



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

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT, TONIGHT - Once again Fr. Thai has opened the Church for our parent meeting us to allow for enough seating and air conditioning. The meeting will begin promptly at 7 P.M. with a welcome and prayer by Fr. Thai. After a few announcements and introductions there will be 2 breakout sessions for parents to visit the classrooms. All Junior High parents please stay in Church for the first session. Make sure to check in when you enter the church in order to assure credit for attendance at this mandatory meeting.

EXPERTS SAY THREATS TO CHILD SAFETY HAVE GONE VIRAL IN DIGITAL AGE

Unfortunately, conflict and bullying seem to be a widespread experience in our country's schools, homes and workplaces. Both children and adults may fall victim to, or perpetuate, intimidation and teasing, sometimes with lasting consequences to themselves and/or others. But, it goes even further. Please read the following excerpt from an article found in the [Angelus News](#). (Use this link to read the entire story.)

Children have always faced the danger of exploitation and abuse in some form or another, but a panel at the Vatican-sponsored World Meeting of Families in Dublin on Wednesday warned that in a 21st century digital world those dangers have, to use the jargon, gone viral. One form they take, according to Irish laywoman Mary Aiken, an academic advisor for Europol, is the commodification of children on-line. "Today, what's growing is the danger of a commercial interest in children, who have their information collected and sold on the deep web," she said. Parents, she added, need not only to learn about child safety online, but actually engage their children to make sure they understand the risks. Aiken also said she's "reluctant" to see children under the age of 14 having smartphones, because it not only opens them to the world of online grooming and abuse, but also gives the world access to their information.

The school is committed to providing a safe and comfortable learning environment that respects Christian values and is free from harassment, bullying, or hazing in any form. Harassment, bullying, or hazing of any student, parent or employee by any other student, lay employee, religious, clergy, school volunteer, or parent/guardian is prohibited. The most important preventive step regarding cyberbullying is to educate the entire school community about responsible use of their devices at all times. Please help your family to clearly understand that all forms of bullying are wrong and that those who engage in harassing or threatening behaviors will be subject to discipline. It is everyone's responsibility to:

- Conduct himself or herself in a manner that contributes to a positive school environment;
- Avoid any activity that may be considered discriminatory, intimidating, harassing, bullying, or hazing;
- Inform the other person if possible that the behavior is offensive and unwelcome;
- Report all incidents that may be considered discriminatory, intimidating, harassing, bullying, or hazing to the principal or teacher.

CALENDAR

- 8/29 7 PM BACK TO SCHOOL
- 8/30 9 AM ROBOTICS DEMO K-6th Grade
- SEPTEMBER**
- 9/3 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY
- 9/4 10:30 AM BAND DEMONSTRATION
- 9/5 8:20 AM STUDENT BODY MASS
- 3-4 PM ROBOTICS K-3 (if min. # met)
- 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 GRANDPARENTS WITH 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
- 9/14 PRESCHOOL FAMILY BINGO 6-9 PM

A JUMPSTART FOR CROSS COUNTRY

Some of our athletes participated in a summer meet. Medals were won by: In B Division, **Tabitha Frumento**, 3rd place, and **Emma Delaney**, 4th. **Audrey Delaney** won 3rd place in C division. The cross country



Littles competed in their first Meet on Sunday. **Nathan Cruz** (1st Grade) came in 1st place for the Boys' division and Girls' was won by **Gabriella Campos** (1st Grade).

OTHER SPORTS NEWS

STM sports teams participate in the Catholic Youth Organization. CYO policy is for schools to only register teams that are 100% sure to participate, and meet the deadlines. "Varsity" (A Teams) must register with CYO by Friday, Aug. 31. We have a parent volunteer to coach the A Football team. Practice will begin tomorrow. Unfortunately, at this time, no one has expressed an interest in coaching the B Football or Girls' A or B Volleyball teams. "B" team CYO registration closes on 9/7. Registration fees will be returned if we don't have a coach or enough players.

Please check for flyers to follow regarding Chess Club, In n Out Burger, and Parent/Student Handbook agreement form.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

- ⇒ Please have the student backpacks, lunches or lunch money, and students ready before entering the Pick Up and Drop Off Zone. Do not park in this area.
- ⇒ Students should exit and enter on the passenger side of the car only.
- ⇒ If you want to park and talk to a teacher, or get out of your car to pick up your child, or open the trunk, you must park in a marked stall.
- ⇒ **USE THE CROSSWALK!**

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](#)

Dear STM Families,

Several changes and amendments have been made to our Parent/Student Handbook. Please refer to the school website: www.stthomasmorealhambra.org and to the following pages listed below for these changes:

pp. 7, 8, 15, 16, 21, 23, 24, 32, 34, 35, 41, 42, 43, 57, 58,

Kindly read and review these changes in St. Thomas More's policies and procedures with your child(ren) and other family members who are actively involved with your child(ren)'s school activities.

-----TEAR & RETURN-----



St. Thomas More School

Parent/Student Policies Agreement Form

(Please print except where signatures are required)

ACCEPTANCE OF PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

Our family has reviewed and read the St. Thomas More School Parent/Student Handbook. We are aware of, understand, and agree to follow the policies and procedures stated in the Handbook. We acknowledge that the school has the right to amend the Handbook during the school year as needed and we agree to follow the policies and procedures as may be added or amended.

We understand that we may be asked to withdraw our child(ren) from the school or our child(ren) may not be invited to return the following year, if we fail to fulfill our responsibilities under the Handbook and any additions and amendments that may be made. Our signatures below indicate our commitment to fulfill our obligations according to the requirements of the Handbook.

Father's or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Mother's or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Print student names and grades:

Student's First Name _____ Grade _____

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Student's First Name _____ Grade _____

Student's First Name _____ Grade _____



Don't be left out!

Orders must be submitted by Tuesday, October 02, 2018!

IN-N-OUT

BURGER

We must sell 300 burgers!
Everyone is invited to join us.



Monday, October 15, 2018

11:00am- 12:15pm

\$5.00 each ticket

(IN-N-OUT donates 75% to STM and 25% to abused children)

Meal includes choice of cheeseburger, hamburger
or grilled cheese sandwich;
chips and choice of drink.

Choice Lunch will not be available.

Ask your family members and friends to support our fundraiser by buying a meal ticket. Do you work close by? Ask co-workers to take a lunch break at STM. Meal tickets are good for the In-N-Out Lunch Tour only. Tickets will be distributed at the event. **Please use one form per family.** Thank you for participating in this exceptional fundraising effort for our school!

Mrs. Gomez (626) 482-1326

*****Tear and Return*****

IN-N-OUT Lunch Tour

Monday, October 15, 2018

Eldest Child's Name _____ Grade _____

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

Parent's Name _____ **Contact Number** _____

Yes, we would love to support STM and buy # _____ meal tickets x \$5.00 each = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to **St. Thomas More School**. Thank you.

Office use: Rec'd _____ Cash/Ck# _____ Amt\$ _____ Distributed _____



P. O. Box 367 Monterey Park, CA, 91754

(626) 232-5466

Featuring Chess Coach Jeff Schwartz

We partner with Elementary Schools to teach chess to children, teaching students at all levels, from beginners to advanced.

We create opportunities for students to achieve individually and as members of their school team.

Chess is a wonderful game that helps children develop mental discipline, analytical skills, strategic thinking, and do better in school.

This program is a great way for kids to have fun, improve in chess, and make new friends.

Studies have shown that students studying chess demonstrated a marked development of their verbal and math aptitudes. Children also develop critical and logical thinking skills that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

Many chess players and students desire knowledge and improvement. With the proper instructor and lessons, they can learn more quickly. They need feedback provided by professionals. Key to becoming better players is a coach or teacher.

We provide ways to learn while having fun.

Chess Club Starts!

St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary School

The course will be taught on campus from September 10, 2018 – November 26, 2018
Days scheduled off: November 19

Chess Club starts: September 10

Day of week: Monday

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Tuition: \$157

All grades welcome!!

Coach Jeff is available for questions (626) 232-5466

Come join us! Beginners are welcome!

Space is limited. Refund only if class is cancelled. Early registration is advised.

Yes, Please enroll _____ for this semester of Chess Club.

How much chess has your child played? _____ Phone _____

School: St. Thomas More Grade _____

Home Address: _____ Email: _____

Method of dismissal: Walk/Bike ___ Parent Pick-up ___ Daycare ___

Method of Payment: Circle one - check - credit card

Credit Cardholder Name+ Address: _____

Credit card number: _____ Expiration date: _____

Signature _____

Please make checks payable to ChessAmp P.O. Box 367, Monterey Park, CA, 91754