

Will be in the morning only.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Please mark your calendars for conferences on Monday November 20. Sign ups will be published on Tuesday November 7. Junior High teachers will be contacting parents separately for conference scheduling.

NO UNIFORM FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3

Please help us stuff the box with:

Gravy

- Mixes
- Cans/jars

Canned soup

- Mushroom
- Onion
- Broth

Stuffing mix

Canned

vegies/condiments/etc.

- Corn
- Green beans
- Sweet potatoes
- Mushrooms
- Pie filling
- Condensed/evaporated milk

Thanksgiving items

Remember—

if you participate in the no uniform day, you need to bring an item for the food pantry collection bin.

PTO EVENTS



NOVEMBER PTO MEETING
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023
 8:00AM
 MRS. HOUSTON'S OFFICE

FEEL FREE TO JOIN ZOOM MEETING
 MEETING ID: 834 7884 7708
 PASSCODE: 070928

Hot Topics this month:

- Daughter Dance
- Teacher Christmas Gifts
- St. Nick Christmas Shop
- Open House/Fun Fair

Please contact Jen Abraham with any questions or ideas!
 jjsabraham@gmail.com or 815-307-5370

Tomorrow is the big day!



Saint Thomas the Apostle School Daughter Dance
 Celebrating a night as your favorite movie character!!
Friday, November 3, 2023
6:00-8:30 PM

Saint Thomas Community Center
 451 W Terra Cotta Ave
 Return RSVP card by Oct. 30th in school office
 Attn: Michelle or Katelyn

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



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 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Felix & Fingers Dueling Pianos!

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:
SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 10, 2024
<https://vrmco.com/868408800/22c81347b7>

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

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON EVENT

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Reminder: 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.

EMPOWER ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS

Schools and families gathered outside of Governor Pritzker's office this morning in downtown Chicago to ask him to support the Tax Credit Scholarship Program.

While the Governor recently made headlines for agreeing to sign a program extension if passed by the state legislature, families and school communities are asking him to do more to help #SaveMyScholarship. They are asking him to call on his fellow government officials to do the right thing and remove the program's impending sunset.

While students were unable to meet with the Governor, they left a sign with signatures of support. You can join them by asking Governor Pritzker to stand up for Illinois students and publicly endorse the TCS Program. Click the button below to send your message.

[CONTACT THE GOVERNOR](#)
[CONTACTA EL GOBERNADOR](#)

ATHLETIC NEWS

Summary of the 7th/8th grade GVB season from Coach Marry:

We had a great 7/8 girls' volleyball season. The growth of each individual was evident and the team cohesion grew throughout the season. The girls learned each other's strengths and in what areas teammates needed their help. This season we were blessed by the leadership of our 3 eighth graders. Each 8th grader brought something different to the team through their talent and personality. Every member of our team contributed and we counted on their abilities. Olivia Marry led the team with assists to set up our hitters for strong kills. Julia Dovidio, while one of our strongest hitters, was willing to set up many plays. Anna Reschak worked hard this season and became a consistent outside hitter with several kills. Michaela MacCarthy had a solid crosscourt hit we knew we could count on to end the play. Elisabeth Jacobs was one of our consistent servers who we could always rely on. Addison Justen was the worker bee who went wherever we asked, tried her best, and improved in all areas of play. Olivia Wihelmi took on the task of learning to set and the one who would close out the cheer from the huddle to fire the team up. Kenzie Martinez joined us for the second half of the season and quickly melded into part of the team. She worked hard to become a player we could trust anywhere on the court. Our serves grew exponentially this season, from a few girls learning how to jump serve, to others improving their overhand serve and everyone improving in serve placement. Two of our

best played games of the season were our "Give Joy" & 8th grade night, thanks to the energy our supporters brought to the gym. Our support from our parents was always appreciated and my deepest gratitude for the time put in by the assistant coaches. Thank you Anna, Julia, and Olivia M for your dedication to Sts Volleyball for the past 3 years. Best of luck in all of your future endeavors, we are excited to see the person you become.

From Athletics:

And a special thank you to Coach Marry for all the love and dedication she devoted to the team this season. If my memory is correct, she has been with the 8th grade players for 4 years – what a journey! The girls are lucky to have you and call you coach, thank you for the gift of your time and care!

FAMILY MASS RETURNS THIS SUNDAY!!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH AND SCHOOL ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE:

Family Mass Is Back!

PLEASE JOIN US!

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023
10:30AM

COMMUNITY CENTER, OAK STREET CHURCH
451 W. TERRA COTTA AVENUE
CRYSTAL LAKE, IL 60014

If your child or family is interested in participating as a greeter, usher, or lector, please contact Shelby Younge, shelby@theyounges.com (773)426-2195

All are welcome to celebrate the eucharist at this Student and Family executed mass. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend and participate!



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 .

MCCHS



Marian Central Catholic High School

EVENTS

The Harlem Wizards are coming to town!



**Thursday,
November 2, 2023**

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/TheMarianWizards [@MarianWizards](https://twitter.com/MarianWizards) [@WorldFamousMarianWizards](https://www.instagram.com/WorldFamousMarianWizards)

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

This week: Boys Basketball and cheer practices continue. Games begin next week!

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.

11/29

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

12/8 & 12/9

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

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