

OCTOBER 27, 2023



Dear Families,

The year seems to be speeding past! It is the end of October already! Report cards will be issued soon. There is a problem currently with the Report Card and FACTS. The Diocese is working with FACTs and one way or another, we will have a report card for the first trimester.

NOVEMBER UNIFORM UPDATE

Beginning November 1, Junior High Students have a uniform update.

“Solid white-button down Oxford (long or short sleeves) with a navy-blue tie (ties are optional for girls; clarified 11/2/22) November 1-Spring Break”

As the weather turns colder, be sure to send hats and mittens with warm coats or jackets as we will go outside as much as possible. In the classroom, STS logo sweaters or fleece are required.

LUNCHROOM UPDATE

Just a reminder that Papa Saverio's publishes a new menu each month. We often have students that are expecting a hot lunch at the beginning of the month but there is no lunch because an order has not been placed.

Discrepancies in lunch orders need to be addressed directly with Papa Saverio's as we only are involved in distributing the lunches according to the order list provided by Papa's.

If a child is without lunch, we will provide food. This has become a frequent scenario lately and we cannot continue to provide lunch at no cost. Beginning November 1st, a lunch provided by the STS cafeteria will incur a cost of \$3.50. This fee will be charged through FACTs incidental billing on Fridays.

FAMILY MASS RETURNS



Please consider assisting with this beautiful tradition that is returning after the pandemic. See the Lending Hand section of his newsletter for contact info for assisting. If you are unable to help, please attend with your family, especially if you have younger family members .

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 intention fund. Please contact Ms. Boppart in the main office of the school to make a request.

PTO EVENTS

Invitations for the annual Daughter Dance have gone home. **Be sure to RSVP by October 30.**



Volunteer-sign up for goodies is available under Lend a Hand at the end of this newsletter.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the annual PTO Winter Fundraiser as we head back to the Vixen for an evening of music, dancing and community!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Two upcoming events:

- Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos at the Vixen
 - February 10
- Monthly restaurant fundraise at Guzman & Gomez
 - November 15

A poster for Felix & Fingers Dueling Pianos. The top half features a close-up of piano keys with the text "Felix & Fingers Dueling Pianos!" in blue and yellow. The bottom half is black with white and yellow text. It says: "PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024 https://vixen.com/868403800/22c8134767 ST. THOMAS COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT WINTER FUN-RAISER! Felix & Fingers Dueling Pianos The Vixen 1208 N. Green Street McHenry, IL DOORS OPEN: 6:00PM SHOWTIMES: 7:00PM - 10:00PM \$50 GENERAL ADMISSION, STANDING ROOM \$100 VIP ADMISSION, TABLE OF 4 \$125 BALCONY VIP This is a 21+ event. Cash Bar with STS Signature Drink Available for Purchase Heavy Hors D'oeuvres Provided Feel free to bring your own appetizers and sweets".

A poster for Guzman & Gomez Real Food Real Causes. The top left features the Guzman & Gomez logo. The top right shows a bowl of Mexican food. The center text reads: "REAL FOOD REAL CAUSES WITH EYG JOIN US IN SUPPORTING ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL 20% OF SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE WED NOVEMBER 15 | 4PM-8PM 5459 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake, IL 60014". At the bottom, small text states: "In order for fundraiser sales to count orders must be placed in-store or via the drive thru from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser listed. Delivery orders, gift card sales and alcohol not qualify. \$200 minimum event sales required to receive any donation."

Holy Mass
of Remembrance
for those who have died by suicide

Saturday, October 28, 2023
10:00AM Mass
Fellowship to follow Mass

St. Anthony of Padua Church
1010 FERGUSON STREET
ROCKFORD, IL

BRING FRAMED 5"X7" OR
SMALLER PHOTO OF YOUR
LOVED ONE
WHO DIED BY SUICIDE

Please submit loved one's name
to Mary Fuller at
cmhm@rockforddiocese.org by Oct 21st

DIocese of Rockford
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/take-action/join-i-can



43rd Annual St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Christmas in the Country Craft Show



Saturday, November 18
8am – 3pm

1023 McHenry Ave
Crystal Lake, IL

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

ATHLETIC NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came out on Sunday to the Athletics Social/Boys Basketball and Cheerleading kickoff event at Goal Line. Not sure who had more fun, the kids or the adults! We are looking forward to a fun and busy season! - Meeting notes can be found here: [Athletics Agenda - Winter Kickoff 22Oct23.docx](#)

Congrats to our Girls Volleyball teams for a great season. Conference tournament games wrapped up this week. We are so proud of their effort and commitment. It was so exciting to see all the growth and improvement – great job ladies!!!

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 WIZARDS ARE COMING TO TOWN!

WIZARDS VS. McHenry County Catholic School Deanery Teachers

Venue: Marian Central Catholic HS MAIN GYM

Date: Nov 2nd **Game Time:** 6:30pm **Doors Open:** 5:30pm

SNAG OFFICIAL WIZARDS GEAR!

BUY TICKETS NOW @ HARLEMWIZARDS.COM

www.facebook.com/TheHarlemWizards @HarlemWizards @WorldFamousHarlemWizards

**Marian Central Catholic
High School
Open House**
Sunday, November 5
1:00 - 3:00 pm

100%
Graduation Rate



\$19.05M
college
scholarships
earned by the
Class of 2023

Highlights include:

- Meet current students & parents
- Student-led campus tours
- Learn about athletics, fine arts, and clubs



Scan to register

LITTLE CHRISTOPHER'S RESALE

Got kids?

Little Christopher's Resale Shoppe needs kid's gently used winter clothing. If unable to drop off during store hours contact Beth at Lanzab4@gmail.com.

Store is located at 469 Lake Street. Open
Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday from 10 to 1
Thursday 12:30 to 3



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday October 26

6th GVB 6pm @ Montini

Monday October 30

8th Champions @ MCCHS

November 1

All Saints Day School Mass 10:45 am

First Grade Saint Program 1:00 pm

November 6

No. School-Teacher Institute

November 8

Athlete Blessing for Winter Athletes 10:45 am

Early Release K-8, 1 pm w/buses; NO ET

November 10 & 11

7th BBB Tournament hosted by STS- Mark your calendars! Special Salute to Service for Veteran's Day! Please update your name on the athletics' [spreadsheet](#) if you are able to be involved.

12/8 & 12/9

8th Grade BBB Tournament hosted by St. Thomas – mark your calendars! Sign-up spreadsheet to follow in the coming weeks.

11/29

Hoops for Hunger – Great night to enjoy our Boys Basketball teams and Cheer and collect food for the Crystal Lake Food Pantry

Dec 19th

8th Grade Night for Boys Basketball and Cheer

LEND A HAND



Volunteer at Recess:

[Grades 4 & 5](#)

[Grades k & 1](#)

[Grades 2 & 3](#)

[Junior High](#)

[Daughter Dance Goodies](#)

Volunteer at the Thomas Trading Post: - [Thomas Trading Post Volunteer signup sheet](#)

Support the Thomas Trading Post Wishlist: [Amazon.com](#)

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

Nov 10th - 11th 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) or you would like to help decorate to recognize our Veterans.

Sign up for [scorebook/scoreboard/admission/&concessions](#)

Christmas Tree Decorating in downtown Crystal Lake: daniellepurgatorio@gmail.com

Monthly Family Mass: shelby@theyounges.com

Hoops for Hunger Night, looking for someone to help coordinate and plan this night, involves creating posters (with kids) and creating announcement flier email colleen @ colleen@nieckula.net

8th Grade Night for Boys Basketball and Cheer, looking for a non-8th grade parent to help decorate, plan snacks and get flowers for parents. email colleen @ colleen@nieckula.net

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

Praying with you and for you,

Mrs. Houston