

More News

Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

October 9, 2020

Upcoming events:

Monday, October 12	Columbus Day, <i>No School</i>
Tue, Oct 13 and Thu, Oct 15	Confessions, grades 3-8
Thursday, October 15	Great American ShakeOut earthquake drill

www.stmelgin.org

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



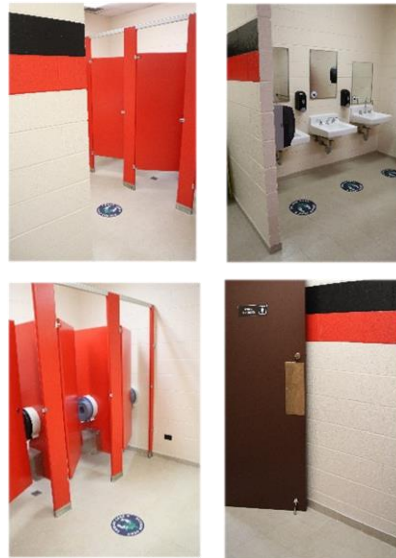
Fall Fundraiser



Yesterday, Derek Garza, a parishioner at St. Thomas More, went around to each of the classrooms to explain to the students the new virtual STM fundraiser. He also told the students about prizes they can win by selling the fundraising products. His presentation was recorded and shared with the entire STM School community. The fundraiser runs until October 22nd. It replaces the Fall fundraisers that are normally held in person but cannot be at this time. This fundraiser is open to all STM school families and parishioners. Please share the information with all your friends and family near and far. Details can be found in the packet your student received, on the flyer attached to this newsletter, and on the school website.

Bathrooms Renovated

Over the summer the men's and women's bathrooms located by the school gym got a much-needed facelift. The floors were retiled, the walls were painted adding the red and black stripes of the school's colors, new faucets were put in, and even the stalls were repainted. The end result is phenomenal. The students have been enjoying it. We cannot wait until the parents, parishioners, and community can see it as well.



From the Principal's Desk:

Dear STM families,

This past Thursday students were introduced to the new STM Fall fundraiser. The fundraiser runs from October 8th through October 22. Please see the rest of this newsletter or the school website for more information. Thank you for supporting our school! This Friday, October 9th, was no school due to a Diocesan Teacher Institute Day. There is also no school on this Monday, October 12th, in observance of Columbus Day. Next week on October 15th the school will be having an earthquake drill as part of The Great American ShakeOut. A friendly reminder that our brand-new online school spirit wear store is open and ready for your orders. Get ready for October's Spirit Wear Day on October 22nd. To keep on top of any scheduled events and dates please be sure to check out our live Google calendar which is regularly updated on our school website. You can find it here: [STM School Calendar](#). Also, a reminder that the school has a [Facebook](#) page that will show additional pictures of events that occur at the school. Please be sure to Follow Us! Have a lovely and enjoyable holiday weekend.

Blessings,
Mrs. Keane



Your STM PTO Officers 2020-21

President: Sue Campbell



Vice-President: Maureen McQueeny

Secretary: Jennifer Rusz

Treasurer: Evelyn Bevins



STM



School & Parish

FUNDRAISER

*Mrs. Field's
Cookies*



Order:



mrsfieldsfundraising.com/onlineordering/

School Families Order Code: 43485

Parish Member Code: 581268



*Magazines
and gifts*

Order:



gaschoolstore.com.
School Store ID 5709944

Your generosity supports

STM Catholic Education



Fundraiser ends October 22nd

WEEKLY PRIZE DRAWINGS WILL BE EVERY FRIDAY, BEGINNING OCTOBER 9TH, FOR
THOSE STUDENTS WHOSE PHOTOS WERE SUBMITTED.

ST. THOMAS MORE PTO

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

VIRTUAL EDITION



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020
5:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM

Contests

Best Costume (Boy/Girl) Best Costume (Pet)
Best Home Decorations (Inside or Out)

Submit your photo(s) no later than Monday, October 19, 2020, with the student/family name and grade to trunkortreat@stmelgin.org. Home Decoration submissions include 1 costume contest entry for each child in your family! STM students will receive a dress down pass for their participation.

Zoom link will be provided on Friday, October 23, 2020.

trunk or treat registration

Submission: ☐ Home Decoration \$25 -or- ☐ Student Only (\$10/each) - and/or- ☐ Pet \$5 (each)

Student(s) Name(s) and Grade(s): _____

Family Name: _____ Phone: _____



Kane County Health Department Reminds Residents to Get Their Flu Shots

September 29, 2020 – The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) reminds residents to schedule their flu shots as soon as possible this season. The need for a flu shot is even more important this year due to the presence of coronavirus. The health department warns that flu and COVID-19 each can cause serious respiratory illness and co-infection could possibly lead to more severe illnesses, hospitalization, and even death.

To find a location to get a flu shot in your community, check with your health care provider or use the online Vaccine Finder at [VaccineFinder.org](https://www.vaccinefinder.org). In addition, local clinics like VNA Health Care (vnahealth.com), the Greater Elgin Family Care Center (gefcc.org) and Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness (auntmarthas.org) provide appointments for flu shots.

Everyone six months of age and older should get the seasonal flu vaccine. The vaccine is available as either a flu shot or in a nasal spray. Talk with a health care provider about what type is most appropriate for you. More information on the types of flu vaccine is provided on the Kane County Health Department website at KaneHealth.com/Pages/Flu.aspx.

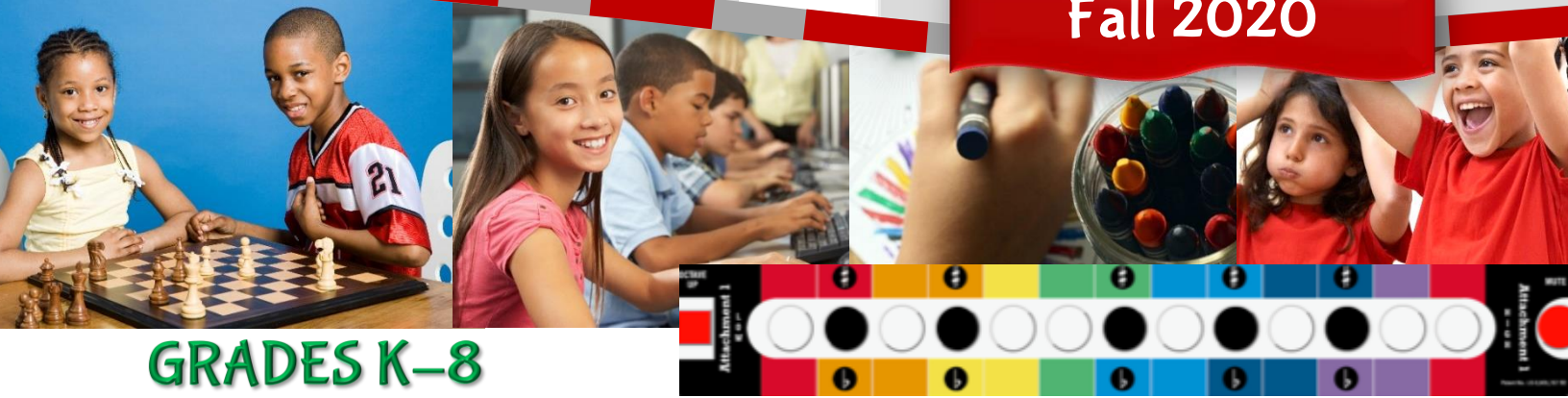
“This year it is more important than ever to get a flu shot,” said Kane County Health Department Assistant Director for Public Health Nursing Theresa Knauf. “This season we are also battling COVID-19, another virus that can cause severe respiratory illness. While a vaccine for COVID-19 is still under development, there is a vaccine for flu that has been proven to be safe and effective over the past 50 years. Getting a flu vaccine can help you avoid co-infection with COVID-19 and flu.”

In addition to getting your flu vaccine, KCHD recommends following the 3 W's for both COVID-19 and influenza: WASH your hands, WATCH your distance and WEAR your mask.

Viruses spread when people who are infected cough, sneeze, or talk. Flu usually comes on suddenly. Many of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are the same, such as fever and cough, but there are some differences. If you have symptoms of either flu or COVID-19, self-isolate and contact a health care provider.

Virtual Enrichment

Fall 2020



GRADES K-8

Chess Scholars/Afterschool Enrichment presents exciting online enrichment programs! The "All Access Pass" includes: **Chess, Spanish, STEM, Art and Drama!** Your child can jump into all five subject areas, or start with just one or two and add courses as you go! Online enrichment classes include:

- Live, interactive weekly sessions with expert instructors
 - Chess and STEM live sessions are divided by grade level.
- Video lessons with step by step instructions to complete hands-on projects
- Project workbooks to reinforce learning concepts
- Access to online Chess tournament play with other Chess Scholars students

Our live class times are held both in the morning and afternoon throughout the week to accommodate your schedules. Video lessons are available 24/7. Learning is Fun with these engaging enrichment programs!

You can also add the virtual MusicStart program to the Standard All-Access Pass above to bring out the musician in your child! MusicStart® is a keyboard-based music learning system that balances fun and development of skills. Using familiar songs, it teaches all the necessary basics to get started playing music. It has 4 instructive Attachments (overlays) that vary the challenge from color matching to letter matching to note matching and reading standard musical notation.

To learn more, please visit: [afterschoolenrichmentsolutions.com](https://www.afterschoolenrichmentsolutions.com)

Session 1 Course Days: Weekdays, August 31st - October 16th (7 Weeks)

Session 2 Course Days: Weekdays, October 19th - December 18th, no class 11/23 - 11/27 (8 Weeks)

Live Course Times (both sessions): Weekly live, 30-minute lessons available during morning and afternoons for each course.
(Spanish is a 60-minute lesson. MusicStart is a 45-minute lesson. All other subjects are 30-minute lessons.)

A weekly schedule will be sent to enrolled participants the Friday prior to each week of the session.

To sign up, please visit <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>. Late registrations are welcome!

Session 1 All-Access Pass Price: \$119.00

Session 1 All-Access Pass with MusicStart Lessons Price: \$175.00

Session 2 All-Access Pass Price: \$136.00

Session 2 All-Access Pass with MusicStart Lessons Price: \$200.00

All-Access Pass Course Code: AES20

All-Access Pass with MusicStart Lessons Course Code: AES20M

If you need assistance when 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.