



# St. Thomas More Catholic School

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Week Ahead: October 13, 2017

Dear Parents and Students,

Mission Day is October 26! We ask all parents new to STM to review the attached flyer of “What is Mission Day” to see why we are so excited about this special day at STM. Please volunteer to help all of us. Our Home and School Association does a fabulous job in coordinating all of these wonderful activities, booths, cake walks, pizza, and relays.

Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter honor roll students! Please find the honor roll list attached.

Our STM math eagles were soaring at the CHS math tournament! In a night filled with fun, food and fellowship, 15 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a rigorous math competition. The first awards given were for the relay races. Sommer Nguyen, Rebecca Bordelon, Isabel Ngo, and Mallory Caro placed 4<sup>th</sup>. Derek Vuong placed 1<sup>st</sup>.

As a school we excel at working as a team. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade regular team, comprised of Samantha Vicknair, Havyn Henley, and Emma Neyland, earned honorable mention. In the 8<sup>th</sup> grade division, Derek Vuong, Micah LeGrange, Anthony Vu, and Sommer Nguyen placed 1<sup>st</sup>, and Rebecca Bordelon, Louis Holder, Isabel Ngo, and Mallory Caro earned honorable mention for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra I team test.

The individual tests were awarded last. For the 7<sup>th</sup> honors (pre-algebra) division Beverly Smith earned honorable mention. In the 8<sup>th</sup> general (pre-algebra) division, Micah LeGrange and Sommer Nguyen earned honorable mention, and Derek Vuong placed 4<sup>th</sup>. In the Algebra I division, Rebecca Bordelon, Isabel Ngo, and Mallory Caro earned honorable mention.

A big thanks to all the parents who helped drive the students to the competition and picked the students up after all the practices!

Dads, be on the lookout for the “Gentleman’s Night Out” invitations that went home this week. The event is on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, during the SEC championship game. It is held at the City Club downtown and includes premium food, drinks and cigars. If you have any questions, please email Tootie at [tootiel@stmbr.org](mailto:tootiel@stmbr.org).

St. Thomas More Preschool cordially invites everyone to join us for our annual Jambalaya Dinner Fundraiser in conjunction with our Parish Picnic on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. You may purchase dinner tickets through the school office or the preschool office. For further information, call 272-3477. We hope to see you there!

## **Classroom Activities:**

Third grade is studying the three branches of government. Students are using the chromebooks to create their own google slideshow and/or exploring a webquest to learn more about our government. Also, during the month of the rosary, they are studying the different parts of a rosary, how to use the rosary, and the meaning of each of the Mysteries.

Fourth grade will be starting their first novel in reading of the year: Charlotte's Web! In science, students are learning about different types of mixtures and solutions and the types of matter through different station activities. We are also looking forward to seeing Dr. Kaboom at the Manship Theatre on November 13th!

Mr. Quantrille's 6<sup>th</sup> grade math classes celebrated with the #BIGDOGSOFMATH. All students that made A's or B's on their math quarter test, painted their hands and put their big dog "paw" prints on the board. Congratulations, Big Dogs!

6<sup>th</sup> graders are predicting the weather for Friday and creating a weather map based on weather maps from Monday through Thursday.

In Mrs. Gonzalez's Church History class, the 8th grade students acted as reporters living in the early Church. They took notes and explained to Mrs. G. (*a difficult student who asked too many questions*) how Jesus, the Apostles, the Holy Spirit, and the disciples impacted the Origin of the visible Church. They were so excited when Mrs. G. finally got it!

Students in Mrs. Linder's music are doing (appropriate to the grade-level) rhythm pass games using Boomwhackers. The students sit in a circle and pass the Boomwhackers to the person next to them to the beat of the music, or using different patterns as necessary. We are using many familiar songs, as well as Halloween songs. This activity promotes rhythmic awareness, teamwork, cooperation, motor skills, and fun!

## **Co-curricular Activities**

YEARBOOK: The 2016 – 2017 Yearbooks have been distributed. Extra copies are available for purchase for \$45.00 (check or cash). Requests may be turned into the School Office, and checks may be payable to St. Thomas More. Please include the student's name and homeroom.

2017 Graduates who ordered Yearbooks may come by the School Office to pick them up. They will also be available for pick up the afternoon of the Graduates' Yearbook Signing Party on Monday, October 30. Late purchases should be made as soon as possible, prior to the party date.

**REMINDER:** Alternate dress forms went home last week. Be sure to turn in your child's form and \$20 so he/she can participate Nov. 13-17 for a week of alternate dress. The funds collected will be used to purchase classroom sets of Ipads.

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

Tuesday, October 17	Picture retake forms are due
Wednesday, October 18	6 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the LASM
Thursday, October 19	1 <sup>st</sup> grade field trip to Magnolia Mound
Friday, October 20	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade pumpkin decorating in their classrooms
Saturday, October 21	9:00 MathCounts in the Youth House and Cafeteria

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Judy

Judy H. Armstrong, Ph.D.  
Principal