

JANUARY 25, 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

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.



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

On February 26, Jack Rigert from John Paull II Renewal Center will be presenting an introduction to *LoveEd*.

LoveEd helps parishes and schools empower parents to teach both the theology and science of human sexuality within the context of God's plan for love and life. It helps young people discover the beauty and the purpose of their sexuality, which is fully articulated in Catholic teaching. *LoveEd* doesn't just teach the facts of life, but the meaning of life.

By offering *LoveEd*, parishes provide a format to assist parents—the primary educators—to guide and inform their children accurately, fully and lovingly.

To get a better understanding, please tune in to EWTN's "At Home with Jim & Joy" Show Wed and Thurs Jan 24 & 25 at 12:30 PM Central Time.



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



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!

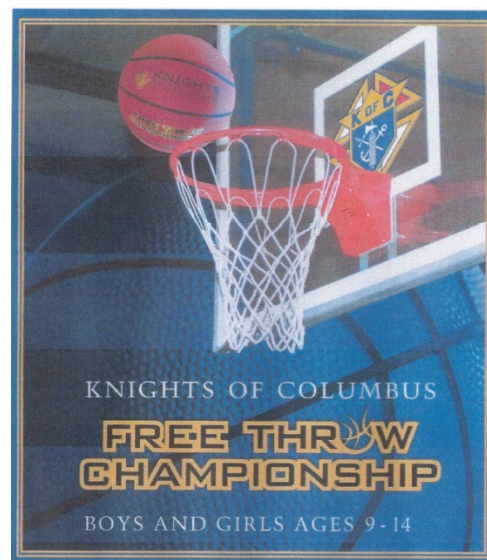
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TO ORDER ONLINE VISIT US AT
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 & use promo code **FUND** at checkout.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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


MCCHS NEWS

KICK OFF for Jr. Hurricanes BOYS BASKETBALL




Saturday,
January 27
2:30-4:30pm

5TH-8TH GRADE BOYS CAN CHECK OUT WHAT THE JR. HURRICANES PROGRAM IS ALL ABOUT! SIGN UP STILL AVAILABLE.





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.

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

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

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

FREE Event!
Lunch will be served

Register at tcoha.org
 *Walk-ins welcome





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!



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



**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

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815.685.5984

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

QUESTIONS? CONTACT LKIRWAN@MARIAN.COM

Register Now



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>

ATHLETIC NEWS

CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

What a month we have had! Our girls kicked off their basketball season with a home game against SSPP. The first weekend after break, our 7th grade boys went to Prince of Peace for a tournament and brought home 3rd place! Way to go guys! The weekend after that 7th & 8th both went to St. Raymond's Joey Sykes tournament and that same weekend, we hosted our 8th grade Girls Basketball tournament. They did a great job, we received a lot of compliments from visiting teams, it's always nice to be able to host and welcome people into our wonderful school! Whew – a lot of basketball!



We also had our 8th grade night for Cheer and Boys Basketball, one of our best 8th celebrations yet with the Cheer team showing off all their hard work, Little Trojans delighting the crowd and delicious treats by Karina Alvarado for the athletes. Angel Alvarado even rocked the 8th grade intros with some Gary Glitter Rock and Roll part 1 🥰 and our 7th grade team made awesome posters to cheer on each 8th grader – it was awesome to see our community come together and celebrate, it was a great night! Thank you to everyone who made that happen!!



**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Felix & Fingers
Dueling
Pianos!**

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 10, 2024**
https://www.auctria.com/618708800-240101752

**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



**FEBRUARY
PTO MEETING**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024
8:00AM
MRS. HOUSTON'S OFFICE

Feel Free to Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 873 7778 3851
Passcode: 318989

Hot Topics this month:
Open House/FunFair Review
Winter Fun-raiser
Book Fair
Mother/Son Bowling

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

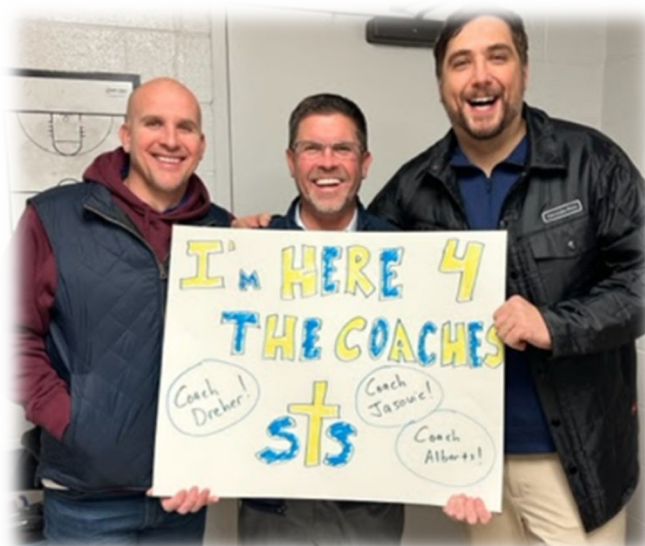


- 8th grade will play Montini for Championship at Marian at 7pm on Thursday Jan 25th



This week is our Boys Basketball Conference Tournament this week. Current results

- 6th grade won the first round and lost 2nd round so they have to play a final game on Monday at SSPP
- 7th grade won the first game and came in 2nd overall in the championship.



DATES TO REMEMBER



Jan. 28

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



Feb. 1

Dodgeball Tournament



Feb. 3

K of C Free Throw Competition

See full Athletics calendar here:

<https://sites.google.com/stthomascl.org/stsathletics/monthly-calendar-nssc-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

[Set up Volunteer Sign up](#)

[Fun Fair Day Sign up](#)

[Catholic Schools Week Teacher Assistance](#)

[Sell Football Squares after Mass](#)

[PE Skating Unit Assistance](#)

We will need line judges for Dodgeball Tournament and Concessions workers! Let us know if you can help out!

athletics@stthomascl.org



Employment Opportunity for the 2023-2024 School Year

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



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.



you belong here

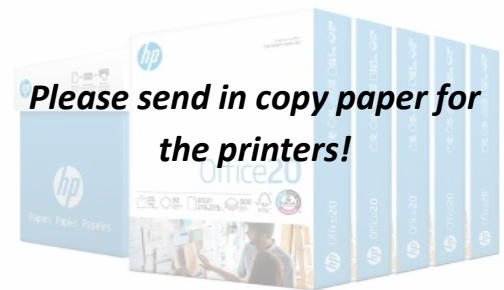


for more info sign up
to be a coach visit gotrnwil.org/coach



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





JOYS AND PRIVILEGE OF A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Everyone who enters the doors of a Catholic School is seen as an individual made in God's image. Each of us in a Catholic School is loved by God, valued, and respected. Individuals are encouraged to fulfill their role that God has planned. Catholic schools are families. These families have a common goal- to transform lives to God. We work together so each child comes to know Jesus Christ as his king, savior, and friend. Catholic schools bring the same morals and values from home to the real world. Students realize that their home values are the same as their friends'. Catholic education allows the students the opportunity to live their lives freely in the image of God with no worries of ridicule. It gives them the strong foundation to stand up for their faith and shout their love for Jesus from the mountains high.

The curriculum is challenging but integrated so children can see the connection between each subject. Catholic education brings the presence of God in the beauty of the world around them; it brings joy and hope.

"For education to be complete, our knowledge of things must lead to the meaning behind those things and ultimately to their Creator. The goal of true education, then, is to be drawn into relationship with God who created the world and gave it meaning."

— Rev. Robert Bolding, President-Rector of St. Mary's High School, Phoenix, ICLE Member School

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