

**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**

- Student developed original play
- Earth Day Bingo
- Basil giveaway
- Student developed robot game
- Readers Theater presents The Lorax
- Planting and tossing game
- Windmill Construction
- Online digital game
- Science Fair



**PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS**

**Hispanic Cultural Dinner  
Saturday May 25, 2024**

Oak Street Community Center

Hall opens at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM

Adults: \$25.00, Children under 12: \$10.00

**Main Course:**  
Tostitos, arroz, frijoles and pastor  
Paltas  
Tamales  
Rice and beans  
Queso de panela  
Cajitas mole and corn  
**Dessert:**  
Cajitas  
Muffin  
Ice cream from "La michoacana"  
Café con leche  
Wine, Mexican beer "aguas frescas, horchata y jamaica" soda



**HELPERS. CONTAINERS and PLANTS NEEDED**

**STS PTO**

# PLANT SALE

NO EXPERIENCE WITH PLANTS REQUIRED

- Clean containers needed, nursery pots or plastic tubs from yogurt, butter, sour cream etc. bring to school front office
- Helpers needed for all Masses at the Oak St. Church on **May 4-5** to pass out empty pots to those that have plants to donate.
- Indoor, outdoor and veggie plants are wanted.
- Helpers on **May 18** to collect donated plants. **May 19** day of sale, help set up, distribute, take down. sale at Oak St. Church

Contact Kristin Miller with questions [Kristin.theros@gmail.com](mailto:Kristin.theros@gmail.com)

Most Popular Merchants

family book store Up To 50%	Walmart 1%-4%	SEPHORA 5%	BEST BUY 0.5%	KOHL'S 3%	shop Disney 2%
FANDANGO 3%	CVS 2%	macy's 3%	OLD NAVY 5%	verizon \$75	

'47 Brand - 7%	Express - 2% - 4%	My M&M's - 6%
Abe Book - 5%	Family Book Store - Up to 50%	Office Depot/Office Max - .5% - 2%
Aeropostale - 1%	Famous Footwear - 1%	Old Navy - 5%
Acer Online Store - 4%	Fanatics - 2%	Omaha Steaks - 3%
Ashley Homestore - 1%	Fandango - 3%	Orly Beauty - 5%
AT&T - \$45	Fat Brain Toys - 6%	Orvis - 5%
Athleta - 4%	FedEx Office - 5%	Overstock - 1%
Banana Republic - 5%	French Toast - 5%	OXO - 2%
Bass Pro Shops - 3%	Gaïam - 8%	Pat Pat - 12%
Belk - 4%	GameFly - 10%	Peet's Coffee - 4%
Belkin - 4%	GAP - 5%	Pet Care Supplies - 10%
Benefit Cosmetics - 4%	Genius Games - 12%	Philips - 5%
Best Buy - 0.5%	GiftBasket.com - 8%	Puzzle Master - 10%
Booking.com - 4%	Ghirardelli Chocolate - 8%	Rosetta Stone - 7%
Books-A-Million - 3%	GNC - 4%	Rover - 5%
BrainPOP - 8%	Gymboree - 2%	Russell Stover - 5%
Buckle - 5%	Hanes - 1%	Sams Club - 2% - 15%
Calendars.com - 5% - 10%	Hickory Farms - 5%	Sephora.com - 5%
CanvasPrints.com - 4%	Home Depot - 8%	Shark Clean - 4%
Carter's - 1%	Homer Early Learning - 10%	Sharper Image - 2%
Checks Superstore - 15%	Hurley - 8%	Shop Disney - 2%
Costway - 4%	JCPenney - 3%	Society6 - 4%
Crocs - 6%	Jelly Belly - 5%	SodaStream - 5%
CVS - 2%	Jhonston & Murphy - 7%	Sunglass Hut - 6%
David's Cookies - 6%	Journeys - 6%	The Children's Place - 2%
Dell Home & Office - 1.5%	Justice - 10%	The Scholastic Store - 6%
Design A Shirt - 10%	Kay Jewelers - 1% - 4%	The Standing Desk - 10%
Discount School Supply - 4%	Kitchen Aid - 5%	Toms Shoes - 3%
Discount Tire - 6%	Kohl's - 3%	Tractor Supply Co. - 3%
eMeals - 30%	Lands End - 4%	TripAdvisor - 3%
eVitamins - 8%	Le Creuset - 4%	TurboTax - Up to 15%
Ethel M Chocolates - 8%	Life Is Good - 6%	Vans - 2%
Eventflo - 5%	Lights Online - 9%	Vera Bradley - 3%
	Melissa & Doug - 3%	Verizon - \$75
	Macy's - 3%	Walmart.com - 1% - 4%
	Microsoft Store - Up to 7%	

*Affiliate percentage rates and participation may change without notice.*

Updated: 6/5/23

STS PTO presents:

# STS FAREWELL EVENT

TO HONOR OUR DEDICATED FACULTY AND STAFF

Mrs. Houston • Mrs. Ruffolo • Mrs. Carpenter • Mrs. Di Cecco • Mrs. Gvozdzjak • Mrs. Holland

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE GIVE WELL WISHES AND THANK OUR FACULTY AND STAFF FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO ST. THOMAS SCHOOL!



Where: St. Thomas the Apostle Oak Street Church's Community Room

When: Sunday, May 5th following 10:30am Mass

## —ALL ARE WELCOME!—

Coffee and donuts provided by St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

Current STS students encouraged to wear their uniforms or spirit wear

Dedicated baskets available for cards and letters

Free photo opportunities via personal cellphone and cameras

Resale shop

# SPIRIT WEAR

The resale shop is asking for your old spirit wear t-shirts.  
Any old spirit wear t-shirts please send to Carmen Zepeda or can be dropped off in the office.  
Thank you, we appreciate all your donation!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE

*Please help spread the word that we NEED a supervisor for the after-school care program. We are looking for someone to manage the program as well as supervise the children. Two supervisors are needed to manage the students through at least 3 or 3:30 to be available for the ET recess time. Once the students have returned to the classroom, we could get by with only one supervisor. The last pick-up time is 5pm but students are usually picked up 5-10 minutes before, so the supervisor is able to clock out by 5.*

Please contact Mrs. Houston, [ghouston@stthomascl.org](mailto:ghouston@stthomascl.org) or 815-459-0496 if you have any leads on this position.

*We have one supervisor/manager for next year but still need a second person.*

# May PTO Meeting

Last of the 2023-2024 School Year!

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024  
MRS. HOUSTON'S OFFICE  
8:00AM

*Please join us and welcome our new PTO Board!*

FEEL FREE TO JOIN ZOOM MEETING:  
MEETING ID: 873 1358 5666  
PASSCODE: 723270

**Hot Topics this month:**  
Teacher Appreciation Week  
Field Day  
End of the Year Beach Party  
4th of July Parade  
Summer Concert at the Beach  
New Family Mentor Program

PLEASE CONTACT JEN ABRAHAM WITH QUESTIONS OR IDEAS  
[JJSABRAHAM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JJSABRAHAM@GMAIL.COM) OR 815-307-5370



dismiss from the church and all others will return to the school to dismiss.

## ATHLETIC NEWS

**STS ATHLETICS**  
**GOLF OUTING**  
*Teeing Up for Trojans*

**MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2024 1:00PM**

**PRAIRIE ISLE GOLF COURSE**  
2216 IL Route 176  
Crystal Lake, IL

**AGENDA**

- 12:00p - 12:45p Golf Registration and Lite Lunch
- 1:00p Shotgun Start Scramble Golf
- 5:00p Dinner in the Club House (Time is Approximate)
- 6:00p Awards and Celebration!

Other Sponsorships Opportunities Available! **Register Now!**  
<http://teeing-up-for-trojans-golf-outing.perfectgolfevent.com>

## Congregation Outreach Presents... 2nd Annual *Women's* Health Summit Night Out

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



**Exploring the relationship between obesity and cancer.**  
Dr. Rona Wardak will help us reduce the risks of Cancer. She will provide the facts on what is obesity and its risk factors for other diseases. She will also share preventative measures for cancer prevention.

Rona Wardak, MD  
Primary Care and Obesity Medicine



**Prebiotic and Probiotic Foods.** Jessica Grelle will share nutrition fundamentals with simple ways to eat healthy. She'll clarify the confusion on which carbohydrates, fats and proteins to focus on, as well as tips for meal and menu planning. Join us as we delve into the optimal sources of prebiotic and probiotic foods, empowering you to make informed decisions for a healthier lifestyle.

Jessica Grelle,  
Nutrition Educator, Food Scientist,  
Influential Food Entrepreneur



**Blood pressure monitoring** is an essential and fundamental aspect of preventative healthcare. Dr. Elizabeth Kayode will educate individuals on the significance of prioritizing regular blood pressure monitoring and taking proactive measures to maintain optimal blood pressure levels. By doing so individuals can effectively safeguard their cardiovascular well-being and improve overall quality of life for a healthier future.

Elizabeth Kayode, MD  
Family Medicine

**Join Us**  
Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 • 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Parish Hall | *Coffee & traditional Latino deserts will be served!*  
**REGISTER TODAY!**

## Cinco de Mayo



Featuring, **Sandra Romo**  
And Dance Team

**Let's Dance!**  
Merengue, Bachata, Cumbia  
and Mix Zumba  
Learn a dance step or two!



**St. Mary Catholic Church**  
of Huntley, Illinois

10307 Dundee Rd, Huntley, IL 60142  
Contact: Kaylee Baginski, 847-669-3137 x111  
Register: [KBaginski@stmaryhuntley.org](mailto:KBaginski@stmaryhuntley.org)

**Advocate Sherman Hospital**

Now part of **ADVOCATEHEALTH**

## REMINDERS

It seems with the warmer weather; we are having many students coming to us with alternative dismissal plans. Please remember: *Crystal Lake D47 Transportation does not allow students to ride the bus if they are not assigned to that route.* If students are going to another student's home after school, *both* parents should send a note (not email) and arrange for transportation other than the bus.

## MAY CROWNING

Next Wednesday is May 1. Our weekly Mass will *not* be at 10:45. Instead, our 8<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will process through the courtyard with Mary followed by the rest of the school community and parents into the church for the crowning and Mass. This procession will begin at 1:00 pm. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade will



**MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**  
What are you doing to strengthen your mental health?

- Counting my blessings!
- Offering support and affirmation to the people in my life
- Remembering God's love for me
- Turning to Jesus in prayer, Scripture and the sacraments
- Getting out and about in God's creation
- Taking a break from screens and going to Adoration instead

Brought to you by Catholic Charities Mental Health Ministry  
Behavioral Health Crisis: Call or text 988 (administered by SAMSHA)

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VOLUNTEER AT THE THOMAS TRADING POST: -  
[Thomas Trading Post Volunteer signup sheet](#)

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

Support the **Thomas Trading Post Wishlist:**  
[Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

[MOMs and MIMOSAS Assistance](#)

[Plant Sale Help](#)

Click the link above to help with necessary items.

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REMINDER

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TUITION ASSISTANCE

If you are in need of tuition assistance for the 2024-2025 school year, the [grant application portal](#) in FACTs is now open. Assistance must be applied for each year; it is not automatically granted.

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

CALENDAR EVENTS

 **May 1**

**1:00 Mass with May Crowning**

 **May 3**

PTO Meeting

 **May 6-10**

Teacher Appreciation Week

 **May 16**

PK Bridge Ceremony

 **May 17**

Kindergarten Graduation

Field Days

PK Picnic

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner

LEND A HAND



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

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VOLUNTEER AT RECESS:

[Grades 4 & 5](#)

[Grades k & 1](#)


[Grades 2 & 3](#)

[Junior High](#)



See, I am sending an angel before you  
to protect you on your journey and  
lead you safely to the place I have  
prepared for you.

**Exodus 23:20**



Dear Lord, Thank you for  
sending your guardian angels  
to watch over and protect me  
and my loved ones.