

More News

Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

March 13, 2020

Upcoming events:

Mon, Mar 16-Fri, Mar 20	School building closed, eLearning
Friday, March 20	End of 3 rd Quarter
Mon, Mar 23-Fri, Mar 27	No School, Spring Break
Monday, March 30	4 th Quarter Begins

St. Thomas More Catholic School is closed by order of the Diocese of Rockford. Classroom instruction is moving to eLearning. Please check your email and SchoolSpeak for details and ongoing updates. See the letter from the Catholic Education Office attached to the newsletter for further details.

You Be the Chemist



Last Monday, STM junior high students participated in the regional *You Be the Chemist Challenge*. The Challenge is a collaborative, multilevel academic competition that celebrates the science of chemistry and elevates STEM careers. The students chosen for the regional challenge were the top 8 students who participated in the school's Challenge a few months ago. We are so proud of their hard work and commitment!



Virus Prevention

St. Thomas More School takes your health seriously. While we shift to eLearning, we encourage you to continue to be diligent about protecting your health and practice recommended virus prevention.

Prevent COVID-19 —it's in your hands!



St. Ed's Choir and Band Visit STM Students

STM students were treated to a concert by St. Ed's choir and band this past Monday. St. Ed's talented students were amazing, and happily included some STM alum. It was a magnificent and entertaining program for all!



www.stmcentral.org

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



Dear STM families,

I hope by now you have received the email from the Diocese of Rockford and the one from me. In case you have not, the school will be closed until at least March 30th. All activities have been canceled and will be rescheduled later on when we return. We are implementing eLearning days for the week of March 16th. The week of March 23rd there will be no eLearning as we enjoy Spring Break. The school building is closed and off-limits as we deep clean it. I am available by email, as are the teachers, in case you have any questions. Please remember to continue encouraging your children to be collecting some money in their Hope for Haitians box. This year money collected will go towards the purchase of chicks and solar lamps. We will be collecting throughout Lent. Boxes are due back to school by April 10th. This past Wednesday we took spring photos. As soon as the photography company has the pictures ready they will send us the proofs so you can order your pictures. Our 8th grade class is selling See's candy to help raise funds for their trip to Springfield. Please see an 8th grader to order your candy. Lastly, this coming Friday, March 20th is the last day of the third quarter. Fourth quarter begins on Monday, March 30th. In light of everything, I hope all our families stay healthy. I hope you have a very blessed weekend.

Blessings,
Mrs. Keane





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Dear School Administrators, Staff & School Families,

Bishop Malloy has approved the following directives for dissemination by the Catholic Education Office:

- Beginning on Monday, March 16, classes at all Diocesan elementary and high school facilities are to be suspended until at least March 30, at which time the situation will be re-evaluated, and further directives will be provided. During this time period, however, schools are expected to put into place e-learning/distant learning protocols.
- The suspension of on-site classes also includes ALL athletic, extra-curricular, and co-curricular activities both on and off-site. The suspension of these athletic, extra-curricular, and co-curricular activities is to begin immediately and will be re-evaluated at the same time the school situation is re-evaluated.

Administrators, we recommend that during the next two weeks that you direct your school or parish maintenance staff to do a deep cleaning of your school facility and that you also limit access to your building.

Families & staff, we ask that if anyone is planning on traveling outside the continental United States during the upcoming spring break that you inform your school administrator and place yourself on a 14-day self-quarantine when you return. This is important because you will not be allowed to return to school until that period of time has elapsed. And the quarantine period begins the day you return from the trip.

Because this is an ever-evolving situation, there may be more information and directives that will be communicated to you through School Speak, parishes, social media, and the diocesan website. Also, please check your e-mail regularly.

Let us pray for all those who have been affected by the Coronavirus, both directly and indirectly, and to an end to this outbreak.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to manage this current pandemic.

God bless you all,
The Staff of the Catholic Education Office



THE GAME PLAN

Our class will be participating in Cougars Reading Club, a reading incentive program sponsored by the Kane County Cougars baseball team. Your child will have the opportunity to improve his or her reading skills while earning a ticket to a Cougar game, a Cougars drawstring bag, a free hot dog and drink to enjoy during the game.

When:

Beginning Date: _____ Ending Date: _____.

What:

An eight week program divided into four-two week segments, with each segment representing a base on a baseball diamond. When a student completes a segment he or she will advance to the next base.

How:

Your child needs to complete the following reading assignment every two weeks:

Record Progress

After each reading assignment has been completed, record the accomplishment under the respective week on the Parent Verification Form.

Bring to School:

After each two week segment a parent's signature is needed on the respective bases' verification slip to indicate completion. Please remove the slip and have your child return it to their teacher. Progress will be recorded on a classroom poster.

Rewards:

At the game they attend they will receive a drawstring bag and hot dog and drink, as well as a Golden Ticket which provides complimentary admission for all June-September home games!

Month

Date

Time

Game Date/s:



Presented by



Kane County Cougars, 34w002 Cherry Lane, Geneva, IL 60134 630-232-8811

COUGARS READING CLUB

Parent Verification Form

Start date:_____ End date:_____ Student Name:_____

First Base

Week 1

Parent Signature:_____

Week 2

Start date:_____ End date:_____ Student Name:_____

Second Base

Week 3

Parent Signature:_____

Week 4

Start date:_____ End date:_____ Student Name:_____

Third Base

Week 5

Parent Signature:_____

Week 6

Start date:_____ End date:_____ Student Name:_____

Home Run!

Week 7

Parent Signature:_____

Week 8

Earn a **FREE** **JUNE Admission** to Raging Waves Waterpark this Summer!



Three easy steps for kids in Kindergarten through 8th grade to get started:

Step 1: Ask your teacher (or your PE teacher) for a fitness log and start keeping track of your exercise starting February 10th. Color in one item on the fitness log for every 30 minutes you exercise.

Step 2: After you have completed 25 hours of exercise, turn in your completed fitness log to your teacher by April 6th. Don't forget to have mom and dad sign it!

Step 3: Get your exclusive Raging Waves discounts from your teacher before the end of May. Come out to Raging Waves and **PICK ONE** of the following offers: **ONE FREE admission ticket valid JUNE ONLY (5/30/20 - 06/30/20)** or a **\$10 OFF discount on a one day admission (07/01/20 - 09/07/20)**.

**Join the "Plunge Into Fitness" program today.
It's simple... and fun!**



February 10 - April 6

Exercise 30 minutes per day for a total of 25 hours.

You can do any kind of exercise: walking, biking, playing team sports, swimming, skateboarding, jumping rope....

ragingwaves.com

Located South of I-88 on IL Rt. 47 in Yorkville



FITNESS LOG

Color in each section along the path to Raging Waves for each 30 minutes of exercise that you complete.

Please return your completed log to your teacher by Monday, April 6, 2020.

What types of exercise did you do?

Student's First Name Last Name Grade

Parent's Signature Date

Teacher's Name

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Perpetual Adoration

**Perpetual Adoration will begin at
St. Thomas More on February 26.**

Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. It involves the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us. The time you spend in the presence of Christ is where you will get to know Him better and to know the love he has for you. We will have many resources to guide you as you begin this life changing prayer time. Sign up today below or at our website. If you have any questions please contact **Sharon Hall** in the parish office **847.888.1682** or email at shall@stthomasmorechurch.org

**What one hour, of one day each week,
can you plan to spend time sitting with
our Lord?**

Name

Email

Phone

Day

_____ AM _____ PM
Time

**Fill out, cut, and return to the parish office
or at the welcome center. Thank you!**

They grow up so fast.

Now's your chance to shape their future.



A kindergartener counted in the 2020 Census this spring will be starting high school when the next census comes around in 2030: That's 10 years of school supplies, teachers, school lunches, and so much more. This is your opportunity to help ensure they have a bright future.

Right now, students across the country are getting an introduction to the 2020 Census through the Statistics in Schools program. This program offers free activities and resources to schools to help prepare their students for an increasingly data-driven world.

Students are learning that the 2020 Census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. Responding to the census helps your community get its fair share of funding. Census data guides how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year for schools, health care facilities, roads, transportation, recreation centers, social services, and more.

Students are also learning these key things about the 2020 Census—and we want you to know them too:

- Starting in March 2020, everyone living in your home needs to be counted. That includes children and newborn babies, citizens and noncitizens, relatives and nonrelatives, and even those staying with you temporarily.
- It's easier than ever to respond to the census. You can respond in 13 different languages, and you can complete it online, by phone, or by mail.
- Your responses to the census are safe and secure. The law requires the U.S. Census Bureau to keep your information confidential, and your responses cannot be used against you in any way.

On Census Day, April 1, 2020, start shaping your future and the future of all children by counting everyone in your home.

Learn more about how you can shape your future at [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020census.gov).

Get more information about the Statistics in Schools program at [CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS](https://census.gov/schools).



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