

St. Thomas More Parish School

Weekly Newsletter

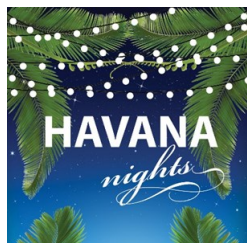


Father in heaven, you have given us a mind to know you, a will to serve you, and a heart to love you. Be with us today in all that we do, so that your light may shine out in our lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

HURRICANE FLORENCE: The Carolinas were hard hit with record rainfall and flooding rivers from tropical storm Florence since it made landfall Sept. 14. The storm's slow-motion siege was blamed for at least 34 deaths, and the authorities fear additional fatalities as floodwaters fill more streets and homes. Tens of thousands of homes were damaged and about 500,000 homes and businesses were still without power Sept. 17. Monies collected this Friday through "Donation Dress Day" will be donated to Catholic Charities. As it did in response to last year's hurricanes, the agency forwards 100 percent of funds raised to the local Catholic Charities agencies that serve the affected communities. We are praying for those affected by the storm.



A statue of an angel is partially submerged by floodwaters Sept. 16 in the cemetery of a church where residents took shelter in Leland, N.C.



SAVE THE DATE: Our PTO Gala this year is on **Saturday, November 3, 2018**. The theme is **Havana Nights**, and ticket order forms will be available soon. Each family is responsible for 2 tickets, which count as part of the mandatory fundraising requirement. Invite your family and friends to join us in the beautiful Golden Eagle Ballroom on the campus of California State University, Los Angeles.

GRANDFRIENDS MASS & COFFEE: Last Wednesday we celebrated some of the special people in our students lives with a mass, followed by treats in the hall. Thank you to the Student Council, to all who sent in pastries to share, and to Ava Malta's mom, for the flowers.



Did You Know? The Office of Victims Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles serves to help victim-survivors who have been victims of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Catholic Church. The Victims Assistance Ministry also works to create a safe and compassionate environment for victims to come forward while ensuring that civil authorities are notified, and victims are provided with counseling and other assistance in the healing process. Please join the members of this important ministry in offering our continued prayers and support for the healing of victim-survivors and all impacted by abuse. For more information on the Office of Victims Assistance Ministry, [click here](#).

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 9/21 \$\$\$ DRESS DAY FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE FLORENCE
PRESCHOOL PEPPERBELLY/NACHO SALE DURING RECESS—\$2 EACH
- 9/23 COFFEE & DONUTS AFTER ALL THE MASSES HOSTED BY K & 8TH
- 9/24 BAND LESSONS BEGIN
2:00-3:00 CHESS CLUB
- 9/26 8:30 AM STUDENT BODY MASS
3:00-4:00 ROBOTICS K-3
- 9/27 3RD GRADE LEMONADE & PIZZA SALE AFTER SCHOOL
- 9/28 NO SCHOOL—TEACHER IN-SERVICE

SPORTS UPDATE

Congratulations to the STM Varsity Flag Football team who participated in a tournament last weekend and won all 3 games. The picture shows Nathan Rocha vs a student from St. Rita. Rocha held him.



We are always proud to see our students return as ambassadors for High School Night!!



SEPTEMBER SERVICE MONTH: During the month of September, each class is focusing on a service project to fulfill our mission to teach and guide children to live a Christ-centered life that is expressed through service to others.



Kindergarten will be collecting blankets and towels for the San Gabriel Animal Shelter. First Grade will be recycling for the City of Hope. The

Second Grade is collecting jackets and backpacks for Jackets for Jesus serving the homeless. The 3rd Grade Lemonade and Pizza funds will be donated to the ELA Disabled Veterans Association. A **math-a-thon** for St. Jude Children's Hospital is a Fourth Grade project. Fifth graders are making



cards for the residents of Vista Cove Home. Used books will be collected by the Sixth Grade to be sent to troops through Operation Paperback. The Seventh Grade will collect socks for Feeding our Community. And the Eighth Graders hope to brighten the lives of patients in Children's Hospital with coloring and joke books.

STM Child Care Center Little Caesars' Pizza it Fundraiser runs September 26

through October 11.

Pick up an order form from preschool, or order online: PizzaKit.com, Products, Shop, Fund-raiser ID# 353680



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](#)