

St. Thomas & St. Timothy School



PEEK AT THE WEEK

Colleen DiSanto

Yesterday was the Feast Day of Saint Francis de Sales. Francis was the oldest child in a large family. His father wanted him to be a soldier, but he wanted to be a priest. This caused struggles in his family, Francis became a priest, and with his great love of others he lived a life of service for those he met. He taught, preached, and wrote about God. Francis was a very good writer and is the patron of writers. *“God of love, you gave Francis many gifts. He always recognized that these gifts came from you, and he used them in loving and humble service to neighbor. Help us follow the example of Francis and use our gifts in serving others so that through our individual gifts and talents, we may lead others to a greater love of God. 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](#).

1/26 - SKATE FOR FUNDS PROGRAM postponed due to a scheduling conflict

1/26 - Bake sale at St. Thomas campus - rescheduled from 1/19

1/31 - Mass at St. Thomas, 9:00am

2/1- St. Timothy Student Bingo (will be held during the day for students only)

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. Timothy Middle School (Grades 6-8) at Saint Timothy Church. His homily talked about St. Francis de Sales and our mission as Catholics to serve others and lead by example. We wish him well as he begins his new role as the Archbishop of Hartford!

School News



Shout out to 5th Grade Student Ambassadors for running an incredible Winter Open House at St. Thomas this morning! The feedback shared with us was that these students were confident, knowledgeable, and welcoming! Thank you for representing our school so well!

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

Lunch ordering on EduConnect: The last day to order lunch is Friday, January 26th. Please note: Special School sponsored lunches will be offered at STM, during Catholic Schools Week. This order will not be impacted.

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.

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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. *We are looking for volunteers. The sign up will be available next week.*

Community

Esports Club: Play turns ordinary moments into extraordinary memories. We're thrilled to share the success and joy that our Esports and Gaming club has brought to our students, especially as they embark on the exciting journey of mastering the basic controllers of Mario Kart! The enthusiasm and excitement around our Esports initiative have been nothing short of contagious. Witnessing our students dive into the world of Mario Kart with curiosity has been a delightful experience for us.

Gym Teacher Needed, St. Timothy Middle School Campus: Thank you for your help with this search. We have two promising candidates at this time. Please continue to contact Mrs. DiSanto if you or someone you know may be interested.

From the Nurse

- **For parents of Third-grade students:** Physicals are required in Grade 3. Parents should complete and sign Page One of the Health Assessment Record, and ask the provider to do the rest. If your child already had a physical since August, please ask their healthcare provider for a copy of the form and send it to Mrs. LeDuc. Copies are available on the school website.
- **For parents of Preschool students:** Annual physicals are required during Preschool in CT. When your child has their physical, please ask the provider to complete the Early Childhood Health Assessment Record, also on the school website. Parents must complete and sign the first page.
- Winter illness is upon us. 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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Catholic Schools Week

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 31 at St. Thomas at 9:00am

Catholic Schools Week Celebration at St. Thomas Campus: We are so excited to celebrate our school together during Catholic Schools Week. You can find the schedule of events for our St. Thomas Campus below!

Monday, January 29:

- House of Bread Service Project- Blankets of Hope. Students in grades Pre-K 3- 5 will buddy together to make “no sew” blankets to keep those less fortunate warm this winter season. All blankets will support House of Bread.

Tuesday, January 30:

- Career Day- We are inviting parents to share their career choices with our students again this year! We are looking for two parents from each class. This year, we are asking that parents bring with them a book or recommendation for a book for our students that reflect their occupation. Individual classroom sign ups have gone out from homeroom teachers this week.

Wednesday, January 31:

- Faith Day- Please join us at 9:00 am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church to celebrate mass with Archbishop Coyne. Reception immediately following mass in Driscoll Hall (St. Thomas gym). Please click [here](#) if you wish to attend the reception.

Thursday, February 1:

- Spirit Day- please plan to dress in school colors (white, gray, tiger orange, burgundy and blue) Special snack at lunch.

Friday, February 2:

- Leadership Day- Students in grade 5 will be responsible for taking over leadership roles in the school for the morning. Students will be acting as teachers, custodians and the principal to name a few. HSA will provide faculty with lunch.

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Catholic Schools Week (continued)

Catholic Schools Week Celebration at St. Timothy Middle School Campus: We are so excited to celebrate our school together during Catholic Schools Week. You can find the schedule of events for our St. Timothy Campus below, including a number of events organized with the help of student council:

Monday, January 29:

- **St. Timothy Exemplar Award:** On Monday of Catholic Schools Week we are introducing a new student recognition award. Students from each homeroom will be recognized each month for *understanding Gospel values and demonstrating that knowledge in their relationship with others. He or she is open to engaging with all students and faculty members in a positive way. He or she emphasizes respect and fairness for all. This student has a charitable heart and shares his gifts and talents without reservation. He or she is open to all aspects of learning whether in the classroom or in more social activities during the school day.*
- **House of Bread Service project:** We are welcoming the House of Bread Director, Beth Boyle, to share their mission with us.
- **Sandwich Ministry:** We will be seeking donations for the sandwich ministry for that day (loaves of bread, ham, turkey slices, cheese slices, and candy bars, sandwich bags) [Click here to sign up.](#)

Tuesday, January 30:

- **Career Day:** We are inviting parents to share their career choices with our students again this year! [Click here to sign up.](#) We are looking for 8-12 parents to join us from 9:00am-10:00am, coffee and tea will be available for 8:30am. This year, we are asking that parents bring with them a book or recommendation for a book for our students that reflects their occupation.
- A special MOE'S lunch is being offered. Please complete the order forms below for each of your children at STM. Gluten free options are available. [Click here to order Moe's - Tuesday, January 30th](#)

Wednesday, January 31: Spirit Day...dress up day in school colors (gray, white, Tiger Orange, burgundy, and blue)

Thursday, February 1:

- Bingo in English, French and Spanish
- A special Chick-fil-A Lunch. Please complete the order forms below for each of your children at STM. Gluten free options are available. [Click here to order Chick-fil-A - Thursday, February 1st](#)

Friday, February 2: Gym experience during gym classes with teachers