



St. Thomas More Catholic School

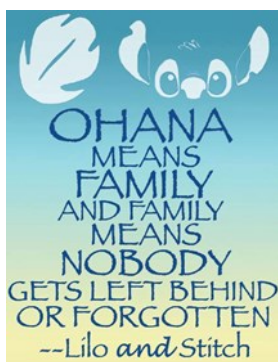
Weekly Newsletter

Holy, all powerful God, we thank you for the gift of healing. We thank you for doctors, nurses, and all who care for those who are ill. Bless them with your healing grace. Amen

*** CAMP RAMONA WILL BE CLOSED THIS SUMMER ***

*** COME TO STM CAMP OHANA ***

All students are welcome to attend **Camp Ohana**, a summer program for students who will be entering Kindergarten through Grade 6. We will have five one-week sessions that offer fun, arts & crafts, games, and activities designed to fit the interests of the campers. Tutoring will be available. Camp will run June 17th through July 19th, from 8:00 AM—3:00 PM, for \$40/day. Please find a survey in the family envelope and let us know if you are interested in this summer program, so we can prepare the themes and activities that will be interesting for our “campers.” Each week there will be a different theme, and the weekly activities will correspond to that theme. Students will be able to bring skateboards, scooters, roller skates and dirt bikes, along with protective gear, to navigate our course. There will be water activities on the field, and possibly a trip to the Granada Park Pool. We will team up with the Child Care Center for a couple of field trips. Puzzle solvers can play chess and checkers, while there are plenty of LEGOS to build. There’s always basketball, kickball, ping pong, and air hockey. Kids have fun being active while learning more about God. The cost will be \$40/day per child. We will be closed on the 4th of July, and the Friday that follows. We recommend Jr. High students attend a summer program at the High School they plan to attend, but they are welcome to join us.



Did You Know? Tips for talking about “controlling access”

Part of the “Protecting God’s Children” training program is designed to control who has access to children and ensure that those who do undergo rigorous screening measures. It’s important for all adults to understand what this means and how this process works. Adults who are being screened have not been identified as potential predators. Rather, all employees and volunteers are screened carefully because such screenings constitute an important preventive protective step in establishing a safe environment in the parish. Screening gives confidence to parents, children, and those working with them that all are committed to the protection of children and youth in our Church. For more information in the VIRTUS® article “When Talking about Controlling Access,” [click here](#).

CALENDAR

2/25 TEACHER IN-SERVICE—NO SCHOOL

3/2 HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS

3/3 ACADEMIC DECATHLON

3/6  **Ash Wednesday Services**
March 6

6:30 AM MASS & ASHES

8:30 AM STUDENT MASS & ASHES

12 NOON DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

2:30 PM DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

7:00 PM MASS & ASHES

3/10 COFFEE & DONUT SUNDAY—5th Gr.

3/11 HONORS ASSEMBLY—1 PM

3/12 DEANERY SPELLING BEE GRADES 3-5

3/20 VIRTUS® TRAINING 6-9 PM

3/21 JOG-A-THON/MARCH MADNESS

3/22 RE CONGRESS/RETREAT
NO SCHOOL

INCOME ELIGIBILITY SURVEY

You will find a survey regarding your income in the family envelope. The information will be seen by only Mrs. Jones, in order to fulfill the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to determine if STM is eligible for supplemental educational services, erate participation (reduction of utility bills), help to upgrade our network infrastructure, and to generate Title funds for the 2019-20 school year. We are required to take this survey, and in order to be 100% in compliance we are to call any family who does not turn it in . . . Please, just do it for me so I don't have to call. As an incentive, kids will get free dress on March 1, if it is turned in by this Friday. Thank you.

RE-REGISTRATION, SUMMER READING & LOLLIPOPS

Registration fees increase to \$250 after Friday, February 28.

Friendship Grams are for sale at recess and afterschool. This is a Student council Scholarship fundraiser.

The **Book Fair** is scheduled for the week of April 8. We are asking to have copies of the summer reading books available.



JOG-A-THON AND MARCH MADNESS
March 21, 2019
12:30 PM—3:00 PM

Get your sponsors lined up for the Jog-a-thon. Parent volunteers please sign up, so we know who will be there to help keep track of laps, provide water and tangerines, and who will supervise those students who do not run. After the jog-a-thon, the traditional March Madness event will take place—a basketball game between the 7th and 8th grade classes.



Join us in praying for the speedy recovery of **Father O'Neill.**

BUY YOUR Yearbook

ORDERS DUE ON OR BEFORE 3/22/19

If you need to have your fingerprints registered with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, please refer to the following link for a complete schedule:

[LA Archdiocese Fingerprinting Schedule](#)