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## St. Thomas More Parish 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

**National Grandparents Day always falls on the first Sunday after Labor Day:** On Wednesday, September 12, we will be celebrating Grand-friends' Day. Grandparents, great-grandparents, uncles, aunts, padrinos and padrinas are welcome to attend Mass with their students at 8:20 AM. If you are planning to attend or would like to make a donation of baked goods, please RSVP with the attached flyer.



Mrs. Perez and the Kindergarteners are sitting comfortable thanks to Phoenix Hem. As part of her Girl Scouts project, Phoenix raised funds to gift STM with the beautiful new bench in front of school. Thank you so much Phoenix, this is an enduring gift for the school.

**Feast of St. Teresa:** Mother Teresa was the founder of the Order of the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic congregation of women dedicated to helping the poor. Considered one of the 20th Century's greatest humanitarians, she was canonized as Saint Teresa of Calcutta in 2016. Her simple message was: "We are put on earth to do something beautiful for God."



**Did You Know?** The recent reports regarding abuse in the Church serve as a reminder of the importance of continuing our efforts to be diligent in the prevention of abuse in our Church and in society. Our prayers and support are with victim-survivors, their families and all impacted by this evil. Archbishop José H. Gomez urges prayers for abuse victims and new efforts to purify the Church: "We are aware that this is a sad and confusing time for the Church in this country. In recent days and weeks, we have heard new revelations about sin and abuse in the Church. This is a time now for prayer and repentance and a time for examining our conscience, especially for those of us who are bishops and priests. And all of us need to pray for every person who has been hurt by the Church, and we need to work to help them heal. Let us ask the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, the Mother of the Church. May she help us to have the courage we need to purify the Church and renew our love for holiness and our devotion to Jesus Christ and his Gospel."

For more information on the Archdiocese's policies and protocols concerning abuse prevention, the protection of children and young people, and Victims Assistance Ministry, [click here](#).

**CALENDAR**

**SEPTEMBER**

- 9/5 6:15-7:15 PM PTO BOARD MEETING  
7:30-8:30 PM PTO PARENT MEETING  
6-9 VIRTUS® CERTIFICATION IN PARISH HALL
- 9/10 P E & MUSIC CLASSES BEGIN
- 9/12 8:20 AM STUDENT BODY MASS IN HONOR OF GRANDFRIENDS WITH A SOCIAL IN THE HALL TO FOLLOW  
6:30-8:00 PM VIRTUS® RENEWAL
- 9/13 10:30 AM DANCE CLASS DEMO GRADES PRE-K THROUGH 5th  
HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT 6—8 PM - Hall
- 9/14 PRESCHOOL FAMILY BINGO 6-9 PM

**STM sports teams**

participate in the Catholic Youth Organization. Due to the generosity of the parents who have volunteered to coach we have been able to register two Varsity (7th & 8th) teams—Boys Flag Football and Girls Volleyball, as well as a B team in each.



There will be a meeting for all football coaches (A, B, C level) to go over and provided clarification of the flag football rules for the 2018 season. Coaches, please download a copy of the Flag Football Rules from the cyola.org website and take it to the meeting. The rules are under the CYO banner near the top left of the home page and then click on the "CYO Manual and Rules" tab. The meeting will be conducted by Derek Sanford the CYO Referee Assignor, Saturday, September 8th @ 9:00am, St. Albert the Great School (In the gym) 804 E Compton Blvd, Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220.

The Fall League meeting for our divisions will be on Wednesday, September 12th @ 5:00pm, St. Pius X/St. Matthias Academy, 7851 Gardendale Street, Downey, CA 90242 (in the school cafeteria). This is when the game schedule is finalized and any changes need to be arranged at this time.



**CHESS/BAND/DANCE/ROBOTICS**

If you would like your child to sign up for **Band**, please return the flyer sent home yesterday. **Robotics** has been postponed due to low interest. Call 310-714-7616 to enroll. **Dance** information www.plazaproductionone.com or call 818-353-7306. **Chess** starts Monday, September 10, at 2 PM. **Band** will begin to meet in two weeks. We will know for sure next week when the forms are picked up.

**High School Info Night**

23 High Schools will be here for High School Night, Sept. 13, 6 – 8 PM.

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](#)

## ATTENTION GRANDPARENTS AND HONORARY GRANDPARENTS:

On Wednesday, September 12, 2018 we will be celebrating all the wonderful things you do to make your grandchildren's lives so special.

Please save the date so you can come to Mass at 8:30 AM and enjoy a Continental Breakfast in our Parish Hall after Mass!



PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY  
SEPTEMBER 10 BY TURNING IN  
THE SLIP BELOW TO THE OFFICE.  
IF OUR FAMILIES ARE ABLE TO  
DONATE ANY OF THE BELOW  
LISTED ITEMS, SAVE YOUR  
RECEIPTS FOR SERVICE HOURS.  
THANK YOU!

### RSVP BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

STUDENT'S NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

# OF ADULTS THAT WILL BE ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

I WILL BE ABLE TO DONATE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS – PLEASE BRING THAT MORNING (9/12)

PAN DULCE \_\_\_\_\_

COOKIES \_\_\_\_\_

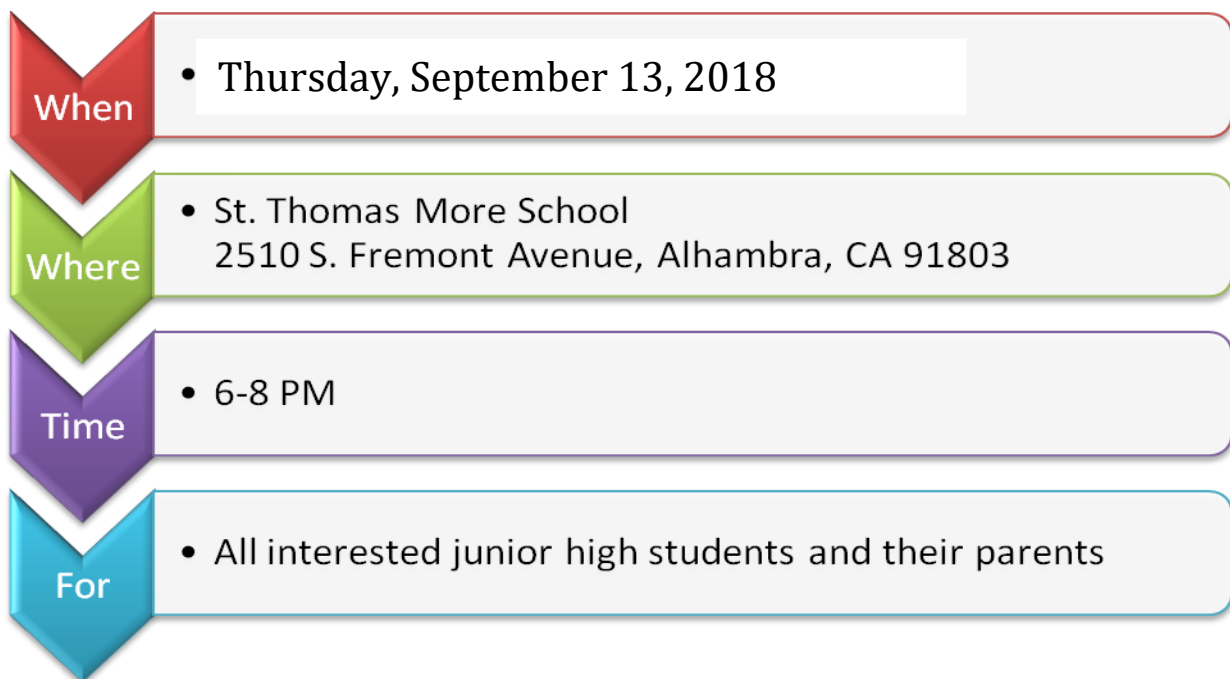
GALLON OF ORANGE JUICE

PASTERIES \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how many \_\_\_\_\_

# CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

Choosing the right Catholic high school can be an overwhelming task. On **Thursday, September 13 from 6-8PM**, STM will host a High School Information Night. Local Catholic high schools have been invited to participate in this event. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents are welcome to attend. You can even invite a friend or two to learn about the educational and co-curricular opportunities in local Catholic high schools.



## High Schools that will be participating

Bishop Amat	Bosco Tech	Loyola
San Gabriel Mission HS	Cathedral	St. John Bosco
Holy Family HS	Mayfield	Bishop Conaty
Ramona Convent	St. Francis	Cantwell-Sacred Heart
Sacred Heart (LA)	St. Paul	Flintridge-Sacred Heart
Immaculate Heart	Salesian	St. Joseph
Alverno Heights Academy	St. Lucy's	St. Pius X – St. Matthias
Damien	La Salle	

\* Presentations will be held in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall (College Fair format).