

More News

Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

May 14, 2021

Upcoming events:

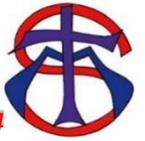
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| Monday, May 17 | Last day for the Read-A-Thon |
| Monday, May 17 | Cross Country @ Seyller Park, 4 pm |
| Wednesday, May 19 | Little Caesar's Pickup |
| Friday, May 21 | Last Day of Preschool |
| Saturday, May 22 | 8 th Grade Graduation, 3 pm |

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Attendance Line:

(847) 742-3959 ext. 154



From the Principal's Desk:

Dear STM families,

It is difficult to believe that there are less than two weeks left and this school year will be over. It feels like it was September just yesterday. It has all gone by so quickly! These last few days left will, as well. Our 8th graders this past week enjoyed dress down days every day and a movie afternoon filled with popcorn, candy, and games. Next week they will be having a picnic and a breakfast awards ceremony. We hope to make their last days at STM full of many more wonderful memories before graduation. Graduation is on May 22 and is a ticketed event. If you ordered during the Little Caesar Pizza kits fundraiser the orders will be in on Wednesday, May 19th. More information and details on pick-up will be coming out early next week. We appreciate your support. Please be sure you have enrolled your child in the Read-a-thon currently going on and that they are logging their reading hours daily. It ends this Monday! As the school year winds down, the last STM Spirit Wear Day at school is coming up on Thursday, May 20th. Encourage your students to show their school pride one last time before summer break! Also, a reminder that there is no After Care available on the last day of school. Please remember that more pictures of events at the school are posted on the school Facebook page – be sure to check it out. Thank you for all your continued support of our incredible school! Have an effervescent weekend.

Blessings,
Mrs. Sonja Keane



Read·A·Thon™

The STM Read-A-Thon ends Monday, May 17th!

All students are invited
to participate.

Build reading skills, win prizes, and
raise funds for STM School!

Start your own
Reader's Personal Page [HERE](#).

To the moon...!



Yesterday our kindergarten class traveled to the moon! After learning about the moon and preparing all week they finally made their maiden voyage. They enjoyed all the exciting and different things they saw while there! Don't worry though - they returned home safe and sound!

Handwriting Contest



Last February the entire school once again participated in the Zaner-Bloser Handwriting contest that is held nationwide. There was a grade winner in every classroom. They received their certificates when 3rd quarter honor roll was distributed. The classroom winners advanced to the state competition. We are proud to announce that three of our students are state winners in their respective grades! They are Rhys A. (K), Shelby S. (1st), and Maddie M. (6th). We are so proud of them!!

Favorite Color Day

Last week the entire school enjoyed an out of uniform day and donned their favorite color instead. The only requirement for Favorite Color Day was that it had to be apparent what their favorite color was. It was very interesting and especially fun seeing what students' and teachers' favorite colors are!





Welcome Parents, Students and Friends to our Read-a-thon!

This year, we are excited to announce that we will hold a Read-a-thon fundraiser. Our Read-a-thon is a program that brings students together with family and friends to encourage reading and to build literacy skills.

The main focus of the Read-a-thon is for everyone to know we are committed to improving reading skills. To that end, the Read-a-thon promises to be a fun, exciting journey for all participants as they begin a personal Reading Adventure that challenges each reader to complete 10 reading sessions over our 2-week event.

Our Read-a-thon will start May 3, 2021.

Approximately 1 week before we start our first reading session we will send home paperwork with your reader explaining how you will activate their personal Read-a-thon page.

You will know that we have distributed the take home sheet because we will also place a Read-a-thon sticker on your child as a reminder.

We understand that, as parents, you have high expectations for the quality of your child's education but also have limited time.

That's why we chose to hold a Read-a-thon.

You will find this to be the easiest fundraiser possible. By simply activating your reader's personal page and using the promotional tools found there, friends and family anywhere in the world can show their support for your reader by making a donation to our Read-a-thon.

Your involvement in the Read-a-thon will help your child develop a lasting love of reading.

We hope each one of you will activate your child's personal page the day your child brings home their paperwork. Hopefully they will be wearing their sticker as well.

St Thomas More School

Music Lessons

with Mrs. Aukofer



Private Music Lessons*

For over 25 years, I have been a dedicated music educator, director, and performer, educating children as young as 5 years old to adults. I enjoy teaching all levels and ages.

As a music educator and professional musician, I value the opportunity to teach and enrich the lives of others through the gift, joy, and discipline of music. I have a Masters Degree in Music Performance and K-12 Music Education Certification.

**Until further notice, masks are required for teacher and student. Piano is cleaned before/after each lesson. Lessons are in the large auditorium. Parents are welcome, but must wear masks.*

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| Who: | Beginning to Intermediate Levels Age 5 to Adult |
| What: | Music Lessons (piano, voice, flute)* <i>masks required</i> |
| When: | 30 min lesson once a week |
| Contact: | Jeanne Anne Aukofer, MM je2anne@hotmail.com |

Elgin Family Mobile Pantries



**NOTE NEW LOCATION:
901 Center Street, Elgin IL 60120**

Monday January 11th

Tuesday February 9th

Tuesday March 9th

Tuesday April 13th

Tuesday May 11th

Tuesday June 15th

All distributions 4 – 5:30 p.m.

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