kindergarten field trip to Liuzza Strawberry Farm

Wednesday, April 25 K science day

Boys Basketball Pictures immediately after school in the gym

Thursday, April 26   8:45 All School Mass

5:00 Art and Music Show in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> commons

Friday, April 27     Beta Trip

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*Judy*

Judy H. Armstrong, Ph.D.

Principal