

Dear STM Parents and Families,



All STM students participated in a special science day this week to study the solar eclipse. Classroom learning activities focused on eclipses at all levels. Eighth graders tracked the path of the eclipse while our younger students created art “eclipses” and hats. Sixth grade students use round suckers in their science lab to demonstrate the alignment of the earth, moon, and sun. Additionally, students participated in safety lessons, watched the live eclipse and interacted online with the NASA webpage. We thank our STM cafeteria for baking special cookies for the students and faculty.

We are in need Come Lord Jesus small group leaders for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Come Lord Jesus meets every Tuesday for 50 minutes during religion classes. Leaders help the students to relate the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading to their daily lives. Please contact Kristi Miller (millerk@stmbr.org) if you are interested in leading a group.

This week our 5<sup>th</sup> graders performed their first conversational play in Spanish. They had a great attitude and exhibited awesome effort.

### **Congratulations:**

Nineteen 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are eligible to participate in the Duke Talent Identification Program were notified this week. They will be participating in a yearlong study process that involves preparation for the ACT test.

Student Council Officers:

Chance Pope – President  
Caitlyn Rogers – Vice – President  
Mia Roppolo – Secretary  
Emily Ponson - Treasurer

**Beta Officers:**

Thank you to all of the eighth grade students who ran for BETA Club Officers for the 2017-2018 school year. All of our candidates were returning members who achieved a 3.2 GPA or higher. We appreciate your dedication to BETA Club, your school, and your fellow students.

The BETA Club Sponsors are proud to announce the following eighth graders as the 2017-2018 BETA Club Officers:

Alexis Harvey – President  
Alex Campbell – Secretary/Treasurer  
Christine Ngo – Reporter  
Katelyn Pham--Chaplain

**Handbook Reminder:**

In cases of inclement or dangerous weather, St. Thomas More Catholic School will follow the same directives as East Baton Rouge Parish Schools. Local radio and television stations will carry that information. An attempt will be made via telephone and email to notify parents of emergency closing. It is important that we have current telephone numbers and email addresses on file. When possible, we will post updates on our webpage:

[www.stmbr.org](http://www.stmbr.org).

**Calendar Items: (Please refer to the Athletic Calendar on the webpage for future practices and game schedules.)**

Saturday, August 26

9:00 – 10:00 3/4 Football Practice

6:30 – 9:30 Dad and Daughter Dance: Proceeds from the dance will be used to purchase iPads for the school.  
Special thanks for making this possible!

Sunday, August 27

4:30 – 6:00 3/4 Girls Basketball Practice

6:00 – 8:00 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball Practice

Monday, August 28

2:50 – 3:45 5/6 Cheer Practice

3:00 – 4:00 3/4 Cheer Practice

3:00 – 4:30 5<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Practice

5:00 – 6:30 7<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Practice

5:30 – 6:30 3/4 Football Practice

6:30 – 8:00 8<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Practice

Tuesday, August 29

3:00 – 4:00 7/8 Cheer Practice

5:00 – 6:30 7<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Practice

Wednesday, August 30

3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip to the LSU O'Reilly Theater

2:50 – 3:45 5/6 Cheer Practice

3:00 – 4:30 5<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Practice

5:30 – 6:30 3/4 Football Practice

6:30 – 8:00 3/4 Girls Basketball Practice

Thursday, August 31

Guest speaker in 6<sup>th</sup> grade religion classes: Deacon Joe Scimeca

8:45            K – 4 Mass  
2:40 – 4:15    MathCounts  
3:00 – 4:00    7/8 Cheer Practice  
3:00 – 4:00    3/4 Cheer Practice  
5:00 – 6:30    7<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Practice  
6:30 – 8:00    8<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Practice

Friday, September 1

First Friday Spirit Day and Candy Sale: STM spirit shirts, jeans and tennis shoes for teachers.

Deadline to return School Picture Orders

3:00 – 4:30 5<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Practice

Saturday, September 2

9:00 – 10:00 3/4 Football Practice  
10:30 – noon 3/4 Girls Basketball Practice  
2:00 - 4:00 8<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Practice

Sunday, September 3

3:00 – 4:30 7<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Practice  
4:30 – 6:00 3/4 Girls Basketball Practice  
6:00 – 8:00 8<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Practice

Monday, September 4

Labor Day Holiday: no school

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*Judy*

Judy H. Armstrong, Ph.D.

Principal