



St. Thomas More Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter

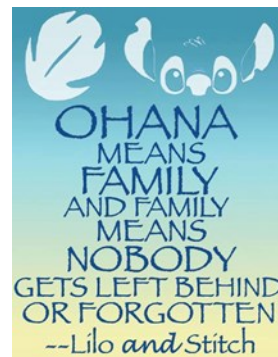
Holy, all powerful God, we thank you for the gift of healing. We thank you for doctors, nurses, and all who care for those who are ill. Bless them with your healing grace. Amen

CAMP RAMONA WILL BE CLOSED THIS SUMMER * COME TO STM CAMP OHANA*

"Where did the time go?" middle-aged and older adults often remark. Many of us feel that time passes more quickly as we age, a perception that can lead to regrets. According to psychologist and BBC columnist Claudia Hammond, "the sensation that time speeds up as you get older is one of the biggest mysteries of the experience of time." Lately, I have even heard our students expressing the same feelings.

- Don't regret missing Camp Ohana this summer. It will be here before we know it!
- As of today, we have only received **6** surveys showing interest in our summer program. There are schedules to create, field trips to plan, buses to reserve, and most importantly, staff to organize.
- Families are welcome to attend the entire 5 weeks, or pick and choose which weeks work with your vacation schedule.
- Expect lots of camp orientated activities: board and table games, water play, wheel time (skate boards, scooter, roller and bike.) An overnight experience is even being considered.
- Vacation Bible School activities will be included

The survey is once more attached, please take a moment to consider joining our family this summer for a new and fun program. Thank you.



Did You Know? To establish confidence with your children, start with questions about their daily activities.

Sometimes children will behave in a manner quite unusual for them – stress, misunderstanding, or some form of abuse can be related to such behaviors. If you see your child exhibiting unusual behavior, talk with your child about their day or recent experiences in an open-ended conversation. Do ask factual questions, such as, "What did you do today? Did you do anything unusual today? Who did you see today? Did anyone say or do anything that was unusual or even upsetting? Then, ask feeling questions as a follow-up, and remember that sometimes it's easier for a child to talk about someone else's feelings first. For more tips in the VIRTUS® article "Conversation Guidelines for Parents: Be Aware," [click here](#).

CALENDAR

- 3/3 ACADEMIC DECATHLON
- 3/4 GRADUATION FEES DUE
- 3/6  **Ash Wednesday Services**
March 6
6:30 AM MASS & ASHES
8:30 AM STUDENT MASS & ASHES
12 NOON DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
2:30 PM DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
7:00 PM MASS & ASHES
- 3/10 COFFEE & DONUT SUNDAY—5th Gr.
- 3/11 HONORS ASSEMBLY—1 PM
- 3/12 DEANERY SPELLING BEE GRADES 3-5
- 3/20 VIRTUS® TRAINING 6-9 PM
- 3/21 JOG-A-THON/MARCH MADNESS
- 3/22 RE CONGRESS/RETREAT
NO SCHOOL
- 3/29 CEF APPLICATION DEADLINE



JOG-A-THON AND MARCH MADNESS
March 21, 2019
12:30 PM—3:00 PM

Do you have your sponsors lined up for the Jog-a-thon? Parent volunteers please sign up, so we know who will be there to help keep track of laps, provide water and tangerines, and who will supervise those students who do not run. After the jog-a-thon, the traditional March Madness event will take place—a basketball game between the 7th and 8th grade classes.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Spring Festival has been moved to **June 2, 2019**. The next day, June 3, is the rest and recuperation day—**NO SCHOOL**. School **will** be in session on May 20, 2019.

 **Mardi Gras**

March 5, the day before Ash Wednesday is Mardi Gras, also called Fat Tuesday. It is the day of celebration prior to beginning the Lenten period of prayer and fasting. Students are welcome to wear shirts of Purple, which symbolizes Justice, Green for Faith, or Gold, representing Power. They will receive beads and wear the masks they made last week for a parade next Tuesday, around 9:15 AM.

REMINDER: Early Re-registration is due this Friday. Next week it goes up to \$250.

BUY YOUR Yearbook **ORDERS DUE ON OR BEFORE 3/22/19**

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](#)

MARDI GRAS Free Dress

Mardi Gras is on Tuesday, March 5th. Students are allowed to wear a green, purple, yellow/gold or Mardi Gras themed shirt with jean pants or PE bottoms. Please follow the STM free dress guidelines.

Thank you!

Student Council



Jog-a-thon / March Madness



Thursday, March 21, 2019

After lunch from 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM with
March Madness to follow from 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM.

Please come and support.

There will be snacks and music.

Class prize

Most class participation will earn a prize for the class.

There is minimum donation amount of \$1.00 per lap.

What is a Jog-a-thon?

A Jog-a-thon is an event where students run laps around a certain area and their sponsors (family or friends) will pay \$1.00 (or pledge a flat rate) for each lap they run/walk. Sponsorships will be written on the pledge sheet.

Thank you everyone for your support!

Student Council

St. Thomas More



JOG-A-THON Pledge Sheet

Student's Name _____ Grade: _____

Name	Phone Number	Amount Pledged		Amount to be Collected
		Per Lap	Flat Rate	
1. EXAMPLE #1	123/456-7890	\$1.00		WAIT UNTIL CHILD PARTICIPATES AND RETURNS WITH TOTAL LAPS COMPLETED
2. EXAMPLE #2	123/456-7890		\$20.00	\$20.00
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Pledge Sheets and Flat Rate donations are to be turned in by Monday, March 18, 2019.
Last day to turn in per lap donations is Monday, March 25, 2019.
Please make checks payable to: St. Thomas More School

**Total
Amount**

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Jog-a-thon Sign-up Sheet

Hello Parents,

How would you like to earn some Service Hours? You may earn hours by donating some water and small tangerines for our Jog-a-thon event. For every ten dollars you donate, or spend, you will earn one service hour. You can also help out at the event on **March 21, 2019 from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM.**

You will receive Service Hour credit for each hour you help. Some tasks that you can help out are:

1. Supervising the students, who do not participate, inside the classroom.
2. Supporting the students outside and handing out water and tangerines.

Please sign up below

Parent Name	Child's Name	Phone Number	Gr	How do you want to help

If you are donating, please bring items, with receipts, on the date of the event. Please come to the office to have your service hour coupon signed off. If you would like to help out with the students, please note in the **“How do you want to help box”** and the teacher will contact you with further instructions

Thank you – Student Council

STM 2019 Summer Camp



We are pleased to announce that we will be offering a 5-week summer program this year. The emphasis will be on a safe, fun, activity filled program, with some learning thrown in. Each week will have a theme, still in the planning stage, and possibly a field trip on Fridays. Please take a moment to complete the survey and return it to the office.

Dates: June 17th – July 19th

Times: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Monday – Friday = \$200/Week (7/1-7/3 = \$120)

Fees: Registration Fee: \$35.00 per child (Includes Camp T-Shirt)

Morning & After Care \$5 per hour

YES! We plan to be attending STM Summer School

Student Name _____ Grade in Fall _____

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Knowing who plans to come will help us to prepare a program appropriate for all of the campers. We recommend Junior High students enroll in summer programs at the High Schools they are interested in attending, but are welcome to join us. We will have former STM students from the Confirmation and Youth Group to be camp counselors. The last day of school this year is Tuesday, June 11. Day Camp weeks will begin on Monday, June 17 and run through Friday, July 19. Extended Care will NOT be offered during the gap days after the last day of school and before the new school year begins. We welcome students from other schools. Please help us make camp a success by returning this form on or before **February 28.**