

More News

Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

October 16, 2020

Upcoming events:

Tuesday, October 20	Trunk or Treat Registration/Pictures Due
Thursday, October 22	Spirit Wear Day
Thursday, October 22	Fall Fundraiser Orders Due
Friday, October 23	End of 1 st Quarter

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Attendance Line:

(847) 742-3959 ext. 154

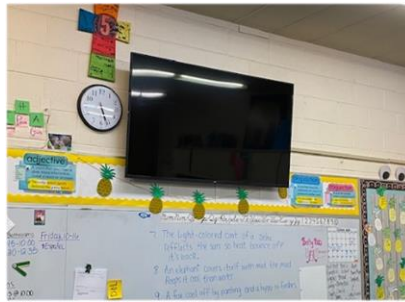


Earthquake Drill



This past Thursday was National ShakeOut Day. Therefore, the school participated in the Great American ShakeOut! A national program to teach schools on earthquake safety and preparedness. Once again this year STM participated in the earthquake drill day with many other schools across the nation. I am happy to say that our students did an amazing job getting down quickly and taking the proper position. Another successful year!

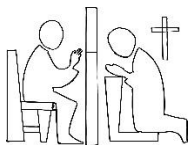
NEW Technology at STM



Through the generosity of an educational endowment, STM School has added new technology to the classrooms. Last weekend 65-inch TVs were installed in grades 1-8 classrooms, adding on to the TVs that were previously installed in Kindergarten and Preschool. The TVs replaced the unreliable projectors that were used in the classrooms for many years. Teachers are able to plug in their laptops to project audio-visual enhancements to curriculums, and students are able to view the large screens unobstructed because of the screen size and placement in the classroom.

Reconciliation

As a school, STM has made changes and accommodations to allow us to safely learn in person while still practicing our faith during COVID. Students participate virtually in Mass each Wednesday, and this past week Fr. Browning came over to the school and administered the sacrament of reconciliation to them in a quiet, private space in the building. It was a wonderful and blessed occasion for the students.



Reminder:

Trunk or Treat Registration Due
October 20th

Fall Fundraiser Orders Due
October 22nd



From the Principal's Desk:

Dear STM families,

Yesterday the school participated in The Great American ShakeOut, a nationwide earthquake drill. I am very happy to say that all our students did a fantastic job during the drill! Last week students were introduced to the new STM Fall fundraiser. The fundraiser runs from October 8th through October 22. Proceeds from the fundraiser go directly towards the operating budget of the school helping to keep tuition costs down. You can find information about the fundraiser in this newsletter or go to the school's [website](http://www.stmelgin.org) for further details. Thank you for supporting our school! Additional thanks go to everyone who ordered from our new online school spirit wear store. If you ordered anything it went home with your child yesterday. We will be doing another order soon – just in time for the holidays! Our next STM Spirit Wear Day is on Thursday, October 22nd. Our virtual Trunk-or-Treat event is Sunday, October 25th beginning at 5:00 PM. Join us for the fun! Be sure to see the flyer attached to sign up. Registration ends this Tuesday!! 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](http://www.stmelgin.org). Also, a reminder that the school has a [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stmelgin.org) page that will show additional pictures of events that occur at the school. Please be sure to Follow Us! Have a marvelous and pleasant weekend.

Blessings,
Mrs. Keane



Halloween 2020

Dear STM families,

I am happy to tell you that Halloween will still be celebrated at STM this year! It will be different than in years past though because of COVID restrictions and protocols. We have planned a fun and enjoyable experience for the students while keeping everyone safe. So here is what will be happening:

- Classes will have Halloween parties on Oct. 30th in the afternoon.
- Class parties will be teacher run; unfortunately, no parents may be able to assist.
- For social distancing reasons, there will not be a Halloween parade.
- Any treats given will be supplied by the teacher or school. *No treats can be sent from home.*
- Due to the complexity of some costumes, no costumes may be worn.
- **October 30th will instead be a Halloween Spirit Wear Day. Student may come to school out of uniform if they wear Halloween colors – black, orange, yellow, purple. They may wear festive socks and a Halloween hat (such as a witch's hat) or Halloween headband. No face painting or hair coloring allowed.**
- Face masks that day may also fit the Halloween theme in design and color.
- Party money that was collected at Fee Day is being used by the PTO to create treat bags for every student (including remote learners). These will be distributed to each child at the parties.

We appreciate your continued understanding and support as we diligently continue to keep everyone, students and staff, safe here at St. Thomas More.




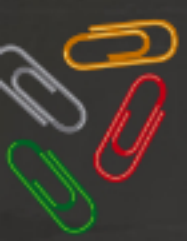
Have a blessed evening,

Mrs. Keane





STM



School & Parish

FUNDRAISER

*Mrs. Field's
Cookies*



Order:



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Order:



mrsfieldsfundraising.com/onlineordering/

School Families Order Code: 43485

Parish Member Code: 581268

gaschoolstore.com.

School Store ID 5709944

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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: _____



OVERSTOCK SALE

OCTOBER 16-20, 2020

40% off select closeout styles

5202 Plain Front Pants

3282 Flat Front Shorts

(Final sale, while supplies last)

30% off Backpacks, Lunch
Bags & Uniform Shorts

20% off Polos

Free Shipping on orders \$75 & up

Customized uniform shorts and polos are not included



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.

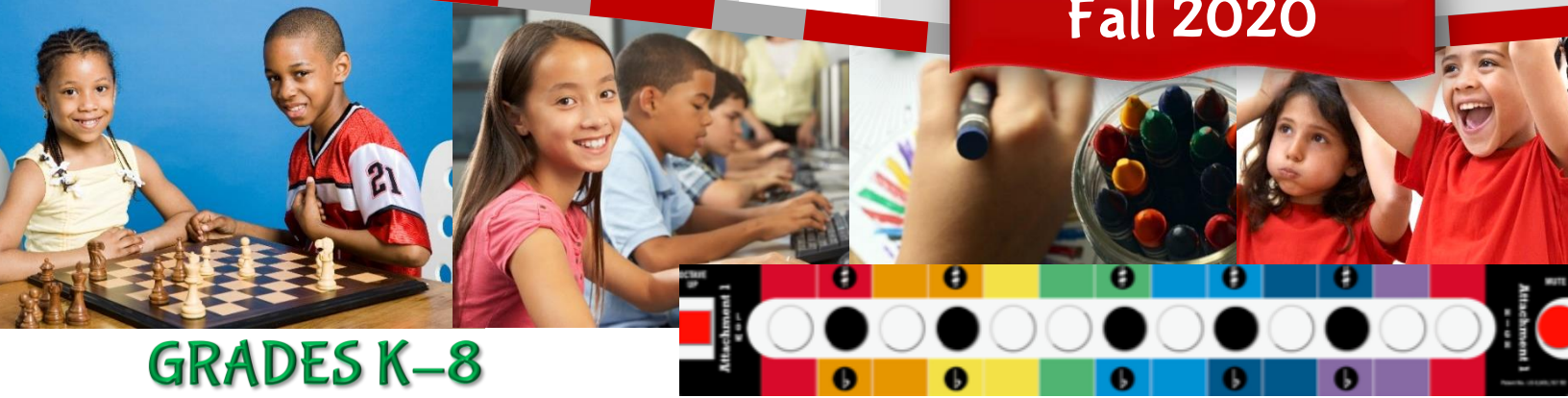
“This year it is more important than ever to get a flu shot,” said Kane County Health Department Assistant Director for Public Health Nursing Theresa Knauf. “This season we are also battling COVID-19, another virus that can cause severe respiratory illness. While a vaccine for COVID-19 is still under 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.