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Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

November 20, 2020

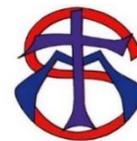
Upcoming events:

Mon, Nov 23 – Tues, Nov 24	Teacher Institute Days, No School
Wed, Nov 25 – Fri, Nov 27	Thanksgiving Break, No School
Monday, November 30	eLearning Begins

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Thanksgiving Break

Wed, Nov. 25 – Fri, Nov. 27

eLearning starts Mon, Nov. 30



STM Pink Out

Last week STM participated in a Pink Out Day. Students were able to be out of uniform and wear pink for a dollar or more donation. All proceeds collected go to the Wig Boutique at Advocate Sherman Hospital which provides free wigs and other support services to cancer patients. We are so proud to say that STM students collected \$400 to help members of their community! This is the highest amount we have ever collected. Great job, everyone!



From the Principal's Desk:

Dear STM families,

Today we had a Spirit Wear Day here at STM. Students were able to come to school out of uniform and show off their school pride. It is always wonderful seeing the kids in school colors! Last Friday, November 13th, we had a Pink Out Day. For a dollar or more donation students were able to come to school out of uniform if they were wearing pink. Thank you to everyone who participated. Last night, November 19th, the school participated in Family Reading Night. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun! A huge thank you to those who sent me pictures. If you have not sent yours in yet, it is not too late! A reminder that this coming Monday and Tuesday, November 23rd and 24th, are Teacher Planning Days, therefore there is no school for the students. There is also no school on November 25th -27th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will begin remote learning on Monday, November 30th. Please be sure to read all the emails that come out with all the information you will need. Let the teachers or I know if you have any questions along the way. We are here to help! Please remember that the school has a Facebook page that will show more pictures of these events and more that occur at school. Please be sure to Follow Us! Have an extraordinary and lovely weekend. We will miss seeing the kids in the building for the next few weeks. Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

Blessings,
Mrs. Keane





Kane County Health Department Reminds Residents to Get Their Flu Shots

September 29, 2020 – The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) reminds residents to schedule their flu shots as soon as possible this season. The need for a flu shot is even more important this year due to the presence of coronavirus. The health department warns that flu and COVID-19 each can cause serious respiratory illness and co-infection could possibly lead to more severe illnesses, hospitalization, and even death.

To find a location to get a flu shot in your community, check with your health care provider or use the online Vaccine Finder at [VaccineFinder.org](https://www.vaccinefinder.org). In addition, local clinics like VNA Health Care ([vnahealth.com](https://www.vnahealth.com)), the Greater Elgin Family Care Center ([gefcc.org](https://www.gefcc.org)) and Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness ([auntmarthas.org](https://www.auntmarthas.org)) provide appointments for flu shots.

Everyone six months of age and older should get the seasonal flu vaccine. The vaccine is available as either a flu shot or in a nasal spray. Talk with a health care provider about what type is most appropriate for you. More information on the types of flu vaccine is provided on the Kane County Health Department website at [KaneHealth.com/Pages/Flu.aspx](https://www.kanehealth.com/Pages/Flu.aspx).

“This year it is more important than ever to get a flu shot,” said Kane County Health Department Assistant Director for Public Health Nursing Theresa Knauf. “This season we are also battling COVID-19, another virus that can cause severe respiratory illness. While a vaccine for COVID-19 is still under development, there is a vaccine for flu that has been proven to be safe and effective over the past 50 years. Getting a flu vaccine can help you avoid co-infection with COVID-19 and flu.”

In addition to getting your flu vaccine, KCHD recommends following the 3 W's for both COVID-19 and influenza: WASH your hands, WATCH your distance and WEAR your mask.

Viruses spread when people who are infected cough, sneeze, or talk. Flu usually comes on suddenly. Many of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are the same, such as fever and cough, but there are some differences. If you have symptoms of either flu or COVID-19, self-isolate and contact a health care provider.