

More News

Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

November 13, 2020

Upcoming events:

Thursday, November 19	Family Reading Night
Wednesday, November 24	All School Thanksgiving Feast
Wed, Nov 25 – Fri, Nov 27	Thanksgiving Break, No School

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



5th Grade Biography Bottles

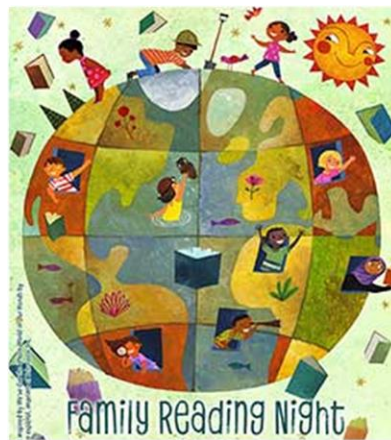
Every year Mrs. Skiba's 5th grade completes a special project about saints. Students choose a saint they would like to learn more about and then research and write a report on that saint. Normally, the project culminates with the student dressing up like the saint they studied. STM's strict health protocols prohibited it this year, but that didn't



deter the 5th graders. Instead, they created *Biography Bottles*. Using liter plastic bottles, students created their saints' likeness. Their spectacular creations are on display in the hallway where all the school can see and enjoy them.



Family Reading Night



Sponsored by Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian, Jesse White, and the Illinois Center for the Book, *Family Reading Night* is an annual statewide event held on the third Thursday in November to encourage families to spend quality time reading together. The next *Family Reading Night* will be November 19, 2020. STM would like all its families to participate in this statewide event. Please email Mrs. Keane pictures of your family participating to share with others.

From the Principal's Desk:

Dear STM families,
Last Sunday we had our first No-Cook Night at MOD Pizza. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the school. We will be having another No-Cook Night on December 8th at McAlister's Deli. Mark your calendars! This past Tuesday Fr. Browning went around to each of the classrooms to distribute honor roll to the students for first quarter accomplishments. On Wednesday, Veteran's Day, the school put out a video that each class helped to put together to honor all our veterans. Please be sure to share the video with the veterans in your life. Today, November 13th, we had a Pink Out Day! For a dollar or more donation students were able to come to school out of uniform if they were wearing pink. All money collected will be donated to the cancer center at Sherman Hospital. All raffle tickets should be turned in by now. Our final drawings are occurring tomorrow, Saturday, November 14th. Be sure to watch and see if you won! On this coming Thursday, November 19th, the school will be participating in Family Reading Night. More information to come soon! Please remember that the school has a Facebook page that will show more pictures of these events and more that occur at school. Please be sure to Follow Us! Have an extraordinary and lovely weekend.

Blessings,
Mrs. Keane



STM Salutes Our Veterans.

Click [HERE](#) for video.

Honor Roll Distribution

This past Tuesday Fr. Browning and Mrs. Keane distributed Honor Roll in the classrooms. Grades 5-8 received *Honors* and *High Honors* certificates based on their GPAs (please see the complete list on the next page). Preschool -4th grade each received *Effort Honor Roll*, awarded as a celebratory hang tag, for all their daily hard work. We are so proud of all our STM students. Congratulations to all!





HONOR ROLL

FIRST QUARTER

St. Thomas More Catholic School

5th Grade

High Honors

Benjamin G.
Sarah G.
Alessandra M.
Lucas M.
Alex R.
Clara S.
Sophia V.
Kayla W.
Nadia W.

Honors

Aundrea B.
Jayla C.
Charlie K.
Allison L.
Laura L.
Laura O.
Sebastian P.
Gabriella R.
Veronica S.
Colin S.
Sophia W.

6th Grade

High Honors

Cayden A.
Lydia L.
Jonathan O.
Genevieve R.

Honors

Addison C.
Jayden D.
Marcus F.
Madelyn M.
Isabella P.

7th Grade

High Honors

Kendall P.

Honors

Jennelle A.
Samuel C.
Sophia C.
Ruby H.
Mary M.
Tristan M.
Ryan R.
Jordin S.
Angelique T.
Zachary W.

8th Grade

High Honors

Joseph D.
John-Paul L.
Mikella M.
JuliaElize O.

Honors

Nolan B.
Rose L.
Hannah M.
Mali P.
Isabella S.
Thomas T.
Martha T.
Mariah W.

2020 - 2021

November 12, 2020

Dear STM Family:

We are pleased to announce the third annual All School Thanksgiving Feast! Although it will be done a little differently this year in order to follow Covid protocols, we still wanted to celebrate as a school in some way. It will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 24th, in the classrooms during lunchtime. Students who wish to participate will enjoy a lunch from Boston Market which will include turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, and cornbread. We are asking that you send in \$7.00 per child to school no later than Friday, November 20th, to help pay for the lunch. Please send in the bottom portion of this form with cash in the exact amount or a check written out to the school. If your child can not eat a Boston Market meal due to allergies or does not enjoy Boston Market please have your child bring his/her lunch from home on that day. Milk will be provided; otherwise your child needs to bring a healthy drink from home. We will not be doing pies this year.

Thank you and God bless!



Yes, we want to participate in the All School Thanksgiving Feast!

Name(s): _____ Grade(s): _____

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Total enclosed: _____ (\$7.00/each)

Cash or check * make checks payable to STM School

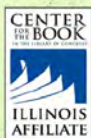




Family Reading Night

Dig Deeper:

Read, Investigate, Discover



JESSE WHITE
 SECRETARY OF STATE



iREAD

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Jesse White, Secretary of State, Illinois State Library, and the Illinois Center for the Book
 in cooperation with iREAD, a program of the Illinois Library Association
 and ILLINOIS READS, a project of the Illinois Reading Council.

Thursday, November 19, 2020

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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.

FREE

Children's Orthopedic Clinic **Does your child:**

- *Complain of leg, knee, shoulder, elbow or wrist pain?*
- *Complain about back pain?* • *Seem clumsy or falls?*

Monday, November 16, 2020 - 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
(By Appointment Only)

Vincent Cannestra, Physician
Held at:

Advocate Sherman Hospital
1425 Randall Road – Elgin, IL

Please Call 1-800-272-0074

Between 9 and 4 M-F to register for clinic.

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Smart Start Art

Fall 2020



Online Sessions

Create! Sketch! Doodle!



Draw! Explore!

GRADES K-8

"Every child is an artist" - Pablo Picasso. Explore your artistic side with Smart Start Art Online from Afterschool Enrichment Solutions. Discover your creativity and imagination as an artist, developing fine motor skills, style, and vision as we explore different artistic techniques through a variety of inspiring projects. Using everyday materials you have around the house, students will sketch and draw, shade and color, cut, glue, fold... create! See your imagination come to life! Learn about great artists from throughout history and the present day, through a weekly featured artist and fun, exciting games with a live instructor during each 45 minute session. This class also includes video lessons to guide students through the creation of additional projects outside of class time!

Course Dates: Wednesdays, November 11th - December 16th, No class: 11/25 (5 Classes)

Course Time: 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM Central Time

An email with the link to the recurring Zoom meeting and any additional information for the course will be sent to the email address entered during your registration. The email will be sent one business day before the class begins.

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

You will need to enter the course code **VCRA** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 11/9. The price for the session is \$45.00.

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.

The time listed above is in <u>Central</u> Zone (US & Canada)	Example: If the time is 5pm Central:
Eastern is 1 hour ahead of Central.	It is 6pm Eastern.
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Chess Scholars

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Online Sessions

No Experience Needed



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. Chess has been proven to enhance children's motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity. Each 60 minute online class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period with a live instructor and guided practice time where students can play remotely against other Chess Scholars students. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome and will learn under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach.

Course Dates: Tuesdays, November 10th - December 15th, No class: 11/24 (5 Classes)

Course Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Central Time

An email with the link to the recurring Zoom meeting and any additional information for the course will be sent to the email address entered during your registration. The email will be sent one business day before the class begins.

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

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Stage Stars



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Online Sessions

Acting is Fun!



Perform!

GRADES K-8

Does your child have a “dramatic side”? You might have a budding Stage Star in your family! Our online drama class introduces students to the craft of stage acting. During each 45 minute session, students will learn theatrical skills, improv basics and participate in interactive drama games led by a live instructor. This is an opportunity for students to have fun, express themselves, and interact with others within the context of theatre arts! Students are also provided with monologues and scenes to rehearse outside of class time, and then perform for their peers.

Course Dates: Thursdays, November 12th - December 17th, No class: 11/26 (5 Classes)

Course Time: 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM Central Time

An email with the link to the recurring Zoom meeting and any additional information for the course will be sent to the email address entered during your registration. The email will be sent one business day before the class begins.

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

You will need to enter the course code **VCRD** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 11/10. The price for the session is \$45.00.

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Virtual STEM Program!



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Online Sessions



GRADES K–8

This online class takes a hands-on approach to science, engineering and computer programming, allowing students to explore a variety of fun and educational activities using common household materials. Under the guidance of a live instructor during each 45 minute session, students will improve their problem solving, math, and physics skills – all while engaging in exciting science and coding projects! This class also includes video lessons to guide students through the creation of additional projects outside of class time!

Course Dates: Fridays, November 13th - December 18th, No class: 11/27 (5 Classes)

Course Time: 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM Central Time

An email with the link to the recurring Zoom meeting and any additional information for the course will be sent to the email address entered during your registration. The email will be sent one business day before the class begins.

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

*You will need to enter the course code **VCRF** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 11/11. The price for the session is \$45.00.*

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