



St. Thomas More Catholic School

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Week Ahead: September 29, 2017

Dear Parents and Students,

October is Respect Life Month and the Month of the Rosary. Pope Pius X said that “the Rosary is the most beautiful and most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.” On Wednesday, October 4, our second grade students will be presenting the “Living Rosary” at 10am in the Church. In celebration of this special event, the students will celebrate their grade-level retreat after the Living Rosary. Our retreat day will be in the Activity Center where students will participate in a variety of activities centered on the Blessed Mother.

Fr. Michael and Fr. Pat will be away from the parish next week, Oct. 2 - 6, attending the Diocese of Baton Rouge clergy fall retreat. Please keep them in your prayers.

We will continue supporting the needs of missions and organizations through our School and Mission Day activities on **October 26**. The celebration of Mission Day has been a part of our school’s life for a very long time. In fact, Mission Day began in 1962 when the Sisters of St. Joseph wanted to support their missions, and other missions throughout the world. Today the tradition continues. It has expanded to help not only those needy individuals in far away places but also those in need right here at home. You will be receiving additional information about Mission Day.

Thank you to the families who could participate in the Dad & Daughter Dance this year. The event raised **\$9000.00** and the school will purchase iPads for student use with these funds. Also, many thanks to the committee for their hard work in organizing a night full of wonderful memories: Leigh Holder, Gia Mashon, Ashley McDaniel, Adrienne Mire, and Keri Truitt.

5th -8th grade conference forms have been sent home and are due back on Tuesday, October 2nd. Conference Day is Monday, October 9th.

Attached please find the Home and School Association newsletter for October. We appreciate all that you do to support our STM students and faculty.

Classroom Activities:

Fourth grade received their chromebooks in the classroom this week! The students are eager and excited to start using them for class activities. These students are also planning a field trip to Manship Theatre to learn more about how we use science in everyday life... more details to come soon! (Mrs. Eastman)

Fifth grade religion classes are studying the parts of the Mass. They studied the Introductory Rite and Liturgy of the Eucharist with enthusiasm. This week the students studied the Liturgy of the Eucharist with emphasis on a really big word, Transubstantiation. (Mrs. Gonzales)

Sixth grade science classes are using their chromebooks for a weather webquest and are using iPads for Plickers. Please ask them about this. (Mrs. Higgins)

Seventh grade science classes are working with compound microscopes in the lab and special field microscopes outdoors to explore around the habitat/pond. Soon they will start slide prep projects in their study of life science this year. (Ms. Cannon)

Eighth grade religion classes are studying the meaning of *true happiness* and how it pertains to *holiness*. They are reflecting on the many gifts given to us by God and how, *by being children of God*, every single life is sacred from the moment of conception. (Mrs. Gonzales)

Eighth grade science classes are working in the Junior High Science Lab with balances, graduated cylinders, beakers, and different types of flasks to measure the properties of mass and volume of substances. In addition, they are working with their lab groups to investigate controls and variables of experiments. (Ms. Cannon)

Co-curricular Activities

Beta Club went to Sweet Dreams Shelter on Tuesday for their monthly visit to serve dinner.

Yearbook Editors are taking photographs of school events for the 2017 - 2018 yearbook. Orders for the 2017 - 2018 yearbook will begin around mid-October. More information will be provided at that time.

The 2016 - 2017 yearbooks are expected to ship next week. Students are sure to look forward to looking back at the colorful pictures from last year's activities.

STM Girls' Winter Soccer League: STM will have two girls' winter soccer teams. The 5th/6th grade girls' team will be coached by Jonathan Ieyoub & Keith Primeaux. The 7th/8th grade girls' team will be coached by Henri Saunders & Joey Duggan. The season runs November 12-January 14. Games are played at BREC's Burbank Soccer Complex mostly on Saturdays and Sundays with the possibility of a few weeknight games. Practices will be held after school once or twice a week. To sign up, contact Aimee Deshotel for 5th/6th grade at aimdphn@cox.net and Karen Saunders for 7th/8th grade at khs97@cox.net. The deadline to sign up is October 15.

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

Sunday, October 1 Respect Life Sunday

Tuesday, October 3 6th grade quarter tests (Math and Social Studies)
5:30 pm Beta Induction, STM Church

Wednesday, October 4 2nd grade retreat
6th grade quarter tests (Science and Religion)
10:00 am Living Rosary, STM Church

Thursday, October 5 6th grade quarter tests (English)
Last day of the 1st nine weeks
Last day to test Accelerated Reader
K field trip to the Baton Rouge Zoo

2:40 – 4:15 MathCounts
3:00 Spotlight and Spotlight Junior rehearsal

Friday, October 6 There will be no classes for students since all of our faculty members will be participating in Diocesan professional development.

Saturday, October 7 “Evening in Fatima” at St. Thomas More Church
4 pm Rosary led by Knights of Columbus
4:30 pm Vigil Mass
5:30 pm Presentation STM Activity Center “The 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima’s Message”
Dinner will be provided by Dana and Sheri Vutera. *Seating is limited. Please call 225.281-9278 to reserve your seat for dinner.

Our teachers, counselors, administrators, and staff stand ready to exceed your expectations and to support your child. We encourage you to embrace our open-door policy and to use it to improve communication between the school and the parents. If any of us can be of assistance, please contact us. May we embrace the Spirit of God in one another as we become the Body of Christ, a community of believers and learners who nurture and celebrate the gifts of all. Remember that we pray for you, your families, and friends each Monday during Morning Assembly.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Judy

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