

St. Thomas & St. Timothy School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday | January 17, 9AM to 11am
St. Timothy Middle School Campus

Thursday | January 25, 9AM to 11AM
St. Thomas Campus

St. Thomas & St. Timothy School is accepting applications for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 and is beginning to enroll for the 2024-2025 school year! Contact our admissions office for more information at admissions@stastmschool.org

PEEK AT THE WEEK

Colleen DiSanto

Dear God as we say good-bye to our wonderful STM nurse, Mrs. Kalinowski, please give her strength in her new job. As she approaches each patient, please fill her with wisdom and help me utter comforting words. Encourage her when she falters and renew her strength when she is tired. When the demands of her job increase and the days become longer, please give her the grace to serve better. Give her patience as she comforts the sick. May those placed in her care be blessed through her service. Help her and her patients pull through every difficult situation that may present itself. May your providence be her hope and joy. At the end of each day, let her rest in the assurance that she has done the right thing. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

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- 1/17 - Winter Open House, St. Timothy Middle School Campus
- 1/17 - Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest at STA, Grades 4-5
- 1/18 - Shadow Day for 5th Grade to St. Timothy Middle School Campus
- 1/19 - Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest at STM
- 1/19 - Bake sale at both campuses
- 1/24 - Mass at St. Timothy, 9:00am
- 1/25 - Winter Open House, St. Thomas Campus
- 1/26 - St. Timothy Middle School Skate for FUNds Event, 7:10-8:20pm
- 1/31 - Mass at St. Thomas, 9:00am

Classroom Spotlight

PreK is embracing the cold! Mrs. Provost's class started their unit on all things icy and cold! They worked on their math skills building snowmen and counting marshmallows, explored freezing properties of ice, and tried their hand at creating their own snowflakes.



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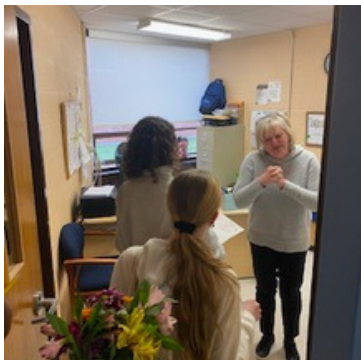
Reminders

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. Thank you to all our families for your continued commitment to Catholic education with St. Thomas & St. Timothy School!

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 (FAC'S): Application information will be released to us in mid February. Stay tuned for more information.

First View Bus Tracking App, West Hartford Transportation: West Hartford Transportation will be implementing the First View Bus Tracking App for all families/students that are bus eligible. They plan to start this program district wide on Monday, 1/29. An email will be sent from the district to bus families which will share all of the information on how to set up the app and notifications. Families will be able to track their child's bus, as well as receive notifications of any changes on their bus route.



We will miss you Mrs. Kalinowski! Thank you for everything you have done to support our students and school community. We wish you all the best!

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Progress Reports

Tomorrow progress reports will be available for all grades. All parents have the option to review the reports electronically. In addition, parents of students at STA will receive two hardcopies of the report in student backpacks. Please review the report and send one signed copy back to your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible. Teachers are required to complete progress reports if a student's grade(s) have dropped by 5 points or more. Therefore, not all classes or teachers will have completed or commented on the progress report. If you have any questions about any of the grades you see on the progress reports, please email the homeroom teacher or the teacher noted on the report. Remember, these are interim reports, not report cards. They are not part of your child's permanent record, but do serve as a good benchmark of student progress thus far in this trimester.

Session 3 Clubs

Session 3 Clubs begin January 22nd. Club flyers will be available for [viewing](#) on our website today. Sign-up begins on Tuesday, January 16th at 9:00 am and ends on Friday, January, 19th at 11:00 am sharp. Clubs will be available on the St. Thomas Campus and St. Timothy Campus. They will meet once a week for four weeks at a cost of \$55.00 per club. Come enjoy the fun after school from 2:45 to 3:45pm.

Dennis Uniforms

Dennis Uniforms for the New Year: As we look forward to 2024-2025 school year, get back-to-school ready with Dennis uniforms! [Click here to read more from the uniform experts.](#) [Click here](#) to view shopping guides.

Catholic Schools Week Masses

We are so excited to welcome Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne to St. Thomas & St. Timothy School! Both campuses will be celebrating Mass with Archbishop Coyne during the month of January to celebrate our great Catholic school. These masses will be in lieu of the previously scheduled Catholic School Week mass. Parents and families are all welcome to join. While the parish masses on 1/28 will still occur, the Catholic School celebration schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, January 24 at St. Timothy at 9:00am
- Wednesday January 31 at St. Thomas at 9:00am

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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.*

St. Timothy Middle School Skate for FUNds Event: Students in grades 6-8 at St. Timothy Middle School and their friends are invited to join in a fun session of ice skating to help raise money for our STMS! Friday, January 26th, 2024 from 7:10-8:20 at Veterans Memorial Ice Skating Rink. Bring a friend! There are many middle school students at the rink for Friday skate night. The more the merrier. We will have copies of the fliers in the school office and at the rink. Come by and take as many as you need! [Click here for more information and to print out the flier to skate!](#)

Community

Open House Invitation: Enrollment season is officially open and we are so excited to grow our school community. St. Thomas & St. Timothy School is accepting applications for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 and is beginning to enroll for the 2024-2025 school year! If you know any families looking to make a change, let them know about our upcoming Winter Open Houses! Click the link or visit our website to register today: <https://www.statmschool.org/enrollment-event-registration>

Wednesday | January 17, at 9:00am (All St. Thomas 5th grade families are invited to attend!)

- St. Timothy Middle School Campus

Thursday | January 25, at 9:00am

- St. Thomas Campus

Volunteering for Open Houses: If you would like to serve as a parent ambassador for either open house date, please contact Kerry Smith at admissions@stastmschool.org. Thank you in advance for your help and dedication to growing our school community!

5th Grade Shadow Day at St. Timothy Middle School: St. Thomas 5th Grade students will be traveling to St. Timothy Middle School on Thursday, January 18 for a Shadow Day field trip. The visit will be from 8:30-11:15. [Click here](#) to sign the permission slip as soon as possible. Permission slips must be returned to the Main Office.

Gym Teacher Needed, St. Timothy Middle School Campus: We are looking for a gym teacher to fill in for the remainder of the year at our St. Timothy Middle School Campus. This is a once a week commitment. This person would need to be VIRTUS trained and enthusiastic! We have the Athletic Director on campus, who would provide support with lesson planning. [Please contact Mrs. DiSanto if you or someone you know may be interested.](#)

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Use of technology at St. Thomas and St. Timothy School

No matter which campus you may visit or which classroom you may observe, the goal of the use of technology is to strengthen positive and helpful communication. Teachers use the interactive boards to share curriculum enhancing material. This tool makes areas of the world come alive! Students use iPads and Chromebooks for research, test-taking and preparing longer writing assignments. They are helpful tools in encouraging hesitant students to engage in their learning.

What technology is not, is a tool for harm, negativity and unkindness. Sadly, many people cross the line from respect to disrespect from caring to harassment.

Over the past few weeks, the messaging among our students through social media connections has interfered with our school day. The at-home conversations are impacting the positive and nurturing atmosphere that we seek for our students. Our children are facing verbal assaults through mocking and shaming comments. These episodes of negative communication deeply affect the sense of security, belonging and well-being for our students.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS, WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Parents and caregivers, it is imperative that you become aware of the use of technology in your home and in your child's social situations. We all know that social media has become a priority for our children. This is their connection to their friends while away from school or their teams. However, the conversations and comments can turn away from the intended purpose of connecting and wishing their friends well.

Please be aware of your child's friendship circles and the exchanges that have taken place. Check the communication history on their devices. Share the need for privacy settings to control the audience of any communication. Control the screen time that you allow at home which when not monitored, turns "Hello, how are you", to gossip and negativity. Each household must make their own choices about the use of technology, but in those choices the end result must be kindness, truth and caring.

Thank you for your time in considering this information and my request. Should you wish to discuss this topic further, please reach out at your convenience at cdisanto@stastmschool.org.