## OCTOBER 12, 2023



#### **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

It's that time of year when downtown Crystal Lake begins preparing for the holidays. Second grade will be managing the Festival of Lights Parade. We are reserving a tree for Christmas Tree Lane. Please contact me if you would like to organize a group to decorate our tree this year. The trees will be installed by November 17 and must be decorated by November 23. All decorations must come down by January 6.

For more information: <a href="mailto:ghouston@stthomascl.org">ghouston@stthomascl.org</a>

#### STS ATHLETICS

#### **CELEBRATING SUCCESS**

Volunteer spotlight- Thank you to Beth Schwartz and Kristin Sexton for reaching out to help out with GVB/XC 8th grade night! Teamwork makes the dream work!! Thank you for giving us the gift of your time!

#### Love for Lahaina

Thank you for everyone who offered prayers for the Sacred Heart school in Lahaina. The 'Spiritual Lei' is on the bulletin board in gym hallway. We are going to take it down and send it to the school at the end of this week. Please email colleen@nieckula.net if you have any prayer intentions that you would like to include (i.e. saying an Our Father for them, a rosary, a Mass, etc). We will share pictures of finished lei before it gets sent  $\[Omega]$ . Thank you for your love!!

#### COMING UP!

#### 10-17-23

Join us to celebrate our 8th Grade Girls Volleyball and Cross Country Athletes. Tuesday, Oct 17th is our 8th Grade Recognition Night in the St. Thomas School gym.

Athletes will be recognized between the 5:30 and 6:30 games. Catch a volleyball game or two that night. Our girls are fun to watch!

**10-18-23** Wednesday, Early Release K-8 1:00 pm

**10-20-23** Friday, Trunk or Treat 4:30

#### 10-22-23

BBB and Cheer kickoff – we are scheduling a Winter season kickoff – 4pm @ Goal Line Bar & Grill Sunday, Oct 22nd (NFL games will be on!) All athletics welcome – parents and kids alike! Email from athletics to follow.

Attend the BBB & Cheer kickoff at Goal Line – regardless if you have an athlete in winter sports, this will be an athletics social event and we'd love to see you there!

#### Week of 10-23-23

Girls Volleyball Conference games will be held the week of 10-23 – specific game times to be updated early next week.

11-6-23 -No School, Teacher Institute

#### 11-8-23

Athletic Blessing for Winter Athletes at school Mass – Parents please attend if you are able!

Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> is also an early release at 1:00. No ET.

#### 11-10/11-11

**7th BBB Tournament** hosted by St. Thomas – mark your calendars!

We will be hosting a 7th grade Boys Basketball Tournament! Tournaments take a lot of hands on deck, but they are a ton of fun! Please reach out to Colleen if you would like to be involved in planning concessions for that weekend (colleen@nieckula.net). There will be a

sign-up genius link in our next announcements for help with scorebook, scoreboard, admissions and concessions.

See full athletic calendar here:

https://sites.google.com/stthomascl.org/stsathletics/monthly-calendar-nscc-game-schedules

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Reminder: the School Masses can be offered for someone special. Please stop in at the school's main office to make your request. The suggested offering for a Mass intention is \$10. These funds do not go to the school but become a part of the overall parish mass intentions.

#### ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON EVENTS







Now over 69 Juried Crafters with unique hand-made items, the EVER-POPULAR BAKE AND CANDY BOOTH, OUR OWN SETON'S ARTISANS, 5-PRIZE GRAND RAFFLE and a FOOD COURT with some homemade offerings! Come and take part in this pre-Holiday tradition with us!

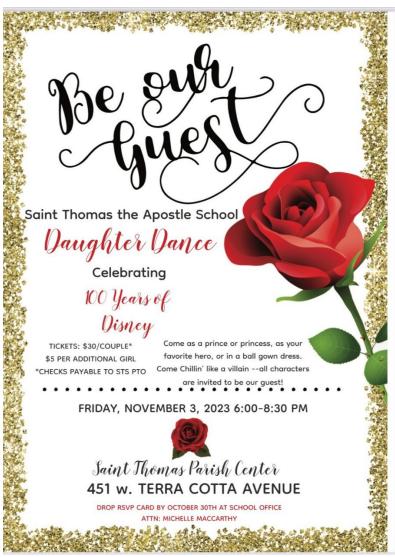
Admission still only \$3.

Sponsored by the Seton Women's Group

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES







# Save My Scholarship

State lawmakers are considering ending the tax credit scholarship program referred to as "Invest in Kids." This program has provided nearly 40,000 scholarships to help families send their children to a school of their choice.

## DO NOT LET THIS PROGRAM END!

Please act now and contact your state senator and state representative. Send them a strong message respectfully asking them to continue this valuable program.

You can do so by using the QR code below, by calling us at the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 217.528.9200, or visit our website at www.ilcatholic.org



To remain engaged on policy issues that affect Catholics in Illinois, join our Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network go to www.ilcatholic.org/takeaction/join-i-can



#### **FLU SEASON**

# No Cost ADULT COMMUNITY FLU SHOTS CLINIC (18 AND OVER)



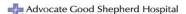




St. Thomas Church Tuesday, October 24, 2023 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

451 W. Terra Cotta Ave, Crystal Lake

- No appointment necessary
- No vaccinations for children under age 18
- Please wear clothing that allows easy access to the upper arm/shoulder area.



#### MCCHS EVENTS



Marian Central Catholic High School

The Harlem Wizards are coming to town!



Thursday, November 2, 2023

Come out and watch our McHenry Deanery Teachers and Staff "take on" the Harlem Wizards. You won't want to miss it!

Check out the Harlem Wizards in action in the video below

**Harlem Wizards Video** 

**Tickets on Sale Now** 

Purchase tickets and sponsorships at

**Event Website** 



#### THE LONG-AWAITED FAMILY MASS



The family Mass has been on hiatus since the pandemic. We are very excited to bring this back to our parish. This is a great opportunity for our students and parents to serve their community by assisting in the many parts of the family Mass. Please contact Shelby Younge for more information. shelby@theyounges.com

#### LEND A HAND



Volunteer at Recess:

Grades 4 & 5

Grades k & 1

Grades 2 & 3

Junior High

Volunteer at the Thomas Trading Post: - <u>Thomas</u> <u>Trading Post Volunteer signup sheet</u>

Support the Thomas Trading Post Wishlist: Amazon.com

Donate \$10 gift certificates for the Thomas Trading Post (JulieAnns, Five Below, Target, Amazon, McDonald, etc.): send to school office marked Thomas Trading Post

Christmas Tree Decorating in downtown Crystal Lake: <a href="mailto:ghouston@stthomascl.org">ghouston@stthomascl.org</a>

Monthly Family Mass: shelby@theyounges.com

Virtus password to set up a new account: 2train!

Praying with you and for you,

Mrs. Houston