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St. Thomas More Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter

Father in heaven, you have given us a mind to know you, a will to serve you, and a heart to love you. Be with us today in all that we do, so that your light may shine out in our lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

THINGS ARE REALLY BUSY AROUND STM: In addition to the **Red Ribbon/Spirit Week** activities, there will be a **PEP Rally** on Friday, October 26, at 2, to recognize all of the athletes who participated in Cross Country, Flag Football, and Volleyball. There will be much cheering, music, dancing and Nachos! (for sale at \$1).



HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL: The STM Annual Halloween Festival is only a week away. Please make sure you have sent in your ticket money. Each child is provided with a treat bag and 30 tickets to use at the game booths. There will be noon dismissal so no Choice Lunch. Those with meal tickets will be served first, then open to cash sales. If your child is staying for aftercare make sure they have something to eat. The Parade will begin at 9ish.

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 **Día 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.

HAVANA NIGHTS GALA: Celebrate the return of Daylight Savings Time 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 bid on the baskets and raffle items our room parents have worked so hard on. Dinner will be served at 7 pm.



Did You Know? Parents are in a unique position to know about not only their own children, but their children's friends. If you are a trusted parent, your child's friend may come to you with secrets. What do you do if a child tells you about abuse? As an adult, it's critical that you remain calm, and don't overreact. Child victims are often frightened and confused, and your confusion and anger does not help their situation. Your concern and support, however, will affirm the child in important ways and can help begin the healing process for a child victim who has suffered at the hands of a predator. To learn more about steps to take if a child tells you about abuse, email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

CALENDAR

- 10/23 - 10/31 RED RIBBON & SPIRIT WEEK
- 10/26 2 PM PEP RALLY FOR FALL SPORTS
- 10/31 HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL
NO MASS/NOON DISMISSAL


NOVEMBER



- 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—MANY OF THESE DAYS ARE ALREADY FULL, 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 THANKS GIVING
- 11/16 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
- 11/19 - 11/23 THANKSGIVING BREAK

Hurricane Michael donation dress day collection on Monday raised **\$345.55**. Thank you to all who participated. Students were not asked to wear a particular color shirt, or blue jeans, but to dress appropriately. Even on "Free Dress" days, leggings, yoga pants and sweat pants are not appropriate (unless they are the STM sweat pants). Caps and bandanas are also not allowed unless approved for a special reason.



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DO YOU KNOW ANY FAMILIES WITH SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN?

Please invite them to consider St. Thomas More Catholic School. As you know, the primary grades have low numbers. While it is nice to have small classes, the resulting loss of income means everyone suffers with necessary cutbacks. We encourage each STM family to extend an invitation to at least one other prospective student and family. We still offer a \$150 incentive by way of reducing Fundraising for referrals that register to attend STM. Help keep tuition costs low.

**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](#)