



# St. Thomas More Catholic School

A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE



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Week Ahead: November 3, 2017

Dear Parents and Students,

Come shop and enjoy our 2017 Scholastic Book Fair. We will be open Sunday – Friday. The hours and student shopping schedule is on our school website and Facebook. Book Fair Round Up is on Tuesday from 4-7 with food trucks, sweets from our BETA club, and photo booth. Our guest book author and illustrator will have story time in the library at 4:30 for their book “Chicory & Roux: The Creole Mouse & The Cajun Mouse”. We hope to see you there!

We're excited to announce that we are participating in #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday, our nation's Catholic day of giving! This year it will be November 28 from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Your generous support makes a meaningful difference to STM's education. On November 28, 2017 (#iGiveCatholic Giving Day), your gift will help us receive extra funds to continue the “Legacy of Excellence”, which STM is known. Remember to give Catholic on #GivingTuesday, November 28.

For the safety of our children, we ask that you not drop children off on Goodwood Boulevard for the Grades 3 – 8 morning carpool. Additionally, during afternoon dismissal, please to not park your car a few blocks from campus and ask your child to walk to the car rather than going through carpool lines. On most days, carpool is finished by 3:00 pm.

### **Classroom Activities:**

In honor of All Saints day, third grade students studied a variety of saints and made presentations which included dressing like their chosen saint to the class.

Mrs. Zaeff's ELA class got into the Halloween spirit by reading the story “Too Many Pumpkins” and completing centers to go along with the story. They are now about to get ready for Thanksgiving by starting our “Save the Turkey” writing. The students will convince their classmates to choose another Thanksgiving dinner meal instead of the turkey.

Sixth grade Mathcounts Activity classes played another game, this one not as fair as Rock, Paper, Scissors. They are learning to prove, using probability, why some games are not fair.

Sixth grade science has a busy week. Wednesday we are doing a Hurricane Lab, Thursday the students are playing the breakout game using weather, and Friday the students are playing an interactive meteorology game on chromebooks!

Eighth grade pre-algebra students finished their math projects, which are on display in the junior high building. The students created unique designs from cathedrals to Christmas trees by solving equations, solving inequalities, and graphing on the coordinate plane. Everyone did a great job!

## Co-curricular Activities

Yearbook orders are still being accepted for the 2017 - 2018 publication. The cost is \$40.00, and checks may be payable to St. Thomas More. Forms are available on the school webpage for yearbooks and reserving space in the Messages and Memories/Ad section. Ordering and reserving ad space is also accessible online by using the link provided on the school homepage.

A few 2016 - 2017 yearbooks are still available for purchase. The cost is \$45.00. Requests may be submitted through the school office.

On Thursday morning the CIA held its second meeting to prepare the angels for the STM angel tree service project. While making the angels, punching the holes in them and lacing them with holiday yarn. The students enjoyed listening to Christmas music and snacking on some breakfast goodies.

CIA members from 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade planted the winter flower garden. Some of these 8<sup>th</sup> graders worked on the garden since they were in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The students hope that you enjoy the yellow snap dragons and violas grow throughout the season.

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

Sunday, November 5	Book Fair open 9 – noon
Monday, November 6	Book Fair through Friday, November 10 2:45 – 4:30 6 <sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball tryouts
Tuesday, November 7	2:45 – 4:30 6 <sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball tryouts
Wednesday, November 8	6 <sup>th</sup> grade scoliosis screening, Activity Center 4:30 – 6:00 7 <sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball tryouts 6:00 – 7:30 8 <sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball tryouts
Thursday, November 9	5 <sup>th</sup> grade retreat 8:45 All School Mass 2:40 – 4:15 MathCounts
Friday, November 10	Red, White and Blue Accessory Day in honor of Veterans
Monday, November 13	5:15 – 6:30 7 <sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball tryouts 6:30 – 8:00 8 <sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball tryouts

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Judy

*Judy H. Armstrong, Ph.D.*  
*Principal*

*St. Thomas More Catholic School is committed to continuing a legacy of excellence in religious and academic education in a nurturing environment that fosters self-discipline.*