

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



March 2, 2026

The Note!

It's great to be back this week. I'm so thankful for our teachers, staff and Lori for all the extra they did to allow me to recover at home. Only the best at St. Thomas! I'm a little sore and wear out easily, but so glad to be here! It's been an uneventful process, thank the Lord! I'm working to catch up on emails, etc. If you need something, let me know!



We have finished our **5th and 6th basketball season**. Both teams played hard all season and improved every game. Thanks to our coaches for all of your time and energy. It will all pay off as they continue their careers as St. Thomas Saints!

Good luck to our 7th grade volleyball team tonight at Grayville vs. Altamont Lutheran in the regional semifinal after a win this past Saturday!



2nd grade is celebrating Dr. Seuss Week. Lots of fun in there! Today we are wearing green for one of my favorite books, Green Eggs and Ham! Thanks to Mrs. Zuber and Mrs. Hartrich-Splechter for making it a fun week!



I talked to the kids this morning about Father Tomy's homily this weekend. If they attended St. Thomas or St. Mary's they heard his story of the two wolves that fight inside of us. One wolf is full of jealousy, greed, etc. The other wolf is full of generosity, joy, grace, etc. I encouraged the kids to let the good wolf win. I'm big on telling everyone, adults and kids alike, that we choose how our days go and how we handle them. Let the good wolf win!



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 7th VB @ Grayville regional vs. Altamont Lutheran 7:00

Tuesday: Meyer Twins Art 'til 5:00

Wednesday: **K-2 Class Mass** (2nd in charge), RtI mtg. after school, 7th VB Regional Championship 6:00, School Board (7:00 – note time change), Pre-Registration night 5:30-7:00, Trivia Night 7:45-8:15

Thursday: SB @ Paris Crestwood 4:00, **1st Reconciliation Parent Mtg.** (2nd grade parents) 6:00 at church with Father Tomy

Friday: **Stations of the Cross** (5th grade leading), **All-School Mass** (K-1 in charge), **Adoration** 'til noon, End of 3rd Qt., AR points due, Yearbook meeting after school 'til 5:00

Saturday: 8th grade VB regional @ Martinsville vs. Altamont Lutheran 9:00, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

Sunday: Family Life Center Breakfast 8-12 in Parish Center, Masses @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Daddy/Daughter Dance Flyer, Family Life Center Breakfast Flyer, Lunch statements, School Board agenda

*Just an update. No concrete numbers until after we meet on Wednesday and get our final bills, but **Trivia Night** was another great success! It looks like our profit will be around \$70,000! Thanks to all who volunteered, donated, bought something, etc. What a blessing for our school and parish! Thanks again to our amazing committee!

***Musical tickets** are available in our office. March 26-29 the NCHS choral department will present "Sister Act"! It's going to be a great show! Show times are 7:00 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

*The **Daddy/Daughter Dance** is coming right up on Saturday, March 21st. This year it will include a meal from Joe's as well as dancing and fun. Please send in your RSVP (coming in the packet today) and payment by the 9th.

*Congratulations to our **Elks Americanism Essay contest**.

6th grade: 1st place, Pete Weber; 2nd place, Dominic Ochs; 3rd place, Kyle Meinhart

7th grade: 1st place, Jack Weber; 2nd place, Margaret Bierman; 3rd place, Dakota Milner

8th grade: 1st place, Blake Bierman; 2nd place, Bailey Meinhart; 3rd place, John Hartrich

The 1st place winners' essays will move on to the District level. Thanks, Mrs. Finley for helping them prepare these! A representative will be here Thursday for a picture.

***Track** practice will begin March 16th. The link below will take you to the merchandise store for Track. Get your orders in!

<https://st-thomastrack-field2026.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

* I'd love your ideas for the **Exceptional Service and Distinguished Graduate awards**. If you know of anyone who might be deserving, please let me know.

*Don't forget our **Pre-Registration Night** this Wednesday from 5:30-7:00 in the cafeteria for all incoming kindergarteners and their parents as well as anyone interested in St. Thomas for next year. If anyone has questions, let me know!

***School Board** has to be moved to 7:00 due to the Pre-Registration night. Sorry for any inconvenience. Following it will be our follow-up **Trivia Night** meeting at 7:45.

***Yearbook** will meet this Friday after school until 5:00 as well as Saturday, March 28th from 9-11 a.m. If anyone has pictures you've taken that you think might be useful for the yearbook, you can send them to yearbook@stthomassaints.com.

*I am keeping all of you in my prayers during this Lenten season. My prayer for myself each morning is that I have the strength to stay faithful to the promises I've made. So far, so good, with only a few bumps in the road, but it's early. As Lent continues, it either gets a little harder or a little easier. I have faith that we can all be diligent and dedicated to those promises!

