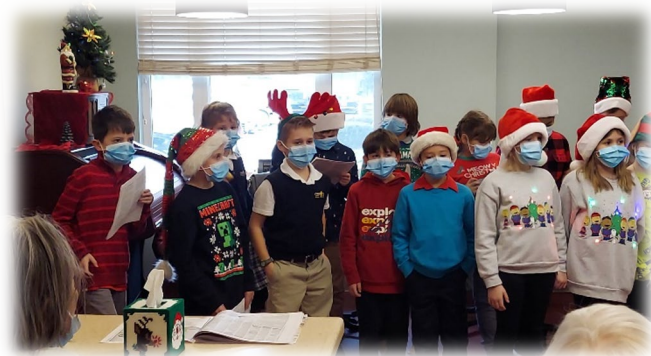


DECEMBER 7, 2023



Advent Season is underway as we begin preparing for Christmas by bringing joy through Christmas Caroling at the local nursing homes. This week, Grades 3 & 4 visited Fair Oaks and Grades 5 & 6 visited Sunrise.



24-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Planning for the new school year is in progress. Please complete the attached survey regarding your intentions for next school year. As you realize, the budget is dependent on the number of students and the number of faculty members. We need returning student information to determine the cost to educate and therefore the tuition for practicing members of the participating parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Mary's in Huntley. Thank you for your prompt attention to the attached form.

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.

PARISH EVENTS

LONGEST NIGHT

Prayer Service

This wonderful time of year can also be a stressful time for many. We welcome you to a night of prayer, peace, faith, joy, hope and love. Fellowship time included.

December 21 | 6:30-8PM

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
451 W. Terra Cotta Ave.
Crystal Lake, IL

Hosted by:
St. Thomas the Apostle
Ministry of Hope



Diocese of Rockford
Catholic Charities



SAVE THE DATE

Marian Central's National Honor Society

Presents:

Launching Leaders into the World

RISE UP

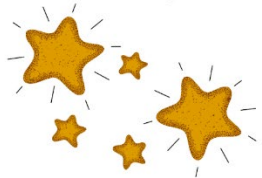
Recognizing and Inspiring Student's Excellence and Undiscovered Potential

Youth Leadership Development Conference

Date: March 10th

Time: 9am - 3pm

Place: Marian Central Catholic High School



SIGN UP HERE!





Felix & Fingers Dueling Pianos!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 10, 2024
<https://www.auctria.com/688408200/22-813175/>
ST. THOMAS COMMUNITY
NIGHT OUT WINTER FUN-RAISER!

Get tickets now!
 Scan Below:



Felix & Fingers Dueling Pianos
The Vixen
1208 N. Green Street
McHenry, IL
auctria.events/STSwinterfunraiser.com

DOORS OPEN: 6:00PM
 SHOWTIME: 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



Dec. 8 & 9



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States of America - December 8

"No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and the birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin." (United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 142-143)

School Mass to Celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday December 8 @ 10:45 am
 Pierson St. Church

8th Grade BBB Tournament hosted by St. Thomas –


Jr. Hurricanes Night BOYS BASKETBALL

Wear your school's spirit wear and get in free!

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MARIAN
1001 MCHENRY AVE
WOODSTOCK

TIME
5:30 JV
7:00 VAR



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JR. HURRICANES SIGN UP

LOUDEST SCHOOL RECEIVES CAMP DISCOUNT



Dec. 13

Holiday Gift shop in St. Thomas Gym.



Dec. 14

Grades 7 & 8 Christmas Carol @ Crystal Pines

PK-K-1st Christmas Concert @ Oak St. Church 6pm



Dec. 15

Grade 2 Christmas Carols @Encore Memory Care



Dec 19th

Uniform Resale 7:30 am – 8:15 am

8th Grade Field Trip to Chicago Wolves

8th Grade Night for Boys Basketball and Cheer



Jan 19 & 20 –

7/8 Grade Girls Basketball Tournament hosted by St. Thomas. Volunteer sign-up coming soon.



Jan. 28

STS Open House and Start of Catholic Schools Week



Feb 3 –

K of C Free Throw Competition ... times and further details to come.

See full Athletics calendar here:

<https://sites.google.com/stthomascl.org/stsathletics/monthly-calendar-nscg-game-schedules>

LEND A HAND



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

Volunteer at Recess:

[Grades 4 & 5](#)

[Grades k & 1](#)

[Grades 2 & 3](#)

[Junior High](#)

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

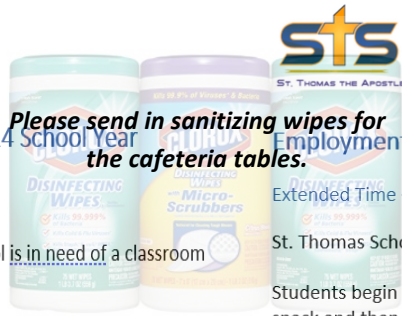
Sign up for [scorebook/scoreboard/admission/& concessions](#)

Monthly Family Mass: shelby@theyounges.com

[December 8 & 9:](#)

8th Grade BBB Tournament hosted by St. Thomas – mark your calendars! [Volunteer sign-up found here](#)

December 19th 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



Employment Opportunity for the 2023-2024 School Year

Preschool Classroom Assistant

Little Saints Preschool of St. Thomas the Apostle School is in need of a classroom assistant for our 4-year-old classroom.

This is an hourly paid position. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Houston, STS Principal. ghouston@stthomascl.org



Extended Time Care Supervisor/Manager

St. Thomas School offers after school care from dismissal at 2:00 until 5:00 pm.

Students begin extended care with large motor activity recess; go to cafeteria for snack and then return to the ET Classroom for quiet games, G-rated movies, homework time, or quiet reading as they wait for their pickup.

This is an hourly paid position. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Houston, STS Principal. ghouston@stthomascl.org



As always, I will be --
Praying with you and for you,
Mrs. Houston



Dear Parents,

Beginning December 6, 2023, St. Thomas School will begin using an integrated version of the FACTS Tuition Management and FACTS SIS systems. As of this date you will access your FACTS account via FACTS Family Portal. **You will find the Family Portal link on the school website** or by following the steps below:

FACTS Family Portal Login Instructions

- Please go to the website <https://www.factsmgt.com/>
- Click on “Parent Log In” at the top, then “FACTS Family Portal”
- If you already have an account, enter district code, username, and password and click Login.
- **Create New Family Portal Account if you have not set this up yet**
- Enter the **email address that received this email**, and our District Code

Our District Code is **STTA-IL**

- You will receive an email from SIS Customer Support containing a link that will allow you to create your username and password. For security purposes the link will remain active for six hours.
- Please click on the link. A **Change/Create Password** screen will open. You may use the default username provided, or create a new username. Then type in your desired password into the Password field and Confirm Field
- Click on the **Save Username and/or Password** button
- Close the window.
- Log into **FACTS Family Portal** as instructed above

Thank you for your continued loyalty and support for St. Thomas School. We depend on your support in our efforts to provide the highest quality of education for your children. Your continued support and cooperation is appreciated, as we remain committed to our mission.

Sincerely,
School Administration

Mrs. Houston

24-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Family Name

Will you be returning to St. Thomas School for the 24 – 25 School Year? Yes No

If yes

Student Name	Grade in 24-25

If you do not plan to return, please share with us what brought you to this decision.

Please return to school office by Friday December 8