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## St. Thomas More Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter

O God of justice and love, give us the courage to challenge injustice wherever we see it. Help us be open to all your children, and not let race, religion, or anything else divide us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK—JANUARY 27—FEBRUARY 1

The theme is **Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.** CSW is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. At STM the celebration includes Masses, open house and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. It is also our hope to bring attention to our school and that others will want what only Catholic schools are able to provide.



Thank you very much to those who helped get the word out this past Sunday by speaking at each Mass and inviting everyone to Open House. Saturday at the 5:00 PM Mass the STM Youth Group, many of whom are alumni, served as greeters and **David Ramirez** (Class of 2018) spoke of his experience at STM. At the Sunday Masses were: The **Urbina Family** (Classes of 2012, 2015, 2021 & 2026) at the 7:00 am; The **Stauffer Family** (Classes of 1983, 2019 & 2021) at the 9:30; The **Shaw Family** (Classes of 2019 & 2023) shared at the 10:45; and The **Baligad Family** (Class of 2019) spoke at the 12:30 Mass.

This **Sunday, January 27**, Catholic Schools Week begins with the 9:00 AM Mass hosted by **Student Council**. Open House follows, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Breakfast will be available thanks to Girl Scout Troop 3431. We hope to see you there, and students who come dressed in formal uniform will be able to pick up a free dress ticket from their classroom teachers. Thank you in advance to those students who will be making announcements at each Mass this weekend.

See the calendar for the rest of the week's events.

**Did You Know** Children learn from an early age that adults are figures of authority — teachers, police officers, bus drivers, babysitters. We need our children to listen to the people who are in charge of them, but this message must be communicated so that children know it's okay to stick up for themselves too. Adult predators may try to use their authority to gain control over their victims. Children should know that when it comes to private parts, secrets, and things that seem dangerous or wrong, they shouldn't worry about disobeying the adult in charge, and instead talk to a trusted adult or a parent. For a copy of the VIRTUS® parent's guide, [click here](#).

## JANUARY 2019

- 1/23 3 PM & 7 PM ALTAR SERVER  
TRAINING CLASSES
- 1/27 9 AM—FAMILY MASS TO CELEBRATE  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AND OPEN  
HOUSE FROM 10 AM TIL 2 PM
- 1/28 STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY  
FREE DRESS AND NO HOMEWORK
- 1/29 COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY  
CAREER DAY
- 1/30 RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION DAY  
8:30 MASS  
JH SCIENCE FAIR PRESENTATIONS  
6-7 PM SCIENCE FAIR AWARDS
- 1/31 FAMILY APPRECIATION DAY—NO  
HOMEWORK & A TREAT TO SHARE  
GRADUATION PICTURES  
8TH GRADERS TEACH A CLASS
- 2/1 FACULTY & STAFF APPRECIATION  
LUNCH  
NOON DISMISSAL  
NO AFTERCARE
- 2/6 LAST DAY TO PURCHASE COMMUNITY  
CARDS FOR NOW

SAVE THE  
DATE—MARCH  
21  
STM  
Jog-a-Thon.



We are planning to  
provide a summer  
program here at STM.  
More information  
soon.

## 2019-2020 Registration

Please pray with us, that we can welcome many new families to St. Thomas More Catholic School, starting this weekend. You can help by inviting prospective parents to visit us any time, but especially during open house.

Remember, there are incentive programs in place, at the archdiocese website, as well as here. Father Thai is also offering a partial rebate on Registration for new families who register with the parish and attend the school.

Department of Catholic Schools Referral Portal: <https://catholiced.com/refer/>

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## Science Fair

Wednesday, January 30. Students will be visiting the presentations all day. Parents are welcome to come in the evening.

**Community Cards** will still be available through February 6. There are cards in the office if you need more, and you can order cards for other cities here as well.

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](#)