

More News

Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

January 29, 2021

Upcoming events:

Sun, Jan 31 – Sat, Feb 6

Catholic Schools Week

Saturday, February 6

Virtual Family Trivia Night

*** See the CSW 2021 Schedule following the newsletter. ****

www.stmelgin.org

Attendance Line:

(847) 742-3959 ext. 154



Paint with Fr. Browning

Last Friday night STM PTO hosted the first annual *Paint with Fr. Browning* event. Artist Kelly Lockard gave directions and demonstrated how to create a beautiful cross painting. Participants got to follow along creating their own masterpiece all while watching Father create one as well. There was even a raffle at the end for who would get to take Father's home. Congratulations to Haley for winning the prized art piece! A great time was had by all. We hope you will join us next year.



From the Principal's Desk:

Dear STM families,

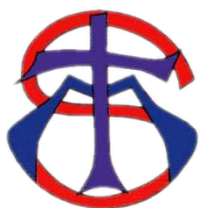
Report cards are being published this afternoon. You will be receiving an email when they are posted. Thank you to everyone who joined us last Friday night for our fun new virtual event "Paint with Fr. Browning." Be sure to check out our school Facebook page to see all the great photos! We have been busy here at school this past week getting ready for Catholic Schools Week which begins this Sunday, January 31st. The theme this year is "Faith. Excellence. Service." We have many fun activities planned for the entire week for our students. Please be sure to see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information. In lieu of the annual Fun Fair will be hosting a Virtual Family Trivia Night on Saturday, February 6th, from 7 – 9:30 PM. Be sure to sign up. We hope to see everyone there! Also, a reminder that if you ever want to order STM spirit wear you can. Our virtual school store is always open and accepting orders. Please see the link to the left to check it out! A reminder that we will be administering the ITBS tests to our students this school year. This year they will be taken March 1st-12th by all students who are in-person learning in grades 2nd – 8th. More information will be coming out as we get closer. Please remember to send in your registration form to school. They are due back by Friday, February 5th. Have an incredible and blissful weekend.

Blessings,
Mrs. Keane



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Spirit Wear Store
Click [HERE](#) to order
your spirit wear today!!

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VIRTUAL FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT
FEBRUARY 6TH, 2021
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
\$30/LINK - WITH ABILITY TO BREAK INTO
TEAMS WITH OTHER FAMILIES!
50/50 RAFFLES
CLICK [HERE](#) to REGISTER!



St. Thomas More Catholic School

Catholic Schools Week 2021

Sunday, January 31st - Saturday, February 6th

Sunday – Celebrating Our Parish

- Thank you video from staff and students to the parish
- Thank you message from the school to the parish published in the bulletin

Monday – Celebrating Our Community

- Student poster contest: *Why is STM great?*
- Soup can collection - begins today & goes all week
- STM Spirit Wear Day (or wear red & white)
- *Know your School Quiz* - school wide

Tuesday – Celebrating Our Students

- No Homework Day!
- D.E.A.R. – Drop Everything and Read throughout the day (optional: stuffed animal)
- Special treat
- Pajamas and Slippers Day

Wednesday – Celebrating Our Nation

- Cards & prayers for Veterans/soldiers from our parish
- Prayers for the new U.S. President, Administration, & the military

Thursday – Celebrating Vocations

- Care packages for seminarians
- Letters to Fr. Browning
- Adoration
- Kahoot Religion Bee
- Hats and Crazy Socks Day

Friday – Celebrating Our Faculty and Staff

- Flowers for Teachers
- Sports/College Shirt Day (if soup can was donated)
- Lunch for Teachers

Saturday – Celebrating Families

- Virtual Family Trivia Night



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1. Purchase your \$30 event "ticket" via Ticketleap. [To purchase yours, CLICK HERE](#). Shortly before the event, those that have purchased a "ticket" will be sent an invitation to join a Zoom meeting at 7pm on 2/6.
2. \$5 50/50 raffle tickets can be purchased as an add-on to your ticket purchase or purchased separately through the same link. 50/50 raffle drawing will be held during the virtual event.
3. After your event ticket is purchased, but before 2/6, complete [THIS FORM](#) to enter your team information. On this form, you have three choices for entering your team:
 - Event planners can group your family with other families
 - Your family team can play on your own
 - You can be paired with another family of your choice

Be sure to complete the entire form and click SUBMIT before you leave.

This is a perfect opportunity to share a family-friendly, super-fun night in support of our school with friends and family wherever they are. Please share the registration information with anyone you'd like!

If you have questions about the event or registration, please contact

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Preparing for tax season?

TADS

can help!

You can access your *Household Paid Tuition Tax Report* under the Billing tab in TADS. This report provides a breakdown of the payments made for your family during a specific tax year. Below are step-by-step instructions.

Step 1: Log into your TADS user account.

Step 2: Click on the "Billing" tab.

Step 3: Click on "Household Paid Tuition Tax Report" on the left side of the screen.

Home Admissions Enrollment Financial Aid Agreements **Billing** Required Documents Support

Online access to your accounts allows you to view detailed billing information, make payments and change your payment settings. To access your account, simply click on your account number, listed below. If you don't see your account listed below, you can add it by entering your account number.

Household Paid Tuition Tax Report

Accounts - Tuition & Fees

Number	School	School Year	Current Due
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Step 4: Complete the prompt to fill in the correct tax year and click "Submit."

Home Admissions Enrollment Financial Aid Agreements **Billing**

Home > Billing

Household Paid Tuition For Taxes Report

Tax Year

2020

Enter 4 digits tax year

Submit

Step 5: Once submitted, a PDF will be produced that outlines all payments made that year. This can be downloaded and printed as needed.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

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SUMMER CAMP 2021

- What:** **Middle School Summer Camp** (An overnight, Christ-centered Summer Camp put on by parishes in the Rockford Diocese)
- Why:** *Summer Camp is an awesome opportunity for our young people to get away from the distractions of everyday life to have fun, encounter the Lord, and strengthen friendships.*
- Who:** *All current 6th-8th grade students are invited to attend as campers this Summer! If your 9th-12th grader is interested in leading as a Counselor please have them fill out the Counselor Application form.*
- Where:** **Lutherdale Bible Camp** (N7891 US-12, Elkhorn, WI 53121)
- When:** **Tuesday, June 8th 2021 @ 8AM – Friday, June 11th 2021 @ 2:30PM**

Follow the link below to the STM website for more information on how to register!
<https://stthomasmorechurch.org/retreats-and-conferences>

Elgin Family Mobile Pantries



**NOTE NEW LOCATION:
901 Center Street, Elgin IL 60120**

Monday January 11th

Tuesday February 9th

Tuesday March 9th

Tuesday April 13th

Tuesday May 11th

Tuesday June 15th

All distributions 4 – 5:30 p.m.

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