

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

AVANTI ADVISORS

What a busy week! Chris Mominey, the consultant from Avanti Advisors was in town to meet with the various committees on Monday and Tuesday. We have implemented a few new marketing tactics including reaching out once again to prospective families that have toured or inquired about our school but have not registered. We included an invite to our Alumni hosted Oktoberfest this weekend. Hopefully one or two will be curious and join us. Of course, the best marketing avenue we have is you. Please tell all your neighbors about our wonderful school and invite them to check us out. You can send your praises to our marketing email at admissionsoffice@stthomascl.org

We are working through the mechanics of each committee and determining how best to serve St. Thomas School. As we reviewed the volunteer hours policy, it became apparent that we would take this year to suspend the policy. With the FACTs system just being introduced and not fully up and running, we feel it is best to continue to become involved by volunteering. But this is REQUIREMENT THIS YEAR. So while the Gospel calls us to serve, we want to make sure that we are able to respond to this call in a logical and sensible way in the 24-25 school year.

For this year, if you would like to send your hours to me that you may have completed, I will gladly enter them into the system but that is not necessary at this time.

DR. KIM WHITE

All the principals of the Rockford Diocese were invited to St. Anthony's on Wednesday to meet the new Superintendent. Dr. White began her new role as the superintendent of schools in the Diocese of Rockford Sept. 6. Dr. White succeeds Vito DeFrisco who retired July 1. Renee Payne, diocesan assistant

superintendent of schools served as the interim superintendent until Dr. White was hired.

Dr. White comes to the Rockford Diocese from the Diocese of Nashville, Tennessee where she served as assistant superintendent. Dr. White taught first grade at Foothill Christian School in the Los Angeles area (2003-2009). She then moved and taught kindergarten at St. Bonaventure from 2009 to 2013 then served as vice principal there from 2013 to 2018. She became principal for the 600-plus students at that school until moving to the Diocese of Nashville in 2022 to become assistant superintendent of schools there. This year, Dr. White completed a Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership; Curriculum and Instruction from Capella University, Minneapolis.

Her educational background includes an induction program/administrative credential from the University of California, Irvine (2017); a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction/administrative credential from Concordia College University in Irvine (2012); a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential in Education from the University of California in Riverside (2010); a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential in Education from the University of La Verne, California (2007); and a Bachelor of Business Administration from National University, San Diego (1990)




VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are always welcome. Please check with your child's teachers for volunteering opportunities. We welcome you into the school to partner with you in your child(ren)'s education.

Please complete all the safe environment forms for the Rockford Diocese. These include background checks by our school office. There is a fee of \$15 for background checks.

[Virtus](#) password to set up a new account: 2train!



St. Thomas School Information Sheet



Fall Chess Club 2023-24
Fridays 2:15 – 3:15pm 10 meetings
Sept. 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27
Nov. 3, 10, 17; Dec. 1, 8
\$120 per student

Contact info:
Bright Knights Program Director: Cook Williams 708-792-3252

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- ◆ Concentration
- ◆ Memory
- ◆ Critical Thinking
- ◆ Problem Solving
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- ◆ Logical Thinking
- ◆ Analysis

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Billed through FACTs

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The National Eucharistic Revival is a call to be more intentional about catechizing and evangelizing about the Eucharist. Carlo Acutis loved Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist. He wanted others to know and love Jesus, too, and he thought one great way to do that would be to tell them about Eucharistic Miracles. He developed an entire website that is still in use today!

Fr. Linkenheld would like to extend an invitation for our kickoff to the Eucharistic Revival here at St. Thomas on Tuesday, September 26. Please consider joining us.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

THOMAS TRADING POST

Next Thursday our Thomas Token Store will open for the first time this year. Please consider helping in the store September 28 from 1-2. Please follow the link below to the signup sheet for all possible areas that assistance is needed.

Volunteer opportunities for "Thomas Trading Post" are now open.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

<https://volunteersignup.org/MKKM7>

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!

Julie Hougas

jhougas@stthomascl.org

to contribute to the store's inventory:

[Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

St. Thomas Girls Volleyball is hosting

**BRING
JOY**
NIKSWISH.ORG

NIGHT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

Proceeds from this fundraising event will go to the Nikolas Ritschel Foundation, an organization dedicated to bringing joy, love and FUN to young adults fighting cancer and their families.

5:30 5th/6th GVB game

6:30 7th/8th GVB game

Bake Sale

50/50 Raffle

[NIKSWISH.ORG](https://www.nikswish.org)

STS OKTOBERFEST RAFFLE INFORMATION

Raffle tickets will be \$50 each and only a total of 750 will be sold

1st Prize

Choice of \$5,000 or K-8 Tuition for one child for the year

2nd Prize

\$1,000

3rd Prize

\$500

Friday September 15th

Classes who have met their class goal get a special class treat

Friday September 22nd

Mini-Oktoberfest!

If the school sells 300 tickets as a whole, all students will be treated to a hot dog, pretzel, and root beer float lunch with fun German activities

Saturday September 23rd

Oktoberfest and Raffle Drawing

Thank you for your help in making this fundraiser a success!

Please reach out to Jana Dickson with any questions janablake@gmail.com 815-245-4218



TICKETS \$50

OKTOBERFEST

IN SUPPORT OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

September 23rd, 2023

St. Thomas School Courtyard

5:00pm-10:00pm

BUY TICKETS HERE 

BEER GERMAN FOOD DJ

RAFFLE SILENT AUCTION

The Notre Dame-Ohio State game will be streamed in the courtyard!

MINI OKTOBERFEST

Tomorrow will be the culmination of the Oktoberfest Raffle Sales for our school. Great job! We reached our goal and will be celebrating in the courtyard with

Hotdogs

Applesauce

Pretzels

Rootbeer floats

Please send a water bottle for your child. If you have dietary restrictions, there will be a popsicle option for dairy free restrictions. If the hotdog will not work for you, we are sorry but there is no other option available. Please send your child his/her special lunch. We will celebrate together in the courtyard with some activities and of course, some German Polka music! Thank you for helping this endeavor be so successful. Please continue to post, text and email the message of our Oktoberfest offerings. The silent auction will be opening soon!

Praying with you and for you,

Mrs. Houston