

More News

Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

May 19, 2018

Upcoming events:

Tue., May 15 – Sun., May 20 th	8 th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.
Monday, May 21 st	Field Day
Tuesday, May 22 nd	Band Concert, Wing Park, 6PM
Wednesday, May 23 rd	Spirit Wear Day
Wednesday, May 23 rd	PTO Meeting, The Grumpy Goat, 7 PM
Thursday, May 24 th	Final School Band Concert, 8:30 AM
Thursday, May 24 th	8 th Grade Dinner Dance, 6 PM
Friday, May 25 th	8 th Grade Graduation, 7 PM

www.stmcentral.org

Attendance Line:

(847) 742-3959 ext. 154



From the Principal's Desk:

Dear STM families,

Hard to believe that there is less than two weeks to go and this school year is over. I don't know about you, but I feel like it was just September and I blinked and now it's May. It has all gone by so quickly! And these last few days will, as well. This past Monday we held the annual Sports Awards Night honoring all our wonderful STM athletes. Then on Tuesday our 8th graders left to go on their trip to Washington, D.C. I am happy to say that they arrived there safely and are having a lot of fun! They return this coming Sunday. Just in time for Field Day which is on this Monday, May 21st. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help at Field Day. Mrs. Rizzo has a lot fun activities planned for the day and I have arranged for a surprise for all the students. Next week is also the final band concert at Wing Park on Tuesday, and on Thursday at 8:30 AM the STM band will perform for the school. The last PTO meeting for the school year is on Wednesday at the Grumpy Goat. We hope to see you there. Thank you for all your continued support of our incredible school! Have an effervescent weekend.

Blessings,
Mrs. Sonja Keane



STM Sports Awards Night



This past Monday night STM held the annual Sports Awards Night. Parents, students, coaches, and administration gathered to pay recognition to all the hard work from all the teams over the past school year. Athletes from volleyball, basketball, and the inaugural cross country team all received t-shirts and ice cream to celebrate a job well done.

Roberts Hall Improvement



Roberts Hall received a much needed face lift. A few months ago we had a volunteer step forward and paint ALL of Roberts Hall from floor to ceiling. Not only did it receive a fresh coat of paint, but it is a slightly warmer color than before, as well. If you haven't seen it yet, please stop by and take a look. It looks amazing!

7th Grade Hosts STM Science Fair

Last Friday our 7th graders held a Science Fair here at STM in Roberts Hall. The 7th graders exhibited their projects for all to come and see. They also explained their projects to the students, teachers, and parents who visited. They all did such an amazing job! We all learned a lot from the experience.



Help spread
the word!

The best marketing of our school is **YOU!**

STM has openings in Pre3 through 8th Grade.



Thank you to all who made the Spring Book Fair a huge success! I want to thank Drew Pemberton, who graciously agreed to play the role of Clifford, the Big Red Dog, as he greeted students arriving at school each day of the fair. Our cashiers were Sue Campbell, Audrey Kreins, and Jean Zajicek. The entire Zajicek family packed-up the fair in less than an hour as they have done for many years! Logan M., Diego P., Andre M., Morgan L., and Annie T. assisted as well. We made a respectable profit from the fair, and this will benefit our school's library as always. Thanks to all the school families who purchased books, gadgets, and posters!

Mrs. Ostrem

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WING PARK BANDSHELL

TUESDAY, MAY 22ND, 2018

6:00 PM

St. Thomas More School during inclement weather

GET + TOGETHER

St. Thomas More PTO invite you to our final meeting of the year. A private room at the Grumpy Goat has been reserved so we can gather as a community. In order to accommodate as many adults as possible, we do kindly ask that you consider child care options. Now that school is nearing an end, you undoubtedly deserve an evening out to socialize with other STM parents.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 • 7PM • GRUMPY GOAT (AT HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE)

Hors d'oeuvres will be sponsored by PTO and a cash bar will be available

YOU'RE
INVITED

to join the Catholic Schools of Elgin in celebrating the

4th OF
JULY

City of Elgin Annual Parade!

The parade begins at 9:00. The meeting place and time will be sent with your t-shirt order and communicated to you by the principal.

Show your Patriotic School Spirit with your school name on the back of the Patriotic School Shirts! Remember – all family members are invited to participate! Please, indicate adult size as A and youth size as Y: example YM for youth medium. Shirts are available for \$10.00.

School: _____

Name: _____

Size: YS YM YL
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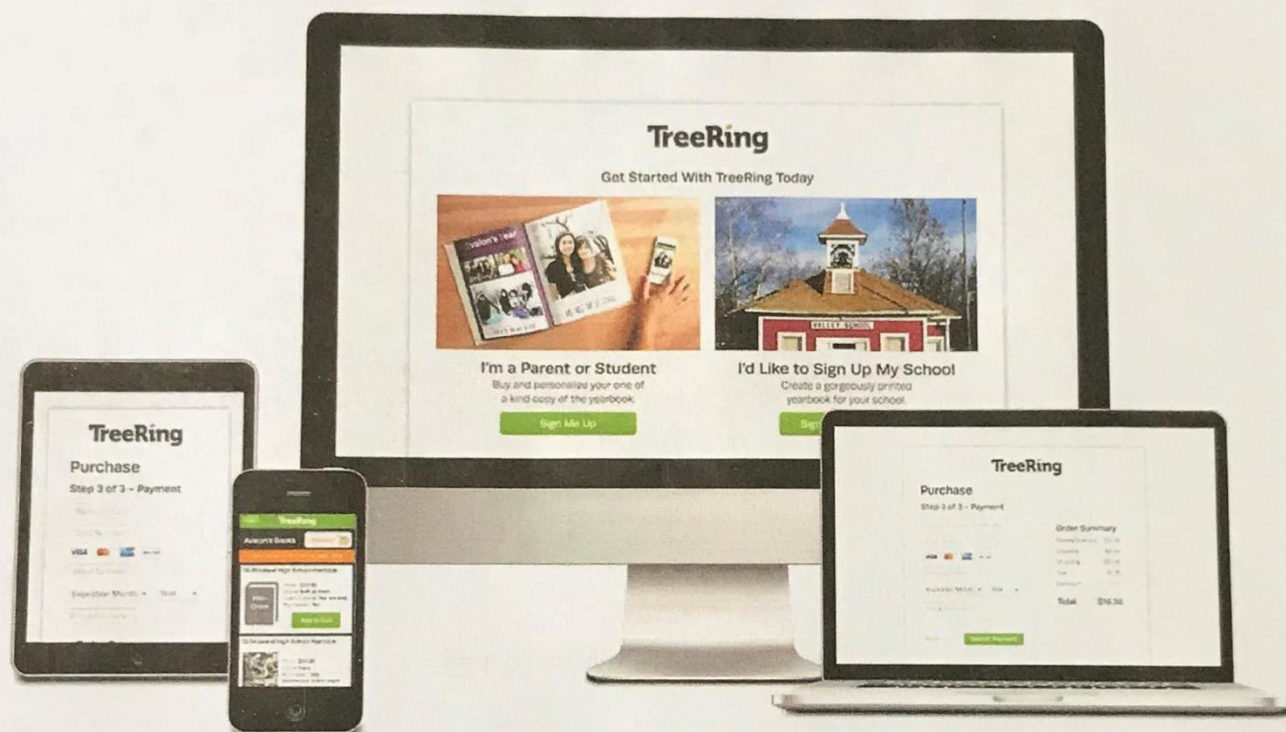


T-shirt
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Total Enclosed: _____

Forms must be returned to your school's office by June 15 to ensure shirt delivery in time for the parade.

Easily Purchase This Year's **St. Thomas More School** Yearbook from Anywhere!



To Purchase Your Yearbook:

Go to www.treering.com/1015204509751776

Yearbook Price: **\$17.00**

Purchase Deadline: **Jun 1**

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I know, I know, all of us have heard about the Scrip Program, and that we have the opportunity to earn back the \$150 we pay in February to hold our spot for the following school year. BUT...did you know that once you've earned your \$150 back, you have the opportunity to earn credits towards your tuition AND money for St. Thomas More??? Did you also know that the Scrip Program has a mobile app that allows you to place orders for gift cards that you instantly receive on your smartphone, allowing you to pay in the moment for everyday things like Starbucks, your Target run, eating out, going to the movies, airline tickets, household repairs, kids clothes (including stores where you can also buy kids uniforms, like Land's End, at a 16% rebate), and so much more??? Let me tell you about my experience with the Scrip Program Mobile App.

My name is Carmen Mallory and I have two kids at STM. I'm all about saving money, so when I discovered that the company we now use for Scrip has a mobile app which delivers instant gift cards to my phone, I decided to change how I make purchases so that I could not only earn my \$150 back, but also earn as much money as I could off of our tuition bill. I'm not talking about purchasing gift cards for the sake of having them around; I'm talking about purchasing these gift cards and using them as cash for my everyday purchases. I've looked at all of my Scrip purchases (starting June 5, 2017 – April 10, 2018), and those gift card purchases earned a total rebate of \$803.78. Once you remove the \$150 I earned back from our registration deposit that leaves \$653.78. Anything above the \$150 you earn back is split between you and STM. That means that so far, I've earned \$326.89 in tuition credits. That ALSO means I earned \$326.89 for STM. It's a win/win! Imagine if more families used the Scrip program, the money that could help you save on tuition in the long run and help STM with the operational budget of the school. I hope you will join me in using this easy program to save money.

For more information on how to download the Scrip App, please contact Donna Schelonka.



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- * Progressive curriculum
- * Play-based learning



Available programs:

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4 Year Old Programs

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8 - 2:30 PM*

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Athletic Camps

St. Edward Central Catholic

Cheerleading Camps

High School Cheer Camp
Coach: Mrs. Kelley McDonald
Monday - Friday: June 25-29
(No Camp July 2-4)
Time: 9-11am
Grade Level: 9-12
Cost: \$185 (includes t-shirt & bow)
Location: St. Edward Lower Gym

Youth Cheer Camp

Coach: Mrs. Kelley McDonald
Saturday, August 11
Time: 9:00-11:30am
Cost: Free
Location: St. Edward Lower Gym

Special Needs Cheer Camp

Coach: Mrs. Kelley McDonald
Saturday, August 11
Time: 9:00-11:30am
Cost: Free
Location: St. Edward Lower Gym

Volleyball Camps

High School Girls' Volleyball Camp
Coach: Ms. Mattie Boyd
Monday - Friday: July 16 - 27
Time: 2:30-4:30pm
Grade Level: 9-12
Cost: \$205 (includes t-shirt)
Location: St. Edward Main Gym

Youth Girls' Volleyball Camp

Coach: Ms. Mattie Boyd
Monday - Friday: July 23-27
Time: 12-1:30pm
Grade Level: 5-8
Cost: \$105 (includes t-shirt)
Location: St. Edward Main Gym

Co-Ed Soccer Camps

Co-Ed Soccer Camp
Coach: Mr. Tim Bringer
Tuesday - Friday: July 17 - July 27
Time: 8:00 - 10:30am
Grade Level: 6-12
Cost: \$120 (\$60 per week, includes t-shirt)
Location: Elgin Sports Complex

Boys' Basketball Camps

Varsity Boys' Basketball Camp
Coach: Mr. Andy Zielinski
Monday - Thursday: May 30 - June 21
Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm
Grade Level: 11-12
Cost: \$205 (includes shootouts and t-shirt)
Location: St. Edward Main Gym
Shootout/Game times and locations: TBD

JV Boys' Basketball Camp

Coach: Mr. Andy Zielinski
Monday - Thursday: May 30 - June 21
Time: 1:00-3:00pm
Grade Level: 9-10
Cost: \$205 (includes shootouts and t-shirt)
Location: St. Edward Main Gym
Shootout/Game times and locations: TBD

Youth Boys' Basketball Camp

Coach: Mr. Andy Zielinski
Monday - Thursday: June 25-28
Time: 9:00 - 4:00pm
Grade Level: 5-8
Cost: \$155 (includes t-shirt)
Location: St. Edward Main Gym

Girls' Basketball Camps

High School Girls Basketball Camp
Coach: Mrs. Michelle Dawson
Wednesday, Thursday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
May 30 - June 6
Time: 7:30 - 9:30pm
Grade Level: 9-12
Cost: \$205 (includes t-shirt)
Location: St. Edward Main Gym

Youth Girls' Basketball Camp

Coach: Mrs. Michelle Dawson
Wednesday, Thursday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
May 30 - June 6
Time: 6:00-7:30pm
Grade Level: 7-8
Cost: \$205 (includes t-shirt)
Location: St. Edward Main Gym

Youth Girls' and Boys' Basketball Camp

Coach: Mrs. Michelle Dawson
Wednesday, Thursday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
May 30 - June 6
Time: 4:30 - 6:00pm
Grade Level: 4-6
Cost: \$205 (includes t-shirt)
Location: St. Edward Main Gym

Football Camps

High School Football Camp
Coach: Mr. Mike Rolando
June 8, July Dates TBA see verfootbal.com to register
Time: 6:00-8:30pm
Grade Level: 9-12
Cost: \$155 (includes t-shirt)
Location: Abbott Field

Youth Football Camp

Coach: Mr. Mike Rolando
July 8, August Dates TBA see verfootbal.com to register
Time: 5:00-6:30pm
Grade Level: 2-8
Cost: \$205 (includes t-shirt)
Location: Abbott Field



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St. Edward Central Catholic High School Academic Summer Camps 2018

Introduction to Film

Instructor: Mr. Tim Martens
St. Edward IT Facilitator

Monday-Thursday, Noon - 3 p.m.

Grade Level: Entering 9th through 9th Grade
Minimum Class Size: 4 Maximum Class Size: 20

Room: LRC

Cost: \$50 per week

Four different camps register for one or all four! Each Camp will start with a discussion of the theme of the week, and include information about movie making as it applies to the theme (screenwriting, directing, editing, cinematography, mise-en-scene). The Monday discussion will include examples from several films to help explain the lesson and will allow attendees to give examples of their favorite film in this genre. In Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday classes, students will watch a film and discuss how it fits the genre, what it does different from other films in its genre, how this genre is different from other similar ones, how the film helped shape the genre it is in, and dissecting the film to talk about all the important parts of cinema within it. Each will be used to show film technique, camera angles, lighting, and stage direction.

Week 1 (June 4-7)

Classic Films

Examples: *Crash*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *The General*, *City Lights*, *Rear Window*, *Vertigo*, *12 Angry Men*, *Citizen Kane*.
Learn all about the early years of cinema and see classic films that helped shape what cinema became years later. Learn about classic stars and directors and how they inspire those working in Hollywood today.

Week 2 (June 11-14)

Animated Films

Examples: *Snow White*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Iron Giant*, *Jarvis and the Giant Peach*, *The Fantastic Mr. Fox*, *WALL-E*, *Up*.
Discover the history of animated film, the different types of animation typically seen in cinema, and how making animated films has changed dramatically over the course of cinema history.



Week 3 (June 18-21)

Blockbuster Films

Examples: *Jurassic Park*, *Iron, I.T.*, *Star Wars*, *Baden of the Lost Ark*, *Back to the Future*, *Ghostbusters*, *The Dark Knight*, *Mission: Impossible*, *Gravity* (One classic, one sci-fi, and one modern film will be discussed this week.)
Grab your popcorn and strap down for the movies that take the box office by storm. What makes a blockbuster hit? What makes these films popular? How are they different from a drama or comedy?

Week 4 (June 25-28)

Musical Films

Learn how a musical is written, choreographed, and designed to work as a film, both in original musicals and adaptations from Broadway to the big screen. Examples: *Dogma*, *In the Heat of the Sound of Music*, *West Side Story*, *Grease*, *Mary Poppins*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *White Christmas*, *La La Land* (This class will discuss one classic, one new-age, and one modern age musical.)

Tim Martens is a St. Edward High School alumn and received his bachelor degree in Cinema Studies from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. Tim worked as a film critic for several newspapers and web blogs in the years during and after college and has interviewed and discussed film with talent such as Leonardo DiCaprio, Christian Bale, Mark Wahlberg, Amy Adams, Martin Scorsese, J.J. Abrams, and Harrison Ford. He now has a career in Information Technology, but is still passionate for film and loves spending his spare time at the movie theater.



Visual Arts Camp

Instructor: Mr. Maddie Richmond,
St. Edward Visual Arts Instructor

Monday-Thursday, June 18 - 21

Time: 9 a.m. - Noon

Grade Level: 6-8

Minimum Class Size: 5

Room 114

Cost: \$75, includes all materials

This camp will expose students to various elements and principles used to create compelling works of art. Students will explore various media in drawing, painting, sculpting, and print-making.

Maddie Richmond, St. Edward Central Catholic Class of '07, is a practicing visual artist who grew up in Elgin and attended St. Edward. After high school, she moved to the northeast corner of Oklahoma in order to earn her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, with an emphasis in studio art, from Rogers State University. Currently, Maddie is working on completing the Master of Arts in Teaching graduate program at North Park University. With artwork belonging to collection nationally and internationally, she finds success with various media. Maddie also serves as a member on the Elgin Cultural Arts Commission which provides the opportunity for involvement in the creative community that surrounds her and her students every day. She has dedicated the last four years to developing the visual arts program at St. Edward and teaching teenagers all things art.

Visual arts classes offered at St. Edward include four levels of studio art, darkroom photography, and digital imaging. Her summer camp will offer a sneak peek at each individual focal



Science Camp

Instructor: Mrs. Caitlin Brown

Monday - Thursday, June 18 - 21

Time: 12:45 - 2:30pm

Grade Level: 6-8

Minimum Class Size: 5

Location: St. Edward Room 202

Cost: \$90

Summer Camp students will experience a sampling of the science courses offered at St. Edward. Through hands-on research projects, students will learn valuable 21st-Century life skills, such as problem-solving, creativity and collaboration. Students will also employ lab etiquette and techniques, while utilizing general application of scientific principles.

Caitlin (Johnson '16) Brown graduated from St. Edward High School and Augustana College. She has been a member of the St. Edward faculty for the past five years as a biology teacher in the Science department. Mrs. Brown teaches Intro to Chemistry, Biology, AP Biology and Anatomy & Physiology.

Choir Camp

Instructor: Mr. Chris Jones,
St. Edward Music Instructor

Monday-Thursday, June 11 - 14

Time: 12:20 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Grade Level: 6th Grade - Incoming 9th Grade

Minimum Class Size: 10

Location: Room 116

Cost: \$60, includes all sheet music/materials, accompaniment, water/sneaks.

No prior experience is needed for this choir camp that will introduce students to different styles of choral music, including a cappella, three-part and four-part harmony. Students will learn proper vocal techniques, practices, and other singing skills. This will give students the opportunity to explore the world of singing in a fun, safe, and creative environment.

Band Camp

Instructor: Mr. Chris Jones, St. Edward Music Instructor

Monday-Thursday, June 11 - 14

Time: 9 a.m. - Noon

Grade Level: Entering 6th Grade - Incoming 8th Grade

Minimum Class Size: 10

Room 116

Cost: \$75, includes one-on-one/ensemble instruction, all sheet music/materials, water/sneaks

Minimum of one-year of instrument study/private lessons required.

Band Camp will build upon the student's fundamental skills on their instrument (scales, reading, improvisation, ensemble playing) while introducing them to different style of band music in a fun, safe and creative environment.

Chris Jones is a proud St. Edward Class of 2005 alumn. After obtaining a Commercial Music Degree from Millikin University where he studied jazz and classical guitar studies, Chris toured for 8 years with international jazz recording artist Nick Colonne before committing to music education full-time. Now residing his seventh year at St. Edward's Music Director, Chris continues to elevate the success of the school's performing ensembles and the music department as a whole.

To Register go to: <https://stedward.8to18.com/>

For more information regarding registration for St. Edward Summer Camps, visit our school website at www.stedward.org beginning March 15, 2018.

Thank You

May 25 - June 2, 2018

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St. Thomas More School
1625 W. Highland Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123
(847) 888-4887 (RE Office)

JUNE 4 - 8, 2018 9:00AM TO 12 NOON

All children entering Grade 1 thru Grade 6 are welcome to attend as campers.

Grades 7 + can earn service hours as crew guides!

Fee: \$55.00 per camper **MUST** accompany registration form.

Registration deadline: **May 25th**

Please note: We are limited to 60 campers. Camp will close when we reach the limit - don't delay!

FAMILY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(be sure to include city and zip code)

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT & PHONE: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____ Circle M or F (Grade entering this fall)
M/F: _____ GRADE: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____ M/F: _____ GRADE: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____ M/F: _____ GRADE: _____

Are there any allergies or special needs for any of your children? _____

Volunteers are needed: adults as well as teens are welcome! Help with camp, or help us decorate and transform the school May 30th -Jun 1st. **Adult volunteers can deduct \$15.00 per child.**

_____ I would like to help with Shipwrecked VBS! Please call me. _____

_____ I am a teen and would like to help for service hours! _____

*****church use only*****

Paid: _____ Date: _____

Crew _____

Check#: _____ Cash: _____



St. Thomas More 6th, 7th & 8th Graders:

I am really excited to share with you this summer's Catholic Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas More. We are going to use the program "Shipwrecked" Totally Catholic VBS. This program is fun, engaging, and very simple to follow. We will transform the school into an island oasis May 30-June 1st. **We need your help!**

☐ **Crew Leaders**- lead each crew through -Bible Quest, Sports, Tropical Treats, KidVid Cinema, and Imagination Station. Leaders need to be available each day June 4-8th from 8:30-12:30pm: Lead the wee ones around and share the love of Jesus.

☐ **Decoration Team**-help us transform the school into shipwrecked island from May 30-June 1st (3-6pm).

This is a great opportunity to have fun and earn service hours.

Please rsvp by email at mtack@stthomasmorechurch.org or fill out the reverse of this sheet and bring to the RE office.

God bless,

Mrs. Tack

June 8th we will have a closing thank you pizza party/clean up for all the teen leaders from 12-2pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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JUNE 4-8, 2018

8:30AM TO 12:30 PM

Volunteer Form

NAME: _____

GRADE (in the Fall): _____

PARENT(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

I will help with . . . (please check one):

Help with decorations only (May30-June 1): ☐

Help with both decorations & VBS Week: ☐

Help VBS Week only (June 4-8) ☐

Please indicate any days you may not be available: _____