

# St. Thomas & St. Timothy School



## PEEK AT THE WEEK

Colleen DiSanto

There are many sorrows in our world. We experience our own personal sorrow at times. One sorrow to be with us all the time is that some people do not have a home, do not have sufficient food, and do not have proper clothing. Loving God, make us attentive to the words of Psalm 41. “Happy are those who consider the poor; the LORD delivers them in the day of trouble.” *O God of love, help us to share the wealth that has come from you. Let us not be deaf to the cries of the poor. Let us pay attention to those who have needs. Amen.*

-- *Daily Prayer in the Classroom, Interactive Daily Prayer, by Kathleen Foley, C.S.J. and Peggy O’Leary, C.S.J*

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Upcoming Calendar Events

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

2/2 - Contracts Due

2/7 - HSA Meeting, 6:30pm at St. Timothy

2/8 - Kindergarten Breakfast, 9:00 pm at St. Thomas

2/9 - Father Daughter Dance, 6:30 pm at St. Thomas

2/9 - Valentines Dance, 7:00 pm at St. Timothy

2/15 - St. Thomas Family Bingo, 6:00 pm at St. Thomas

### Classroom Spotlight

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*Archbishop Christopher Coyne*

*offered Mass yesterday morning*

*for the students, school and*

*parish family members, and*

*faculty and staff of St. Thomas*

*at Saint Thomas the Apostle*

*Church. He then met with*

*parents after mass and visited*

*classrooms and answered student*

*questions. Thank you for joining*

*in our Catholic Schools Week*

*celebration!*

# School News



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## Reminders

**2024-2025 Tuition Contracts** were mailed the week of January 2nd. Those with outstanding balances of \$1,000 or more were not issued a Tuition Contract.

- Reminder: Please include your deposit of \$300/student when returning your completed tuition contract. Thank you to all our families for your continued commitment to Catholic education with St. Thomas & St. Timothy School!
- *The deadline for current families to return contracts is tomorrow, February 2, 2024.* We will begin accepting new students February 5, 2024. Please return your contract and deposit ASAP to guarantee your child a spot for next year!

**Applying for Financial Aid for the 2024-2025 School Year:** You may begin applying for financial aid for the 2024-2025 school year now. Please [click here](#) to start the process. Our school code is 13753. Please contact Michelle Curley with any questions.

**Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools (FACS):** The Scholarship Application, Guidelines and Criteria for each of the 2024-2025 scholarships are available on our website. Please [click here](#). All applications need to be completed, and submitted to the school office by *Monday, March, 4th*. Please indicate the scholarship(s) you are applying for on page 5 of your application.

**Children's Educational Opportunity Foundation of Connecticut (CEO):** Online scholarship applications will be available on March 1st, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year. Stay tuned for more information.

## From the Nurse

- Winter illness is upon us. The West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District has provided us with a guide to the common respiratory illnesses circulating this year. [You can find it on our website by clicking here](#), along with the basics of when to return to school, [click here](#). The nurses have COVID test kits available for staff and families who need them. Contact your school nurse if you would like some. There is also some stomach-related illness circulating in our community. Please refer to [School Exclusion Guidelines](#) regarding when to keep your child home from school. Thank you for all you do to help keep our schools healthy!
- Thank you for your diligence in keeping your children home when they are sick. You can contact your school nurse if you are not sure when your child should stay home. Please remember to notify the office when they will be absent.
- As the cold weather has set in, please be sure your children are dressed appropriately for the outdoor temperatures.



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**Thank you to our Student Ambassadors for being tour guides for Archbishop Coyne.**

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## Home and School Association

**Save the Date:** Friday, February 9, 2024 save the date for the St. Thomas Father Daughter Dance for PreK through Grade 5 girls and their special escort. *Your special escort could be a father or father-figure.*

**Save the Date:** Friday, February 9, 2024 save the date for the St. Timothy Middle School Valentines Day Dance from 7:00pm-9:00pm. [Click here](#) to RSVP for the dance. [Click here](#) to volunteer or donate for the dance.

**Save the Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2024 for the St. Thomas Campus Family BINGO Night at 6:00pm. The cost is \$10 per person and will be billed to your Blackbaud Account. Raffle tickets are available. Space is limited. Please [click here](#) to attend the event, or donate items.

## Community

**Career Day:** Thank you to our INCREDIBLE parents who took time out of their busy lives to talk with our students for career day! Careers in health care, sports, media, military, education, and much MUCH more, you have all ignited sparks of curiosity and inspiration in this next generation!

**Building-wide Permanent Substitute Teacher:** The St. Thomas Campus is seeking a building-wide substitute teacher, Monday-Friday. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact our Associate Principal, Mrs. Kownacki, at [kkownacki@ststmschool.org](mailto:kkownacki@ststmschool.org)



# School News



## **St. Timothy Middle School students donating jeans and sandwiches created on Monday, January 29, 2024, our Community Service Day!**

### Reflections on Catholic Education

As share by Mrs. Beth Boyle, Co-Director of House of Bread Hartford, Connecticut

One of the many benefits of Catholic education is the constant reminder to 1) Do unto others, 2) Treat others as you want to be treated, and 3) Try and put yourself in someone else's shoes.

In life, we all carry our experiences with us kind of like we carry a backpack. For some of us, we have been and will be fortunate enough to travel, to meet new people, to see new lands and hear new perspectives, to have our eyes opened to the beauty of the world. For some of us, we will experience sadness, trauma, and grief. You will likely not know what anyone's backpack has upon first meeting them or even after knowing them a short while. You may know someone for years and not know what is in their backpack! But I will ask two things of you in your life: 1) Think about your backpack as something that makes you stronger, even when it feels undeniably heavy and you feel crushed by the weight of it. Focus on how these experiences in your backpack are something that makes you stronger. God is always by your side, helping you carry your backpack. 2) Always be mindful of others' backpacks.

Assume nothing other than, how can I help them to carry theirs? Always ask, how can I help?

- \* Never underestimate the power of your actions.
- \* People will always remember how you make them feel.
- \* You only really have control over your own choices and responsibilities in this life.
- \* Make them positive!
- \* You have the power within yourself to be a helper.
- \* Be mindful of other people's backpacks.



Mrs. Beth Boyle,  
Co-Director of House of Bread,  
Hartford,  
Connecticut



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**Jeans collected through the month of January along with sandwiches made during the “Sandwich Ministry” on Monday were brought to House of Bread.**

Congratulations to the Recipients of the the Timothy Middle School Exemplar Award

On Monday of Catholic Schools Week, we introduced a new student recognition award at St. Timothy Middle School. Students from each homeroom were recognized for understanding Gospel values and demonstrating that knowledge in their relationship with others.

These students are open to engaging with all students and faculty members in a positive way. They emphasize respect and fairness for all.

These students have a charitable heart and shares their gifts and talents without reservation. They are open to all aspects of learning whether in the classroom or in more social activities during the school day.

**Congratulations to Elijah Kwakye, Kaylee Caguitla, Andrew Rodney, Jr., Kayleigh Lambert, Brooks Bevier, & Caitlin Eule (not pictured).**



Sandwich Ministry at St. Timothy Middle School

