

St. Thomas & St. Timothy School



PEEK AT THE WEEK

Colleen DiSanto

Dear God, Today I want to pray for the issues in the world. For the poverty that stretches across our nation and beyond. I want to pray for the hungry who are dying daily. For the sick who can't reach hospitals. I pray for wisdom for the upcoming high school year and for my grades to stay up. for my grandpa as his health declines. I pray for the deaf and the blind that they thrive. For the war in Ukraine and for the confused and the unsure that they will find what they are looking for. Amen

Prayer by St. Timothy student

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Upcoming Calendar Events

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

12/1 - Photo retake day at St. Thomas Campus

12/1 - Bake sale at both campuses

12/1 - St. Thomas Advent Prayer Service at St. Thomas the Apostle Church

12/4-12/6 - St. Thomas Book Fair in the gym

12/6 - HSA Meeting: 6:30 pm, St. Timothy Campus

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

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

12/8 - Mass at both schools: 9:00am Feast day of Immaculate Conception

St. Timothy parents should be on the lookout for a very special letter in the mail from someone very special!

Classroom Spotlight

Fifth grade got in the Thanksgiving spirit this week in library. After listening to *Balloons Over Broadway*, a history of the Macy's Parade, they made their own balloon floats.

Thank you, Mrs. LeBlanc for your creativity in library class!

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.

Basketball Practice Days: Students should wear gym uniforms, they will not be able to change clothes after school. *Thank you to coaches, parents, and students for adjusting next week's practices to accommodate the book fair schedule!*

- Reminder, please bring in your uniforms from last year so that we can issue a new one for this season.

Photo Retake for St. Thomas, Tomorrow, Friday, December 1st: If students are choosing to retake their photos, kindly return your photo package to school tomorrow.

6th Grade World Language: World Language classes will switch on Monday, December 5th. Student presently in Spanish will switch to French and students presently in French will switch Spanish.

St. Thomas Christmas Pageant

Our annual band ensemble and Christmas Pageant for students in grades K-5 will take place on Thursday, December 7th at 6:00 pm in the Upper Church. Students should arrive at 5:45pm and meet in the lower church. Band students should arrive at 5:30 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 Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00, 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.



As we enter into this holiday season, Pre-K4 reflected on things they are thankful for. They are thankful for their school, church, family, high fives, police officers, nurses, and so much more!

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St. Timothy Cubby Clean Out Challenge

Beginning on Monday every homeroom will work through an organizational plan for the week, so that all students will have all of their supplies in the right place in their “lockers” when needed. We are looking for parents to help by having their students clean out their backpacks over the weekend. This is a great way to begin the second trimester!

Community

CCMC Pajama Day CHANGE IN DATE: We have switched to December 11th for pajama day. As a reminder, please bring in \$1 to your homeroom teacher to dress in pajamas.

Book Fair at St. Thomas Campus: The St. Thomas Book Fair is next week, December 4-6! Visit the [fair home page](#) to set up your e-Wallet now! We will also accept cash, credit, or debit. You may also shop online from Dec. 4 - 17. The new in-person shopping schedule is:

- Parent/Family Shop Monday-Wednesday 8-8:20am , Monday and Tuesday 2:40-3:30pm.
- K-5 students will shop during their Library Special on either Monday or Tuesday.
- All Pre-K will shop with their families Monday or Tuesday 2:40-3:30.
- Only students will have make-up shopping time Wednesday during school hours. Please disregard any earlier messages about the schedule.

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!

8th Grade Portrait Packages: This year, we will be selling portrait packages to help defray the cost of the 8th grade end-of-year activities. Proofs of your child’s portrait were sent to your email along with order forms. Order forms are due December 5th.



8th Grade used their “senior privileges” today by dressing down as a class. It seems like they coordinated! They will have this privilege every last Thursday of the month.

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Home and School Association

Double Good Popcorn Sale: We set up a Double Good virtual fundraiser! It's 100% contactless, we keep 50% of the profit and the product ships directly to the buyer. Each family will create a Pop-Up Store and sell Double Good gourmet popcorn! Prices range from \$18-\$59. The popcorn is award-winning and really delicious! Before the fundraiser begins:

1. Download the Double Good app
2. Enter our Event Code kuzmdj
3. Create your Pop-Up Store

The app is available for free on iOS and Android. The following prizes will be awarded:

- Dress down day for the first 3 classes at St. Thomas and the first 3 classes at St. Timothy to reach 100% participation by creating pop up shops on the Double Good app or website.
- Dress down day, and a movie/pizza party for the top selling:
 - lower elementary classroom
 - upper elementary classroom
 - middle school classroom

Wreath Pick Up: If you did not pick up your wreaths today, please stop by the Main Office at the St. Timothy Campus tomorrow.

HSA Shoutout! Thank you to Mrs. Hrach for all her hand work and dedication these past few weeks. Between pies, wreaths, and bake sales, she doesn't stop! We appreciate all you do to keep our community strong!

From the Nurse, St. Thomas Campus

Hearing screenings were done this week for students in Kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 4, 5. Students who were absent or who did not pass the screening will be rechecked at a later date, and Mrs. LeDuc will send referrals to parents as necessary. Please reach out if you have questions about the screening or concerns about your child's hearing.

Thanks to the generous assistance of two local Lions Clubs, we are planning to provide KidSight Vision Screening to students in all grades on Tuesday, Dec 12. The screening is quick and touchless, and detects a variety of vision problems in even the youngest of children. If an eye exam is warranted based on the screening, you will receive a report that you can bring to your child's appointment. We are grateful to the Greater Hartford Host Lions Club and the Hartford County Everest Centennial Lions Club for providing this service at no cost to us.

For parents of Pre-K: Parents of all Pre-K students under the age of 5 must provide proof of influenza vaccination before December 31 in order to return to school in January. Please make your appointments if you have not yet done so, and please get your documentation to Mrs. LeDuc prior to the break.