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# St. Thomas More Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter



We remember the saints and martyrs who were servants of the Lord during their earthly lives and ask that they pray for us to one day join them in heaven.

**ALL SAINTS' DAY:** Thursday, November 1, we will celebrate this holy day of obligation with student body Mass at 8:30 AM. This is a formal uniform day, except for those who come dressed as a saint.



**ALL SOULS' DAY:** Friday, November 2, the fourth grade students will present their **Dia de los Muertos** celebration to remember and honor their deceased loved ones. The tradition of **sugar skulls** is for families to decorate their loved ones' altars.

**SPORTS NEWS:** It's not over for every team, but we are already expected to register for Winter Sports with CYO. - **Girls and Boys Basketball - Only register for Varsity sports if you know your school will field a team. If unsure, do not register until you are confident a Varsity team is available.** Deadline to register **Varsity Basketball** teams is **November 14, 2018**. Varsity means students in grades 7 and 8. That only gives us a short amount of time to sign up players, and we cannot begin that process until we have **coaches**. Please let us know ASAP if you are willing to take on that duty, and if you do not already have a coach's card you will need to start that process in addition to VIRTUS training and fingerprinting if you have not done so already.



**HAVANA NIGHTS GALA: This Saturday night** celebrate with our STM families and friends at the beautiful Cal State LA, Golden Eagle ballroom, Saturday, November 3. The doors open at 6 for cocktails and to give you time to bid on the baskets and raffle items our room parents have worked so hard to prepare. Dinner will be served at 7 pm. There will be a photo booth, music and dancing, and winners of the raffle and auction items will be announced.



**Did You Know?** The office of Safeguard the Children for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is proud to present our own "**Empowering God's Children & Young People**" Program. This program will replace the VIRTUS Teaching Touching Safety Program that has been used in the past. Our new program allows for continual updating on information and resources.

**CALENDAR**

- 11/1 8:30 ALL SAINTS' DAY MASS
- 11/2 DIA DE LOS MUERTOS—4TH GRADE
- 11/3 6 - 11 PM HAVANA NIGHTS GALA
- 11/5 - 15 STAR TESTING WINDOW 2— PLEASE DO NOT MAKE APPOINTMENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS
- 11/9 TEACHER INSERVICE - NO SCHOOL
- 11/12 VETERAN'S DAY - NO SCHOOL
- 11/13 6:30 - 8 PM A CONVERSATION WITH FR THAI
- 11/14 8:30 AM STUDENT BODY MASS TO CELEBRATE VETERANS AND THANKSGIVING
- 11/16 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES NO SCHOOL
- 11/19 - 11/23 THANKSGIVING BREAK
- 11/26 1 PM HONORS ASSEMBLY

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, November 16, 2018. Watch for a notice that will be sent home next week, giving you the option of time choices. Please mark the time blocks that would be your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd time choices. We will do our best to accommodate your request on a first received basis and with families of more than one child given back-to-back appointments.

**DO YOU KNOW ANY FAMILIES WITH SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN?** Please invite them to consider St. Thomas More Catholic School. We are excited to be very close to welcoming 22 more children into the Child Care Center. Remember we do offer incentives for referrals.

Some of the boys from Cub Scouts Pack 206 represented STM at the 5th Annual Alhambra Pumpkin Run.



The boys ran a 1K and our very own Frankie Shaw (4th Grade) placed 3rd overall in the 8-9 yr. group.

**Even mature persons** experience conflict from within themselves at some point in life. Such matters can influence the whole family and children's behaviors. Fr. Thai will highlight some examples and key terms—and some principles—that can improve your "self" and the quality of life and relationship you cherish.

**All 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents are invited to a Conversation with Fr. Thai, Tuesday, November 13, 6:30 pm in the Church. Followed by light refreshments in the Hall.**

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**STM Catholic Church**  
**Christmas Boutique**  
 Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 - 8:30 – 3:00  
 Arts and Crafts artists welcome.  
 To reserve a table space and for more information contact Lucia Alcantar  
 626-284-8333 x141

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](#)

# Thanksgiving



This year's annual canned food drive will start on  
**Thursday, November 1, 2018 - Thursday, November 15, 2018**

Each student is asked to bring two or more cans of food.  
STM will try to collect 400 canned items.

Items needed are: canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned and dried soup, canned tuna, hot and cold cereal, sugar, dried pinto beans, tortilla corn meal, flour and especially pop-top cans.

The canned food will be given to St. Stephen's Food Pantry so they can help provide a happy Thanksgiving to needy families in our community. Students are asked to bring the cans to their classroom during this time period.

**Thank you, Student Council**

# Calling all Veterans!!!

## Wednesday, November 14th

8:30am Mass followed by a Continental  
Breakfast in Room 4.

Please come and join us as we celebrate and  
Honor the dedicated men and women  
of our Armed Forces.



Please R.S.V.P by Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

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Veteran's Name                      Branch                      War                      Years (dates)

Living \_\_\_\_\_                      Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name & Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, will attend Mass and Continental Breakfast

\_\_\_\_\_ No, will not be able to attend but would like Veteran's Name included on Mass list.