



# St. Thomas More Catholic School

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Week Ahead: March 15, 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

This week we celebrate and learn more about St. Patrick and St. Joseph on their special feast days. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate St. Patrick, a bishop who traveled far and worked to “Spread the Good News” of Catholicism in Ireland. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate a different kind of man: Joseph, a father and husband who cared for Mary and helped raise Jesus, the Son of God to manhood.

To continue to do our best to ensure the safety of our children, we conduct monthly fire drills. At least each semester we practice other safety drills. This week we practiced a tornado drill. It is now time for us to have a lockdown drill. Due to recent events in our country, I want to let you know that we will practice this next Friday morning. The faculty and students will know in advance that it is a drill and will review procedures prior to the drill. We pray for all schools and students that have been the target of violence.

Congratulations to our Honor Roll students for the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks. This list is attached.

### **Classroom Activities:**

First Grade Science students are studying rocks. Students brought rocks from home to compare their rock to others. Students will be using magnifying glasses to look closely at the different rock properties as well as interviewing their rocks!

Mrs. Chustz’s second grade language arts class just completed an animal research project. The students researched animal facts at the library and wrote a report about their animal. They also recorded a short description about their animal using ChatterPix. It included a picture of their animal “talking” about themselves in the animal’s point of view. Parents were able to view their child’s video using a QR code and scanner.

Fifth celebrated Pi Day with hands-on classroom and lab math/science explorations.

### **8th GRADE PI DAY - “3.14” CELEBRATED**

Eighth grade students celebrated “Pi” Day, March 14, with hands-on activities and games that tied pi into every subject they studied. Pi Day, celebrated by math enthusiasts everywhere, embraces the mathematical symbol designating the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, equivalent to 3.14159265.

Activities included creating a beaded necklace with each bead representing a different number in the pi sequence, participating in math relays and hula hoop contests, making words that begin with “Pi”, playing “Who Wants to be a Millionaire”, and putting puzzles together of Einstein (whose birthday is March 14, 1879), and eating circular types of foods. While the activities were fun, they kept the students focused on grasping the idea of a number whose digits just keep going.

Many thanks to the Home & School Association who organized the parent volunteers who helped make this day possible.

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

Monday, March 19	K Field trip to Luizza Farms 2:00 Principal's List Party
Tuesday, March 20	Open House Tour Day 6:30 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Mother Daughter Fiesta in the Activity Center
Wednesday, March 21	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade Human Body Resource Day
Thursday, March 22	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip to New Orleans 8:45 All School Mass
Friday, March 23	1:00 and 5:30 Talent Show 5:30 STM Fish Fry
April 23 – 27	ACT Aspire testing for grades 3 - 8

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Judy

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Principal