

St. Thomas More Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter



We give thanks for our many blessings as we pray for those in need. We give thanks for our family and friends as we pray for those who are lonely. We give thanks for our freedoms as we pray for those who are oppressed. We give thanks for our good health as we pray for those who are ill. We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity as we share our blessings with others. Amen

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS: Those of you who have experienced STM Parent/Teacher conferences, understand the necessity of keeping to the schedule. Each family is allotted 15 minutes and the schedule is strictly adhered to, beginning at 8 AM. Should you find you are going to be late, or unable to make your appointment, please contact the office.

The education of our students is more than focusing on reading, math and writing. It's about focusing on the whole child as soul and spirit, and communicating to young people so they are formed in their faith in a way that they can take a role in improving our world. Unfortunately, we have been given many opportunities to be Christ-like, both last year and now, by adding our prayers and our dollars to help those victims of hurricanes, floods and the devastating wildfires throughout our state. We need to keep praying for those who have lost their lives and their homes and livelihoods, and for all the men and women fighting the fires. The Archdiocese of LA has started a fund to help the victims of these fires. The families of St. Thomas More Catholic School will add the **\$735.00** collected today to assist families within our parish communities in their recovery efforts.

In partnership with parents, we prepare our students to become full and active members of the Catholic Church, to serve others, and to make a difference in the world. We provide a variety of opportunities to participate in Christian service to others. It is our hope and prayer that you as a family participate in these drives by taking your children shopping to purchase the items for the Food Bank and the Toy Drive. Thursday is the final day to donate. Thank you so much for your generosity. Between the last donation dress drive for victims of Hurricane Michael and today, we have raised more than \$1,000.00.

*On the day of Thanksgiving, may
the love of God enfold you, the
peace of God dwell within you,
and the joy of God uplift you.
Happy Thanksgiving!*

**GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD
FOR HE IS GOOD**

HIS LOVE endures FOREVER!!!

NOVEMBER

- 11/16 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
NO SCHOOL
- 11/19 - 11/23 THANKSGIVING BREAK
- 11/26 1 PM HONORS ASSEMBLY
- 12/1 SPAGHETTI WITH SANTA - KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS AT ST. THERESE
- 12/3—7 ACRE TESTING GRADES 5 & 8
- 12/5 STUDENT BODY MASS AND SCHOOL
PENANCE SERVICE
- 12/6 FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS
- 12/7 7 PM PARISH PENANCE SERVICE
- 12/8 FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
- 12/10 10:30 AM WHOLE SCHOOL ROSARY
- 12/12 8:30 AM FEAST OF OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE
- 12/17 7:00 PM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
- 12/18 8:30 MASS AND 10:30 AM DISMISSAL
NO AFTERCARE

Alumni News: Did you know a number of STM parents are alumnus of STM? Every month or so, we are visited by former students, giving us a chance to see how they are doing, (and test our memories). Some high schools actually report to us on how our most recent graduates are doing. Ramona Convent sent us a letter sharing the placement of Valerie He and Shirley Tan in 3 Honors classes, Geometry, Biology and English; Vanessa Maldonado is also in Honors Geometry. Letters from former students never fail to bring tears to my eyes. Recently we were visited by the father of one of our boys who recently graduated from Santa Clara University with dual degrees in Computer Science and Engineering and Electrical Engineering. He gave us a certificate to recognize the support and understanding he received here at STM. His first day in 4th grade he announced to Mrs. Markley that he would give it one week, and if he didn't like it he was "out of here."



Parents, grandparents, and other guests visited over coffee and treats after attending Mass honoring Veterans on Wednesday.



Veteran's visited the Child Care Center last week to talk about the men and women who have served and are now serving in our nation's armed forces. We prayed for all Veterans at Mass this AM.



REMINDER: Parent Teacher Conferences are on Friday, November 16, in the Parish Hall.

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](#)

***The 2018 STM
Christmas Toy Drive***

**Now Through Friday,
December 14, 2018**

Please bring an Unwrapped New Toy (for a girl or a boy from ages Newborn - 14 years) that you would like to donate to your classroom. All toys will be donated to those children in need.

Thank you STM and have a Blessed Christmas!
Student Council

Christmas Toy Drive.



Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give.
- Pope John XXIII

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