

# St. Thomas & St. Timothy School



## PEEK AT THE WEEK

Colleen DiSanto

*Oh God, As light comes from the Advent candles, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Savior bring light into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we await for His coming.*

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### Upcoming Calendar Events

*To view our school calendar and upcoming events, please [click here](#).*

12/15 - Christmas Shop at St. Thomas Campus

12/15 - Bake Sale at both campuses

12/20 - No After Care

12/21 - St. Thomas Piano and Strings Recital at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1:00pm

12/22 - St. Timothy Prayer Service at 10:00am

12/22 - St. Thomas Prayer Service at 11:00am

12/22 - Early dismissal (11:45 Gr. 6-8, 11:50 Pre-K, 12:00 Gr. K-5) - No lunch, No After Care

12/23 - 1/1 - Christmas Break - No School

12/29 - Last day to order January lunches on EduConnect

1/2 - Return to school

### Classroom Spotlight

Día de las velitas (Day of the little candles)

In an exploration of Hispanic traditions and culture, the 7th-grade students recently immersed themselves in crafting paper lanterns. These radiant lanterns served as both homage and illumination to honor the Virgin Mary.

With this Colombian people commemorate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception by lighting rows and rows of candles on the nights of December 7th and 8th. This tradition joyfully marks the proclamation of the Immaculate Conception by Pope Pius IX.

# School News



**The international travels continued this week in Ms. McMahon's class with a 1st grade trip to Italy! Buon Naiale!**

## Reminders

**Lunch Ordering Available:** Lunch ordering on EduConnect: You may now order lunch on EduConnect for the month of January. The cost is \$6.00 and will be billed to your Blackbaud Management Account. The last day to order lunch is December 29th.

**Pre-K and Kindergarten Intent:** Reminder to all Pre-K and Kindergarten families to complete the annual letter of intent earlier this year. [Please click here.](#) Thank you for your continued partnership!

**5th Grade Intent:** Reminder to all 5th Grade families to complete the annual letter of intent earlier this year. [Please click here.](#) Thank you for your continued partnership!

**Book Fair at St. Thomas Campus:** If you missed the fair or want to continue shopping, the [online fair](#) is open through December 17th. The St. Thomas Library wishes you and yours a very blessed holiday season.

**No Aftercare on Wednesday, December 20th:** A reminder to all families, there will be no aftercare on December 20th.

## December Service Projects

- Students at both campuses enjoyed supporting CCMC with a pajama day on Monday. Thank you to everyone who brought in \$1 as we raised funds to stand together with children battling cancer.
- Student Council concluded their second service project today, by collecting and sorting through various personal hygiene and care items for the Catholic Workers Project in Hartford. Thank you all for your generous donations!
- Students at the St. Thomas Campus are beginning their second service project to benefit The Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Joseph's Residence in Enfield. Students made Christmas bags and Christmas cards, and are looking for donations of personal care items such as shampoo, body wash, baby wipes, hand/body lotion or mouthwash to help the residents. We will be accepting donations at the St. Thomas campus next week.
- In this Christmas season of giving, St. Thomas & St. Timothy School is so grateful for all the support and generosity of our families.

## Home and School Association

- **Christmas Shoppe, December 15th:** Reminder that tomorrow is the Christmas Shoppe on the St. Thomas Campus! This is a festive fun-raiser! Each class will visit the shoppe during the day on December 15th and have the opportunity to buy small gifts for their family and friends (all items are under \$10, the vast majority of items are \$5 or less). [Click here](#) to learn more about the shoppe and set up a gift certificate for your student(s) to shop. Students may also pay with cash if you would prefer.

# School News



**Middle School Library Aides took a break from their busy Advisory to snap a quick picture with Mrs. LeBlanc!**

After School Clubs, St. Timothy Campus

**We are exploring new opportunities for students to engage in clubs after school at St. Timothy. Below please review the information for Esports and Playhouse Theatre Academy. Fees and dates are evolving and will depend upon the interest of our student body. Your opinion and engagement are important for us to move forward.**

- **St. Timothy Gaming and Esports Club:** Señor Valencia and Mr. Brodeur (Rowan) are looking for interested students to engage in an Esports Club. Please see the attached description.
  - The St. Timothy Gaming and Esports Club (STGEC) is an after-school group that provides a welcoming and non-toxic environment in which new and veteran players can explore gaming. Newcomers to the hobby can try beginner-friendly titles that teach basic competencies like controller handling, camera control, and timing. Veteran gamers will have a chance to practice essential competitive skills, such as in-game callouts, team communication, and coordination. Numbers permitting, STGEC will also offer interested participants an opportunity to compete in an intramural tournament over the course of a club session. All club games are family friendly. In its initial sessions, STGEC will be offering play in *Mario Kart 8 Deluxe* and *Super Smash Brothers Ultimate*.
  - In order to ascertain the level of student interest and better determine equipment needs, initial signups for the club will be limited to 8-10 students.
  - Personal Equipment: Students who have their own Nintendo Switch controllers may bring them to campus for use during club time. Additionally, if students are interested in the club after signups are closed, they may reach out to Sr. Valencia or Mr. Brodeur about participating in the initial session provided they are able to bring their own Nintendo Switch system and a copy of one of the offered club titles for use during club time. Titles not offered by the club are not permitted during club sessions.
- **Mini-Production: Playhouse on Park, West Hartford, CT Grades 6-8**
  - 12 week commitment
  - Meeting once a week for 60-75 minutes
  - In this class students create their own stage performance based on a chosen book or story through improvised play and character creations.

If you are interested, please add your child's name to the sign-up. This is the first step in adding new and interesting student activities to our school day.