

More News

Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

August 23, 2023

Upcoming events:

- Tues, Aug 29 X-Country Meet @ Cambridge Lakes, 4-6 pm
Tues, Aug 29 PTO Meeting @ Rogue's Corner, 7-8 pm
Wed, Aug 30 Back to School Night, 6-7:30 pm

Retreat in Rockford



In preparation for the new school year, the teachers and staff had a retreat day at the Bishop Lane Retreat Center in Rockford. They spent the day learning about the Eucharist Revival, and the history and meanings behind Mass gestures. It was a wonderful and spiritually fulfilling day led by Fr. Richard Rosinski, St. Thomas More's former pastor. The teachers learned a lot that they are excited to share with their students as well!



New School Year Luncheon



To kick off the start of another school year, the teachers and staff of St. Thomas More School had lunch with the STM parish staff. This is an annual tradition that has been held for the past seven years! It is a chance for everyone to get to know each other and connect as they plan an exciting year ahead for the school and parish. Thank you to the PTO for supplying the delicious food and treats!

Staff Training



For the utmost safety of STM School students, teachers and staff participated in active shooter training with Sgt. Demierre of the Elgin Police Department. The session included protocols and safety measures every person should follow during a shooting crisis. The protocols went into effect on the first day of school.

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

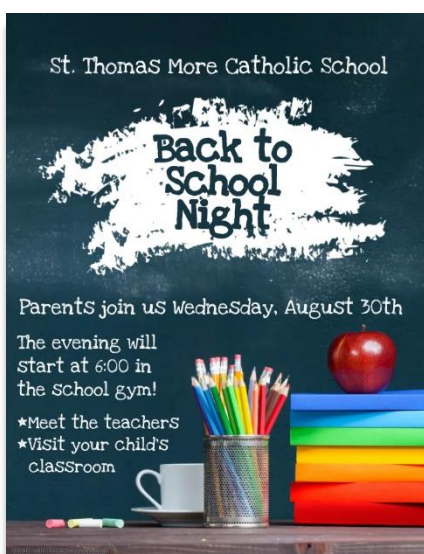


From the Principal's Desk:

Dear STM families,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer. This school year we have approximately 34 new families that have joined our STM family. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of them! We are so happy to be back at school with the students beginning an exciting new year. It was fantastic to see all their smiling faces on the first day of school! Thank you to our incredible PTO for starting our school year off again with amazing sidewalk chalk art! We started our school year off with parents able to walk their children once again to their classrooms on the first day. It was a beautiful start to the new school year! We also started the school year off with a backpack blessing for all our students by Fr. Browning at our first All School Mass for the school year. Please remember that anyone is welcome to attend our All School Masses on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM in the church. And then our pastor, Fr. Browning, and our associate pastor, Fr. Ejay, walked around the entire school building blessing every room and individual. This summer a few classrooms received a fresh paint job. There were a few other new and exciting changes done to the building this summer that you will be hearing about in future newsletters. Please mark your calendars for Back to School Night on August 30th. We are off to a terrific start to a glorious school year! Have a very blessed and healthy week.

Blessings,
Mrs. Sonja Keane



St. Thomas More Catholic School

Back to School Night

Parents join us Wednesday, August 30th

The evening will
start at 6:00 in
the school gym!

- ★Meet the teachers
- ★Visit your child's
classroom



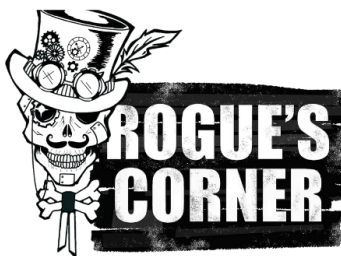
THINGS TO DO FOR STM'S AUGUST PTO MEETING:

- SHOW UP
- EAT PIZZA
- ORDER A ROGUE'S SIGNATURE COCKTAIL
OR YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE
- MEET UP WITH OLD FRIENDS
- MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS

NOT NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 7:00

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*RSVP IS APPRECIATED, BUT NOT NECESSARY -
TEXT 847.850.9411*

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2023 - 2024 STM PTO SAVE THE DATES

August 2-3
August 15
August 29
September TBD
September 22

Fee Days - Used Uniform sale/trade
Sidewalk chalk decorating
PTO Mixer
Family Mini Golf Challenge
Grandparents' Day

October 16
October 22
October 31
November TBD
November 4
November 8
November 11

PTO Meeting
Trunk or Treat
Halloween Classroom Parties
Poinsetta Sale
Craft Fair & Bake Sale
Veterans' Day Celebration
Fall Fun Fest

December 11
December 20
December TBD
January 28
Jan 28-Feb 3

PTO Christmas Party
Christmas Classroom Parties
Young Authors Collection
Open House
Catholic Schools Week

February 3
February 9
February 12
February 13
March 8

All-Parish Bingo
Daddy-Daughter Dance
PTO Meeting
Valentine's Day Classroom Parties
Painting with the Priest

April TBD
April 15
May TBD
May 5
May 6-10

Mother & Son Outing
PTO Meeting
Father & Son Outing
Mother-Daughter Brunch
Teacher Appreciation Week

June TBD

Annual Golf Outing

Dates and times are subject to change

Also remember our two ongoing projects: Box Tops Collection via the digital scanning app and Used Uniform Sale & Trade

There are a lot of ways to connect with STM PTO!

- Come to PTO Meetings on 8/29, 10/16, 12/11, 2/12, 4/15 @ 7:00 - 8:30 in Roberts Hall - Kids are welcome.
- Find our Facebook Group! Search for "St. Thomas More PTO", answer the membership questions, and you'll be connected.
- Watch for SchoolSpeak emails for volunteer opportunities.
- Contact the PTO Board by emailing Sue at campbell.hspro@gmail.com



SIGN UP NOW!

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STM Music Teacher



Mr. Tim Horneman
STM Director of Music
and Liturgy

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