

More News

Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

March 12, 2021

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, March 17
Friday, March 19
Monday, March 22
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St. Patrick's Day – wear green!
End of 3rd Quarter – SchoolSpeak blocked
1st Day of 4th Quarter
Spring Picture Day

www.stmelgin.org

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



Stations of the Cross



During this Lenten season STM school is still participating in the Stations of the Cross, just a little differently. Since the classes, or cohorts, need to stay separated only one class can be in the church at a time. Thanks to our technology advancements this school year the students outside of the church can participate as well! The Stations of the Cross are live-streamed to all the classes not in the church using STM's Google platform. We are glad that we are still able to offer this important Lenten tradition to all our students.



Learning About DNA

The 7th grade class is currently learning about cells and their structure in Science class. They are presently on the topic of DNA. Therefore, they conducted an experiment where they learned how to extract DNA from a piece of fruit using household items. The students were all very enthralled with this!



IOWA Testing Complete



Students in 3rd grade happily celebrated the end of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills this week! Normally the test is administered to grades 2nd through 8th in September, but this school year the Diocese of Rockford moved testing to March. After a lot of hard work, they deserved some fun!

From the Principal's Desk:

Dear STM families,

Today the students in grades 3-8 participated in the sacrament of reconciliation. Fr. Browning and Monsignor Linster came over to the school to be able to offer this for them. Our second graders received the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time two weeks ago. We continue doing Stations of the Cross as a school every week. We appreciate your understanding that this year it will be a closed event for students and teachers only due to following Covid protocols. Please continue to encourage your child to collect some money in their Hope for Haitians box during Lent. This year money collected will go towards the purchase of lighting for the homes built. Boxes are due back to school by March 26th. Remember to mark your calendars for Spring pictures on Monday, March 22nd. Students may be out of uniform if they are taking pictures that day. They may take pictures by themselves or with their siblings! Please be sure to turn in the form that was sent home last week. This week our 3rd, 5th, and 7th graders concluded the CoGat portion of the IOWA tests. All standardized testing is now completed! Thank you for your support in making sure students attended school and were well-rested. It helped make the testing process a lot smoother for everyone. Next week our PTO is offering to sell some used uniforms to families if there is something that you need to get to the end of the school year. Please be sure to fill out the order form and turn it into school by Wednesday, March 17th. On Wednesday, March 17th, students may be out of uniform if they wear green. Thank you again for all your continued support of our amazing school. I hope you have an outstanding weekend.

Blessings,
Mrs. Keane



Used Uniform Sale



Order by Wednesday, March 17th for pickup on Friday, March 19th. See the flyer following the newsletter for details and the order form.

Used Uniform Order Form

Do you need some uniform items to get you through the rest of this school year? Choose what you are looking for and we will see if we have it. Please return order forms to the school office by Wednesday, March 17th, if interested. You will be contacted to schedule a pickup time through Signup Genius. Pick up date will be on Friday, March 19th.

Family Name:_____ Grade(s):_____

Email:_____

Jumper qty_____	size_____
(circle your preference)	plaid or navy

Skirt / Skort qty_____	size_____
(circle your preference)	plaid or navy

Pants qty_____	size_____
	girl or boy

Shirts qty_____	size_____
	girl or boy
(circle your preference):	red navy white
(circle your preference):	long sleeve short sleeve

Total Due_____

(will be filled out by PTO member)



Thank you for shopping.

-The STM PTO

Spring picture day is coming to:

St. Thomas More School

On:

Monday, March 22, 2021

All students will be photographed. No payment is needed at this time. A proof will be sent home that will include package and ordering information.

**Avoid wearing shades of green as all students will be photographed against a green screen. We suggest bright cheerful colors.*

Siblings currently enrolled in the same school may be photographed together. If you would like your children photographed together, please fill out the form and return it to the oldest child's teacher. **Please note** if siblings have their picture taken together, they will not be photographed individually.

Name _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

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Name _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Dia de Fotos de Primavera viene a:

St. Thomas More School

El:

Monday, March 22, 2021

Les tomaremos fotos a todos los estudiantes. No tiene que traer pago ahora. Su estudiante traera a casa una forma con informacion para ordenar y ver las pruebas de las poses.

**Todos los estudiantes deben evitar vestir con color verde pues las fotos se tomara con una pantalla verde detras.*

Recomendamos ropa de colores fuertes y alegres.

Hermanos(as) actualmente registrados en la misma escuela pueden ser fotografiados juntos. Si desea que sus niños se tomen fotos juntos, por favor de llenar la porción de abajo y regreselo al maestro de su niño mayor.

Por favor tome nota si hermanos(as) se toman fotos juntos no se les tomara fotos individuales.

Nombre _____ Maestro _____

Nombre _____ Maestro _____

Nombre _____ Maestro _____

A Message from the Elgin Knights of Columbus



Please view our video at: [2021 Chili for Charity](#)

We thank you for your past support of our Chili for Charity event which will be canceled this year but we are reaching out to the parishioners to kindly ask if they can support this great cause with a monetary donation. This is the biggest fundraiser that the Knights host locally to benefit our four catholic schools, those in need in our community, and our youth sports programs.

Please send donations to the address below:

**Elgin Knights of Columbus
Monsignor Henry Schryer Council #654
PO Box 1427
Elgin, IL 60120-1427
Website: www.kofc654.org**

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

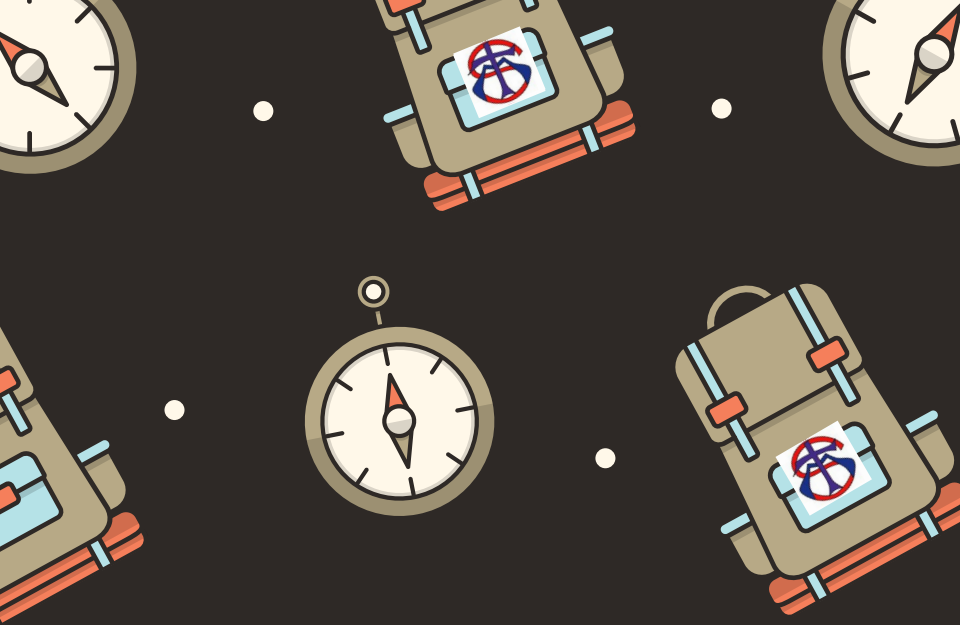
Tax Year

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.



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CATHOLIC MIDDLE-SCHOOL

SUMMER CAMP 2021

Lutherdale Bible Camp, Elkhorn, WI
June 8-11th, 2021

The coolest camp in town.

What: Middle School Summer Camp - An overnight, Christ-centered camp put on by parishes in the Rockford Diocese.

Why: Camp is an awesome opportunity for our young people to get away from distractions, have fun, encounter the Lord and develop friendships.

Who: Current 6th-8th grade students are invited as campers. (HS teens can apply to be counselors)

Where: Lutherdale Bible Camp, Elkhorn, WI

When: June 8-11, 2021

Cost: \$375 - payment plan available

Register: Spaces are Limited!

<https://www.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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