



The Knight Times

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back!

We chant "Happy 40th Birthday" (1964-2004) to our St. Thomas More School and invite you to join us for special events throughout the year. Celebration activities begin the weekend of October 1-3. Here is a schedule of those events:

Friday, October 1, 7 to 9 p.m. - Opening reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres at school (no charge)

Saturday, October 2, 5:15 p.m. - Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Gossman followed by a Dinner-Dance in the gym at 6:30 p.m. (\$25 per person)

Sunday, October 3, 12 noon to 3 p.m. - Picnic at school (no charge)

Visit our school website for all the details: www.st-thomasmore.org/School

Our theme this year is, "We Are Called to be Saints," and to that end we will be studying about a special Saint each month. In September we are studying about St. Thomas More.

The saying, "We are not getting older... just better," certainly pertains to the saints that made things happen during the summer. Here is a partial list of improvements accomplished over the summer:

- * Renovation of the stage in the Lower School gym- After removing forty years of materials from the stage, the last asbestos tile in the LS was professionally removed and air quality checked. Then renovations began. Now you can see a completely rebuilt front on the stage, painted walls, and new tile.
- * LS facade painting- You'll like the bright look of the power-washed and painted concrete areas of the LS. All exterior doors were given a fresh coat of STM green!
- * Upper School painting- All classrooms, offices, bathrooms (first floor), hallways and staircases were painted.
- * White boards- New white boards were installed in several classrooms of the LS and US.
- * Library computer center- Eight new desks were assembled and set up in the library to hold new computers.
- * Spanish Classroom- This room in the US was enlarged by eliminating the closet.
- * Art Trailer- New canopies were built over the two front doors and the exterior received a fresh coat of paint.

As you approach the school or walk through it, take pleasure in these improvements which enhance the atmosphere of the school. Thank you to Les and Jairo and to those individuals and companies who worked with them. Thank you to the HSA for the contribution of computers for the library and many of the classrooms.

Sincerely in St. Joseph,
Sister Catherine, SSJ



A note from HSA Communications Committee

As the new school year starts, please remember to take a moment to update your STM HSA email list subscriptions via the STM groups mailing list web site here: <http://www.stm-groups.org>. After logging on with your email address and password, click "Manage Subscriptions," enter your name, and then check/uncheck your desired email lists. Remember to update both your children's grade lists and any volunteer committee lists. Everyone should also be subscribed to the HSA General Announcements list which includes all STM HSA users. When finished, click the "Submit" box and you are done.

If you are a new user, click on the Register link and follow the registration steps.

Once subscribed, you can then send email to all list members using simply the list email address. For example, to reach all the members of the playground committee, just send an email to playground@stm-groups.org. In case anyone loses that valuable email message that reminded them when playground cleanup day was, etc., the email lists are archived and can be viewed at any time from the website.

Please adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy, outlined here, when sending email to any email list:

<http://www.stm-groups.org/mail/spam.html>

Thanks for your help and have a great school year!

Patrick Pudlo

Gift Wrap Fundraiser

WE KEEP 50% OF ALL MONEY RAISED

This fundraiser is an easy way to raise money for our Home and School Association (HSA) that rewards the seller with incentive gifts and the buyer with quality products. Each year we are able to offer great quality products while raising money for our school. Last year we raised \$10,500.



Packets for this year's products, Innisbrook Wraps, were distributed with the Open House materials, one per family. Additional packets are available in the school office, if needed. **Please note: All orders must be returned to your child's classroom by September**

9. Purchases may also be make online at www.innisbrook.com with our school code 101003. The class with the highest number of participating students will be rewarded with an Ice Cream Party! Karen Angelis (968-3297) may be contacted with any questions.

VIC Cards

It is time to re-link your Harris Teeter VIC card to our school code #1821. Our total earnings for this past year were \$4,252.77 (#1 in our area)! Thanks for your support. Harris Teeter rebates 2% (4% during August) for the purchase price of store brand items to our school. This is truly a "painless and free" way to support our school. To link your card simply tell the cashier at the beginning of check out or log on to www.harristeeter.com and do it yourself. Cards linked between August 1 and October 31, 2004 are automatically entered into a drawing for a Saturn ION-2. Pass the word and recruit friends, neighbors, co-workers and fellow shoppers to link to STM. The more links we get early in the program, the more we earn.

The Harris Teeter Milk Challenge will continue this year. Harris Teeter will give us \$0.05 per cap. Simply save the plastic milk caps marked with an "H" or "HT" from the Harris Teeter and Hunter Farms brand milk in half gallon and gallon sizes of all varieties of milk including chocolate. Please rinse and dry the caps and send them in to school.

If you are a Food Lion shopper, then don't forget to re-link your MVP card to the "Lion Shop and Share" program. You can do this via the web at www.foodlion.com or call 1-800-210-9569 and press 3 at the menu choice. Thanks for your support.

Eucharistic Ministers for School Masses

We are looking for parents/grandparents (who have received all three sacraments of initiation) to serve as Eucharistic Ministers for the school Masses on Friday mornings. You do not need to be available every Friday to serve in this important ministry. A preference sheet is sent out each semester so that you can indicate on which Fridays you can serve. If you are interested but have not received training through the church or the school, there will be a training session on Thursday, September 9, at 3 o'clock in the church. Please call the upper school (929-2241) or email Kathleen Weeks (kweeks@st-thomasmore.org) if you are interested and to indicate whether or not you need training. If you have already received training, you do not need to attend. Thank you in advance for helping us in this important ministry.



Link your VIC Card to #1821. And spread the word to family and friends.

Art News

I have had only five days of Art and the excitement is already building up. I am looking forward to another creative year. —After School Art classes will be starting on Tuesday, September 7, for 4th-8th graders and Wednesday, September. 8, for 1st-3rd graders. The class starts right after school and ends at 5:00. Please call me at 969-8356, send an email to barbara@maplemeadows.com, or remind your child to pick up a flyer in the art room for more information.

—I will be having Saturday Art Workshops each month for those who may not be able to do the after school classes. Dates for these are September 11, October 23, November 20, and December 11. The workshops will be held at Maple Meadows unless there is bad weather. The classes run from 9:30-3:30.

——I am looking for STM art helpers in these areas:

1. Prep work in classroom once a week for two to four hours on either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday mornings. Please see me or call 969-8356
2. Original Works Magnet project helpers
3. Helpers to hang student art work when needed.
4. Computer knowledgeable parent to help with the STM art webpage and to help take digital pictures of student art work for the Artsonia and STM webpages.
5. Parents who love to plant and work in the garden are needed to help with the art garden.
6. A parent to take my recycling when needed.
7. A parent to wash the art towels when needed.

I am so thankful for all your help. I could not do it by myself.

Barbara Ives



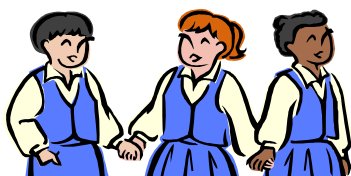
Sing and Celebrate!



For those of you whose student is not already in St. Thomas More Children’s Choir, may we extend to you our invitation to join us in song, festivity, learning, teamwork and the joy of singing.

Directed by Roger Petrich, the STM Pueri Cantores is our choir for children in 3rd through 6th grades. This choir experience provides children with an excellent opportunity to receive expert music and choir training, actively participate in enhancing the prayer experience of our STM parish and enjoy the fun of performing in a variety of venues including our special feast days and celebrations, the Pueri Cantores Festival and Mass in Savannah, Georgia, in early November of 2004.

Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, September 7, at 3:15 p.m. in the church. Snacks are provided! If interested, please contact Judy Foster at 929-2241 for more information. Please join us!



Auction News

There’s a new look to the annual auction...well almost. This year the auction is getting a new name! It’s called POSH (Preserving Our Scholastic Heritage). We are running a contest for all students to submit a LOGO design for POSH. We also need a logo design for this year’s theme, “Under the Tuscan Sun.” Think Italy in the spring...be creative... have fun! Submit as many entries as you’d like. We need all entries in by **Friday, September 24**. There will be boxes in the lower and upper school offices in which to place your designs. Winners will each receive four movie tickets to Southpoint Cinemas and will be notified by Monday, September 27. Please include your name, homeroom, and telephone number.. All ages are welcome to enter. Parents? Want to be on the POSH team this year? We are seeking fun, creative, energetic people to join our committee. We have a job for anyone and everyone. Please join us for a general auction meeting on **Wednesday, September 8, at 1:15** in the Youth House. We will be finished by 2:30, in plenty of time to get that first spot in the car pool line! This is a fun committee and a great way to get to know many of the parents. If you have any questions, please contact Margy Schmidt (933-1915), Tammy Purner (967-4793), or Cindy Mantyh (401-5615).



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A Reminder from STM Development Director...

Double your Dollars...when you give to St. Thomas More School with the help of your employer:

Do you work for a company that will match your charitable gift? It's easy to find out .Check the STM school or parish websites for the 2004 List of Companies with Matching Gift Programs. Another option is to call your company's Human Resources representative or the STM Development Office (942-1040 ext. 260) to have questions answered.Here is the procedure:

Obtain a Matching Gift Form from your employer, fill it out completely, and send it to the school according to your employer's guidelines. These funds, when combined with your initial contribution, allow St. Thomas More School to expand and improve educational programs. We thank you for taking advantage of a corporate benefit that provides educational benefits to STM children.

Your United Way Contribution can be directed to St. Thomas More School!

If you contribute to United Way, please consider directing your donation to STM School. There is no agency code, but you may write in the school name and address on your pledge card/form:St. Thomas More School, 920 Carmichael Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. The school tax ID # is 56-1081879.

This contirbution can also be matched if you work for a company that has a matching gifts program.
Many thanks.