

St. Thomas & St. Timothy School



PEEK AT THE WEEK

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God, our Father, we ask your help to love you as Mary loved you. We seek to do your will and to do what is right today and every day as Mary did. Lord, bless my family, my fiends, and me. We want to do your will. Amen.

Daily prayer in the Classroom, Liturgical Press

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Upcoming Calendar Events

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

12/7 - STA Christmas Pageant at 6:00pm, St. Thomas the Apostle Church

12/8 - Report Cards accessible on EduConnect for both campuses

12/8 - Mass – Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Friday December 8th

- 8:00am – St. Timothy Church
- 9:00am – St. Thomas the Apostle Church (Upper Church)

12/12 - Honors Ceremony - 8:15am, St. Timothy Church

12/13 - St. Timothy Christmas Concert at 6:00pm, St. Timothy Church

12/20 - No aftercare

Classroom Spotlight

First grade is taking flight! This week they will be learning about holidays around the world! They will be exploring how different cultures celebrate and the traditions associated with each holiday. It's a great opportunity for students to broaden their horizons and gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for diversity. With their "passports" in hand, the class will be making crafts related to each holiday and sharing them with one another and will be discussing the similarities and differences between each celebration and how we can incorporate these ideas into our own lives. It's sure to be a fun and educational week for all!

School News



Reminders

St. Thomas Dismissal Time Pick-Up Reminder: Per our Family Handbook 2023-2024: Students that are picked up after the 2:50pm and 1:50pm (Wednesday) will be assessed a \$35 late fee effective Monday, December 4th. This fee will be applied to your Blackbaud Tuition Management account.

CCMC Pajama Day: December 11th is pajama day for both campuses. As a reminder, please bring in \$1 to your homeroom teacher to dress in pajamas.

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!

Basketball Practice Days: Students should wear gym uniforms, they will not be able to change clothes after school.

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

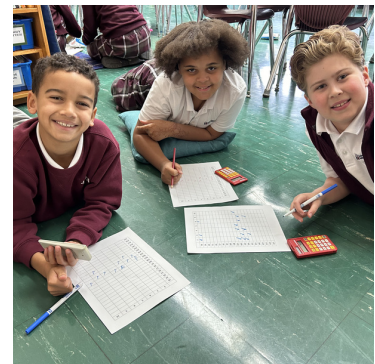
St. Thomas Christmas Pageant

Our annual band ensemble and Christmas Pageant for students in grades K- 5 will take place tonight at 6:00pm in the Upper Church. Students should arrive at 5:45pm and meet in the lower church. Band students should arrive at 5:30pm and plan to meet in the music room. Our tradition is to feature our fifth graders in the lead and speaking roles. The costuming is as follows:

- Grades K-2: Angels- white tops, black bottoms, Halos are optional, no wings allowed.
- Grade 3-5: Carolers-nice colorful outfits, hats and scarves are optional
- *Grade 5: Some students may have a character specific costume*

St. Timothy Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas Concert for students grades 6-8 will take place on Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00pm, featuring our Honors Choir, 8th grade, band, strings ensemble, and piano students. Students should dress in black and white attire. Strings students should be dressed in all black attire. All are welcome to join in the celebration of Christmas music.



Mr. Hadyka's math class stopped the fun for a quick picture!



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

School News



Community

Nicole Freda Scholarship: Congratulation to 8th grade student, Miley Julien, who was chosen as this year's Nicole Freda Scholarship recipient. Nicole's parents came to school, along with Miley's parents, to present her the award.

Nutmeg Book Award: Congratulation to 8th grade student, Victoria Levinskas, who was a finalist in the student reader competition for the Nutmeg Book Award Middle School Selection Committee. The Nutmeg Award encourages Connecticut students to read quality literature. being a finalist in the student reader competition is a great accomplishment, as she share this honor with only a handful of students in Connecticut.

Book Fair at St. Thomas Campus: Thank you all for a very successful book fair! Hundreds of books have been welcomed into our homes and classrooms this year. We are especially grateful for our parent volunteers and support to the classrooms. The students had a wonderful time. 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.

Home and School Association

Christmas Shoppe, December 15th: 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). All students will receive a candy cane and students who do not wish to shop will be able to watch a Christmas show. It is heartwarming to see the children carefully choosing gifts for others and experiencing the joy of giving. Volunteer links will be sent out in your homeroom parent email on Sunday.

- [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.

Double Good Popcorn Sale: The fundraiser has officially ended after four incredibly successful days! There was not one classroom that came close to having 100% participation. Here are the top three classroom winners who have each earned a dress down day, and pizza/movie party:

- 1) PK4 (J. Provost): \$2,676.34
- 2) 4B (K. Hadyka): \$1,906.50
- 3) 6B (P. Hamilton): \$680

Shout out to The Grella Family, who was the number one seller in the school. A huge thank you to all those who participated and to our incredible HSA for organizing a successful event!



Special Guest! Mrs. Battaglia stopped by Mr. Lappe's math class the other day to collaborate and say hello to some of her former students.