More News

Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

March 20, 2020

Upcoming events:

Mon, Mar 23-Fri, Mar 27	No School, Spring Break
Monday, March 30	4th Quarter Begins
Mon, Mar 30-Fri, Apr 3	eLearning Days
Friday, April 3	3rd Quarter Report Cards Available Online

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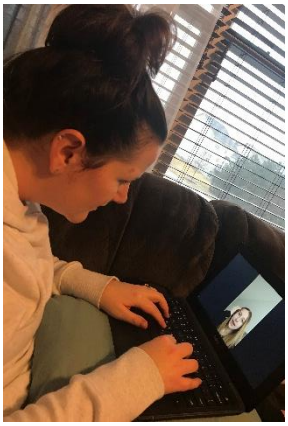
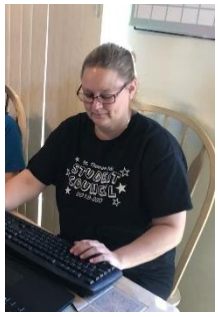
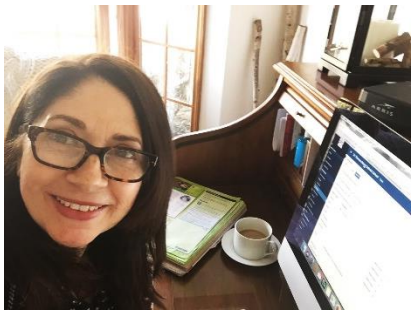
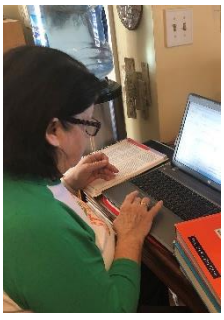
eLearning St. Thomas More Catholic School Style!

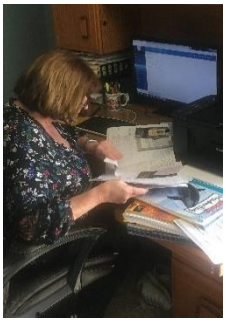
This week STM entered uncharted territory and started eLearning as the COVID-19 virus created the need for us all to stay home to "flatten the curve". As a community, we adapted quickly and opened our hearts to each other as we practiced patience and cooperation. Undoubtedly, we have learned a lot so far, but most of all we learned we are all in this together and our teachers are working hard to maintain an excellent educational experience for everyone. They jumped into action and demonstrated the tenacity they have in the classroom but in different surroundings.











Dear STM families,

Thank you for your understanding and support during this unprecedented time in all our lives. As we work to figure out the best way to continue to educate our kids both academically as well as spiritually and mentally, we appreciate your patience and working with us. The school and parents have always been a team working together for a common goal and we continue to do so. As I stated in my email to parents today, the school closing has been extended until April 7th by the governor's shelter in place order. All school activities continue to be canceled and will be rescheduled when we return. The end of 3rd quarter coincided with the end of the first week of eLearning. The week of March 23rd there will be no eLearning as we enjoy Spring Break. We will have another week of eLearning beginning March 30th. There is no late work with eLearning, we just do not want any child to fall behind in their work. Also, children may do their school work when it works for your family, not necessarily during normal school hours or the day assigned. We also realize some parents are now working from home. The teachers and I will be flexible with this situation. The school building was deep cleaned this past week and will be closed to everyone next week. The teachers and I are always available for questions by email. Please remember to continue encouraging your children to collect money in their Hope for Haitians box. This year the money collected throughout Lent, due at school by April 10th, will go towards the purchase of chicks and solar lamps. The 4th quarter will begin on Monday, March 30th. I pray all our families stay healthy and safe. I hope you and your family have a very blessed weekend.

Blessings,
Mrs. Keane

WE ARE Stronger TOGETHER

Challenge YOUR kids to do one activity every day. It's a great way to learn a few new games and activities, while filling those "I'm bored!" moments.

1. *Make an obstacle course*
2. *Have a scavenger hunt*
3. *Study a spider web*
4. *Run 3-legged races*
5. *Wash the dog*
6. *Wash the car*
7. *Paint outdoors*
8. *Stargaze at night*
9. *Plant an indoor garden*
10. *Camp in the living room*
11. *Eat watermelon in big wedges*
12. *Look for 4-leaf clovers*
13. *Splash in puddles*
14. *Build a bird house or feeder*
15. *Make a paper hat*
16. *Make a paper boat and see if it floats*
17. *Decorate a t-shirt*
18. *Send postcards to family & friends*
19. *Finger painting*
20. *Make your own Play-doh*
21. *Make a necklace out of beads or pasta*
22. *Write an autobiography*
23. *Have a fashion show*
24. *Blow bubbles*
25. *Play with Hula Hoops*
26. *Jump rope*
27. *Rearrange your bedroom*
28. *Have a PJ party*
29. *Watch the clouds*
30. *Create a movie or play*
31. *Make up a story; Illustrate it*
32. *Have a talent show*
33. *Learn a line dance*
34. *Practice tongue twisters*
35. *Learn to juggle*
36. *Create a house of cards*
37. *Have paper airplane races*
38. *Bob for apples*
39. *Hopscotch*
40. *Freeze Tag*
41. *Hide and Seek*
42. *Play Red Light Green Light*
43. *Dodge Ball*
44. *Learn a Yo-Yo trick*
45. *Play H-O-R-S-E*
46. *Have an egg toss*
47. *Make shadow puppets*
48. *Line up dominoes and watch them drop*
49. *Play with shaving cream & food coloring*
50. *Create a musical instrument out of recyclables*
51. *Make a box town out of old boxes*
52. *Learn string games like Cats in the Cradle*
53. *Have a picnic on the living room floor*
54. *Learn clapping games like Miss Mary Mack*
55. *Play cards (Crazy 8s, War, Rummy)*
56. *Have a family game night*
57. *Watch old home movies or look at old pictures*
58. *Have a watermelon seed spitting contest*
59. *Build a fort*
60. *Fly a Kite*
61. *Play capture the flag*
62. *Play Freeze Tag*
63. *Tell scary stories in the dark*
64. *Go for a hike*
65. *Learn sign language*
66. *Learn Morse Code*
67. *Build a toothpick bridge or building*
68. *Walk the dog*
69. *Bake some treats*
70. *Play chess or checkers*
71. *Play charades*
72. *Have a bubble-blowing contest*
73. *Climb a tree*
74. *Do blind taste tests with various drinks and food*
75. *Solve a crossword or word search puzzle*
76. *Make butterflies from coffee filters*
77. *Play hangman or tic-tac-toe*
78. *Dance to 50s music (or any era)*
79. *Play free online games*
80. *Make a Diet Coke and Mentos eruption*
81. *Make a time capsule*
82. *Learn how to read a map*
83. *Play hot potato*
84. *Have breakfast for dinner*
85. *Make homemade pizza*
86. *Have thumb wars*
87. *Arm wrestle*
88. *Give each other crazy or fancy hair dos*
89. *Have a relay race*
90. *Color "Easter Eggs" any time*
91. *Make your own pet rock*
92. *Play "I Spy"*
93. *Put together a puzzle*
94. *Play "20 questions"*
95. *Make a fort or car out of a large appliance box*
96. *Try to make each other laugh*
97. *Write a secret message in "mirror image"*
98. *Have a staring contest*
99. *Speak Pig Latin*
100. *Play ping pong*

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:

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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!

Game Date/s:

Month	Date	Time
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COUGARS READING CLUB

Parent Verification Form

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

Parent Signature:_____

First Base

Week 1

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Week 2

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

Parent Signature:_____

Second Base

Week 3

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Week 4

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

Parent Signature:_____

Third Base

Week 5

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Week 6

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

Parent Signature:_____

Home Run!

Week 7

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Week 8

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Earn a FREE JUNE Admission

to Raging Waves Waterpark this Summer!

Plunge into Fitness

RAGING WAVES ILLINOIS' LARGEST WATERPARK

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!

RAGING WAVES ILLINOIS' LARGEST WATERPARK

Februray 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....

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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?

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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

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Email

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Phone

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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**.

Get more information about the Statistics in Schools program at **CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS**.

STATISTICS IN SCHOOLS

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