

JANUARY 18, 2024

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The National Catholic Education Association's celebration of Catholic schools is January 28 – February 3. St. Thomas will be kicking off the week long celebration with our Open House, Fun Fair and Student Showcase.

Open House – this year we are focusing our *Open House* on **prospective** families as we hope to increase our enrollment. We will be starting this prospective family open house at 12:30 pm. This will allow prospective families a time to tour the school, speak with the faculty and get a better understanding of the amazing opportunities at St. Thomas School.

Our Fun Fair and traditional student showcase will open at 2:30 pm. This is when we are inviting our current families to join us for fun and games in the gym at the Fun Fair, browse the awesome student projects in each classroom, and marvel at the art creations in the cafeteria.



**STS Fun Fair**  
STUDENT SHOWCASE IN THE CAFETERIA

**January 28th**  
**2:30-4:30**

📍 St. Thomas School  
student projects, fun games, prizes, raffles and snacks  
\$15 for 25 tickets  
Cash ONLY sales

Contact Carmen Zepeda for more information  
mariazepedaalvarez@gmail.com

Save the date 01.28.24



Pride | Passion | Tradition **sts**  
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE  
JULIAN MORALES  
Principal

**Prospective Families**

12:30-2:30 p.m.  
Visitas en Español Disponibles!

**Reserva la fecha 01.28.24**

## PE NEWS—SKATING TIME!!

Beginning on February 5, 2023 our Physical Education classes will be participating in an in- house skating program.

The skates will be delivered directly to the school. Due to insurance purposes, we will be exclusively using Skatetime School Programs® skates.

Please see the permission slip and skate size form attached to this newsletter.



Volunteers will be needed. Sign up coming soon.

## 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Planning for the new school year is in progress. Thank you to all who have returned their intention forms for next year. We still have close to 30 families that we have not heard from. **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. The participating parishes are St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Mary's in

Huntley. Thank you for your prompt attention to the attached form.

Returning student information is required by the Diocese in order to determine the most accurate Cost to Educate. Fewer students because of low return to the survey, will drive the Cost to Educate higher. Please let us know ASAP your intentions for the education of your children for the 24-25 school year.

### 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

**Let's raise some Dough!**

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY**

**DATE:**  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH

**LOCATION:**  
GEORGIO'S CHICAGO PIZZERIA  
75 E Woodstock St, Crystal Lake  
815-459-8888  
11 AM - 9 PM



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Georgio's will donate 20% of the sales to your organization for all orders received for dine-in, carryout, and delivery, when this flyer is mentioned!

Donation is calculated on sales after any discounts, and excludes sales tax, delivery fees, and gratuity.


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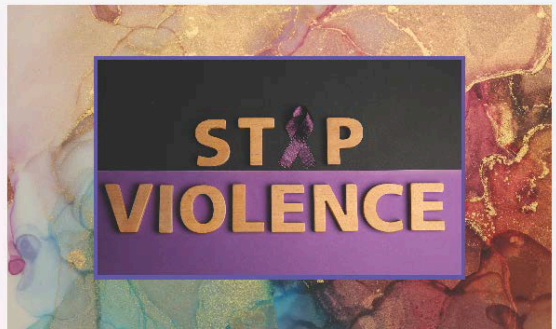
**TO ORDER ONLINE VISIT US AT**  
**WWW.GEORGIOPIZZA.COM**  
& use promo code **FUND** at checkout.

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**MAKE SURE TO MENTION THIS FUNDRAISER WHEN PLACING YOUR ORDER.**

Please check that your receipt says "Fundraiser" (located just above the Pre-discount subtotal). If "Fundraiser" is not listed on your receipt, please inform or call a manager.

**Domestic Abuse  
Informational Workshop**




**About The Workshop**  
Gain a better understanding domestic abuse and learn how to help yourself or someone you know who might be in an abusive relationship. There is hope & healing.


**Speakers**  
**Jim Kintz**

- Retired from 42 years of law enforcement
- Certified instructor for DV investigation
- Court Watch past president

**Cheryl Stella**


- Abuse survivor
- DV victim advocate

 **February 3, 2024**  
9:00am - 3:00pm

 **The Church of the Holy Apostles**  
5211 Bull Valley Rd  
McHenry, IL

**FREE Event!**  
Lunch will be served

**Register at [tcoha.org](http://tcoha.org)**  
\*Walk-ins welcome



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
**FREE THROW  
CHAMPIONSHIP**  
BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9-14

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of January 1, 2024) are invited to participate in the 2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship February 3.

Additional information contact: Bob Brix : Cell: 815-276-7367

E-mail: [rbrix54@gmail.com](mailto:rbrix54@gmail.com)

# Jr. Hurricanes BOYS BASKETBALL

STARTING IN JANUARY  
PLAY IN 20+ GAMES  
MEET FRIENDS BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL

5th-8th grade

\$350



TO REGISTER FOR THE JR. HURRICANES BOYS  
BASKETBALL PROGRAM, SCAN QR CODE



SCAN ME



## 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!**



MARIAN CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

★ JR. HURRICANES GIRLS ★

# BASKETBALL NIGHT



JANUARY  
19

JV: 5:30pm  
VARSITY: 7pm

Enjoy a fun night with the  
2023 Regional Champs!

- ★ Knockout Game - between JV & Varsity games
- ★ Cheering contest - receive camp discount
- ★ Free Throw Contest - Varsity halftime
- ★ Hurricane swag
- ★ Jr. Hurricanes sign up





## Jr. Canes YOUTH FOOTBALL 2024

Flag football: 5-10 year olds  
Early Bird until 2/22: \$150  
Standard: \$175

Great youth  
football experience  
for all ages!

**TACKLE FOOTBALL**  
5TH/6TH GRADE AND 7TH/8TH GRADE  
EARLY BIRD UNTIL 2/22: \$300  
STANDARD: \$350

Register Now

QUESTIONS? CONTACT LKIRWAN@MARIAN.COM

## ST. MARY'S HUNTLEY

The St. Mary Huntley Knights of Columbus will hold their second annual Winter Bags Tournament Saturday, February 3 in the church's Parish Hall.

The cost per two-person team is \$60, but any team that registers online by January 31 will receive a \$10 discount. (Use this code: EARLYBIRD) Participants must be at least 13 years old. For details and to register online, go to <http://tinyurl.com/kcbags>.

UrbanAirCrystalLake.com

# Spirit night

**20%** of the proceeds are donated back to your organization

**St. Thomas the Apostle School**  
**January 25th, 2024 // 4 - 8 PM**

Exclusive Spirit Night pricing:  
**\$20.99 Ultimate Attractions**  
**\$15.99 Deluxe Attractions**

Tickets available at the front desk. Must mention Spirit Night at time of purchase. Urban Air socks not included.

220 Exchange Drive // Crystal Lake, IL 60014  
(779) 216-5612

let'em fly

Urban Air ADVENTURE PARK

## SUPPORT STS PTO and BUY A FOOTBALL SQUARE

### Super Bowl FEB 11th



Super Bowl Football Squares are \$10 each. Your name will be added to a square and if you are one of 4 lucky winners we will contact you the very next day after the Super Bowl to let you know! Just fill out the form attached to this letter and return it with your payment (payable to PTO) to the School or Parish Center, BEFORE FEBRUARY 9th.

attention:

Amanda Pinzon

[aepinzon85@gmail.com](mailto:aepinzon85@gmail.com)

815.685.5984

### DATES TO REMEMBER



**Jan 19 & 20**

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



**Week of Jan 22**

6th through 8th grade Boys Basketball  
Conference Tournaments – schedule TBD



**Jan. 28**

STS Open House and Start of Catholic  
Schools Week—Full Schedule coming soon

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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Felix & Fingers  
Dueling  
Pianos!**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**  
**SATURDAY,**  
**FEBRUARY 10, 2024**

https://www.auctria.com/STSwinterfunraiser

**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](http://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



Feb 3

K of C Free Throw Competition

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](#)

[Set up Volunteer Sign up](#)

[Fun Fair Day Sign up](#)

[Catholic Schools Week Teacher Assistance](#)

**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](mailto:shelby@theyounges.com)

**Belong:** *to be a part of something  
to be included in  
to be connected to*

**Empower girls in your community!**

**Coach for Girls on the Run**

Warm-up your spirit fingers & kind heart to inspire a group of girls in 3rd-5th grade to be strong and healthy. Each team of girls needs 2 coaches to facilitate our easy-to-follow curriculum twice a week for 90 minutes after school. Through fun activities, conversations and laughter you will witness transformational change in the girls on your team.

Coaching and running experience not necessary.

Girls on the Run is dedicated to creating a world where EVERY girl knows & activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams.

**START**

**you belong here**

**for more info sign up to be a coach visit [gotrnwil.org/coach](http://gotrnwil.org/coach)**

Program registration for girls begins January  
Our season runs March 4 thru our celebration 5K events May 18 & 19



Praying with you and for you,  
Mrs. Houston



## Permission Slip

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Beginning on **February 5, 2023**, our Physical Education classes will be participating in an in-house skating program. The skates will be delivered directly to the school. **Due to insurance purposes, we will be exclusively using Skatetime School Programs® skates.**

This skating unit is being implemented because of its emphasis as a "Lifetime Activity". Skating provides a variety of benefits, which include balance, coordination, motor skills, and a top-rated cardio-respiratory workout. Students will also learn basic skating skills such as starting, stopping, forward skating, backward skating, cornering, and a number of safety tips for being a smartskater.

The fee for this unit will be \$ **12.50** for inline skates per student. The fee includes delivery and pickup of the equipment as well as use of the skates for **4** days of skating during normal P.E. Class.

Please have your student return this permission slip no later than **JAN 19, 2023**

In consideration of the permission granted, I hereby grant permission for the person named herein to participate in the program described and associated activities provided by Skatetime School Programs® and **St. Thomas the Apostle School**. I further release Skatetime School Programs® and the **Diocese of Rockford**, its agents, employees, and volunteers from all actions, damages, claims, or demands and all liability, which might be incurred during the conduct of this activity.

I further authorize the School officials to take the proper steps to provide medical attention should participant be injured while participating or being transferred to or from any School sponsored activity and I hold said officials of **St. Thomas the Apostle School** and the **Diocese of Rockford** harmless thereof.

I acknowledge the risk and responsibilities involved in this activity. I have read this release and understand all its term and execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

**Activity: Skatetime School Programs® (In-House Skating Program)**

Name of Student Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: Inline \$ **12.50**      **← BILLED THROUGH FACTS**

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attention: Amanda Pinzon/ [aepinzon85@gmail.com](mailto:aepinzon85@gmail.com)/ 815.685.5984

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Squares \_\_\_\_\_

**We accept cash or check written out to St. Thomas PTO**

(please contact Amanda with any questions [aepinzon85@gmail.com](mailto:aepinzon85@gmail.com))

100 squares will be sold for \$10 each

Complete the "Square" info attached & send to school with \$10 a square

Winners will be selected during the Super Bowl on February 11th

1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter & 3rd Quarter winners

will receive \$75!!!

Final Score winner will receive \$125!!!!!!

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 January 26***