

More News

Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

September 27, 2019

Upcoming events:

Fri., Sept. 27 - Sat., Sept. 28
Monday, September 30
Tuesday, October 1
Wednesday, October 2
Thursday, October 3
Friday, October 4
Friday, October 4

Girls V'ball Tourny @ St. John's Lutheran
6/7/8 Girls V'ball @ St. Peter
5/6/7/8 Girls V'ball v. St. Catherine's, Home
Picture Day
X Country Meet @ St. Catherine's
Pet Blessing, STM Parking Lot, 2:45 PM
5/6/7/8 Girls V'ball v. Cambridge Lakes, Home

www.stmcentral.org

Attendance Line:
(847) 742-3959 ext. 154

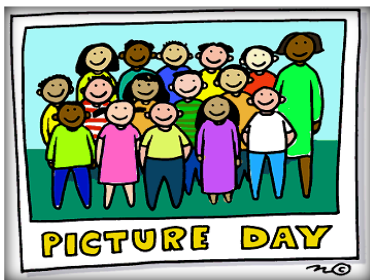


From the Principal's Desk:

Dear STM families,

Last Friday Senator Castro and Representative Moeller visited our school to talk to some of our junior high students. We were very honored to have them here. This week our 3rd, 5th, and 7th graders concluded the CoGat portion of the ITBS tests. All standardized testing is now completed. Thank you for your support with making sure students attended school and were well rested. It helped make the testing process a lot smoother for everyone. Today was Grandparents' Day here at STM. It was a delightful day relished by all! Next week on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, is Picture Day. Please be sure your child comes dressed in their best and ready to smile! Then on Friday, Oct. 4th, we will be having a Pet Blessing at 2:45 PM in the school parking lot. Be sure to bring your dog, cat, lizard, bunny, and more! Fr. Browning will be blessing them all for the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. This is a Student Council sponsored event. A reminder that the school has a Facebook page that will show more pictures of events that occur at school. Please be sure to Follow Us! Have a pleasant and enjoyable weekend.

Blessings,
Mrs. Sonja Keane



Wednesday, October 2nd

STM Receives Grant

St. Thomas More School has been blessed this school year to once again receive a grant from the Daeumer Foundation. Last year the grant from the Daeumer Foundation helped us to complete the purchasing of Chromebooks for the junior high. This year's grant will assist us in purchasing additional Chromebooks for more STM students and expanding our 1:1 program. The Chromebooks enhance and provide new learning opportunities for the students. They will definitely come in handy as STM participates in a *Day of Code* (more to come on that). Thank you again to the Daeumer Foundation for their assistance in helping us expand our program!



Local Politicians Visit STM



STM was privileged last Friday to have State Senator Cristina Castro and State Representative Anna Moeller visit STM as part of National Constitution Week. They spoke to the seventh and eighth graders about the U.S. and IL constitutions. They explained to the students the many steps involved in how an idea becomes a law. Afterwards they answered questions the students asked about the constitution and the job of representing the people. It was truly a very educational session! We are very grateful to Senator Castro and Representative Moeller for taking time out of their day to visit us.



St. Thomas More School
October 8th - 11th

For information [see the flyer](#)
attached to the newsletter.

ST. Thomas More School Book Fair Days/Hours

Tuesday, October 8th: 2:45-3:45 pm & 6:00-7:45 pm

Wednesday, October 9th (during library class)

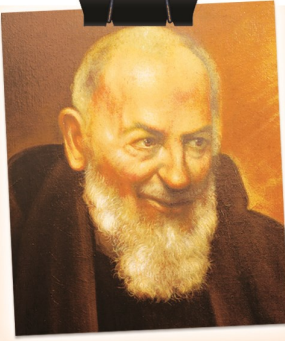
Thursday, October 10th (during library class)

No School Day Special Hours: Friday, October 11th 10:30 am-12:30 pm



Check out the Interactive Book Flyer at [STM Book Fair](#)
and set up your Book Fair eWallet at [eWallet](#)

If you'd like to volunteer to help please contact Mrs. Danz
at edanz@stmcentral.org



PADRE PIO

10 CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

- ☐ 1. **Labor Day is the first Monday in September.** Take time to write a note or give a small gift to someone who works hard for your community (or for your family).
- ☐ 2. **Learn about Saint Teresa of Calcutta.** Saints can seem like people from long ago to children. Talk to them about Saint Teresa of Calcutta (including when she lived and died), her work, and her writings as a way to show children that even modern day people can be saints. Her feast day is September 5th. Here are printables you can use: <http://www.reallifeathome.com/saint-teresa-of-calcutta-printables/>
- ☐ 3. **Grandparents Day is the first Sunday (September 8th) after Labor Day.** Help your children do something special for their grandparents or plan to spend the day with them, if possible.
- ☐ 4. **Bring your backpack to church on September 15th for a backpack blessing and a tag!** Invite your friends!
- ☐ 5. **September 23rd marks the Feast of Padre Pio.** He is our patron for the 2019/20 year. Try making farfalle ala pio for a special dinner tonight. <https://www.pbgrace.com/celebrate-the-feast-of-st-padre-pio-with-farfalle-a-la-pio-cooking-with-catholic-kids/>
- ☐ 6. **Donate to the less fortunate.** Look around your room, house, or pantry for items or food to donate in honor of the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul on September 27th.
- ☐ 7. **Be a peacemaker.** Do something nice for someone that you sometimes argue with in honor of the feast day of St. Wenceslaus, which is on September 28th.
- ☐ 8. **Learn about prayer with Fr. Browning.** Wednesday, September 18th at 6:00pm or Sunday, September 22nd at 1:00pm.
- ☐ 9. **Make bread.** Jesus is the Bread of Life. Pick out your favorite bread recipe and have your children help you make it.
- ☐ 10. **September Media Focus.** Download the free app "Laudate".

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Chess Scholars

Fall 2019

St Thomas More Elementary

No Experience Needed



Trophy
Medals
Chess Belts!

GRADES K-8

Develop your child's intellect through the royal game of chess! Current research has shown a strong link between chess and academic performance in a variety of areas, including mathematics and language arts. Also, chess has been proven to enhance children's motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity. No previous knowledge of chess is necessary. Each class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome and will get to the next level under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach. There will also be a chess competition with prizes at the end of the session!

Course Time: Tuesdays, October 15th - December 3rd, 2:50 PM - 3:50 PM
(8 Classes)

To sign up for chess, please visit <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>.

You will need to enter the class code **STM10.15.19** in order to register. Please register by 10/7 for the early bird price of \$120.00.

If you have difficulty registering, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at 847-482-9999 or registration@learningmeansfun.com

No refunds will be made, unless there is insufficient enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. It's the parents' responsibility to remind the children about the classes.

Online registration only! Please do not bring the payment to the school office!

Let's Build It Engineering!

Fall 2019



St Thomas More Elementary

STEM Learning



HANDS ON

GRADES 1-6

Robotics – Gears and Gizmos- Design and build your own robots! Your child will explore the field of robotics through a series of exciting and dynamic lessons. Students will learn about mechanical engineering as they construct and use robots to complete tasks and engage in competitions. A variety of topics will be covered including gear ratios, electricity, rotation, friction, force, transmitters and LEDs. This course gives students the opportunity to experience the captivating world of robotics in an inviting and fun environment. No previous experience is necessary; both new and returning participants are welcome! Each participant will receive an award on the last day of the session and will have the opportunity to earn Energy Belts by demonstrating their learned skills.

Course Time: Fridays, October 4th - December 13th, 2:50 PM - 3:50 PM

No class: 10/11, 11/8, 11/29 (8 Classes)

To sign up, please visit <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>.

You will need to enter the class code **STM10.4.19** in order to register. Please register by 9/26 for the early bird price of \$136.00.

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**MUSIC
PATH**

Fall 2019

GRADES K-4

October 10th -
December 19th

MusicStart After School

St Thomas More Elementary

Music is Fun!



Learn to Play an Instrument!

Learn to read music and play tunes! Brought to you by AES and The Music Path Company, this amazing program teaches young students the beginnings of music! Using specialized, proprietary MusicStart keyboards, students learn to play familiar tunes in a group setting by color, letter, and note matching while using problem-solving strategies - without sacrificing any important musical knowledge - we are not taking shortcuts to playing and reading music. Prepare your student to take any instrument by giving them a solid musical foundation with this exciting after school program!

Course Time: Thursdays, October 10th - December 19th, 2:50 PM - 3:50 PM

No class: 10/31, 11/7, 11/28 (8 Classes)

To sign up for this course, please visit <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>.

You will need to enter the class code **STM10.10.19** in order to register. Please register by 10/2 for the early bird price of \$144.00.

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