

More News

Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

February 28, 2024

Upcoming events:

Wed, Feb 28 No Cook Night @ Noodles & Co(Elgin) 4-8 pm
Thu, Feb 29-Mon, Mar 2 JV Girls B'ball Tournament @ Cambridge Lakes
Fri, Mar 1 No School, Teacher Institute Day
Mon, Mar 4-Mon, Mar 18 STM Read-a-thon

Learning About DNA



The 7th grade class is currently learning about cells and heredity in Science class. When they were on the topic of DNA, they conducted an experiment where they learned how to extract DNA from strawberries and bananas using household items. The students were all very fascinated with this!

Sports Jersey/T-shirt Day



STM School's Student Council hosted a sports jersey day last week to raise money for their organization. Students were able to dress out of uniform provided they wore a sports jersey or t-shirt from a college or professional team and donated a dollar. The day was a success! The students enjoyed showing their team spirit and the Student Council raised money for future fun events they will host.



2024-25 registration forms and payment are due **TOMORROW, February 29th**. The registration form can be found [here](#).

A La Carte Is A Hit!



After a few years hiatus, a la carte offerings were back in the STM School lunchroom! The hard-working STM Student Council accomplished the job of bringing back the delicious side items to accompany lunch items. Older students happily cheered the return of a la carte and younger students were excited to see new food choices. The event was a hit!

TESTING

ITBS Starts Monday!

Students should get plenty of sleep, have a healthy breakfast, and be on time for school!

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



From the Principal's Desk:

Dear STM families,

Today is a No Cook Night. This time we are going to Noodles and Company. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter for more information. Come out and enjoy some good food while supporting the school! This Monday, March 4th, begins our annual Read-a-thon. Be sure your child is registered by Monday, getting sponsors, reading, and logging in their time. All money collected will go towards more renovations in our LRC/STEM lab. This upcoming week is the ITBS testing for grades 2-8. Make sure your child is well-rested and prepared. You can help prepare your child for the tests by making sure they get enough sleep each night, eat a healthy breakfast each morning, and are on time for school. We appreciate your support in helping our students be successful. Last week your child received their Hope for Haitians collection box. This year the money collected will go towards the construction of a medical facility. Please remember to encourage your child to collect some money in their box during Lent. Boxes are due back to school by March 22nd. We continue doing Stations of the Cross as a school. We do them every Thursday at 2 PM throughout Lent. Please feel free to join us if you are available. Remember to complete the registration form using the Google link emailed to you. Everyone needs to complete this form. They need to be completed by Thursday, February 29th. Please complete your registration form soon if you have not already. Registration is not considered complete until you pay the registration fee. Registration fees are paid through FACTS. Please call the school office with any questions. Thank you again for all your continued support of our extraordinary school. I hope you have a glorious weekend.

Blessings,
Mrs. Sonja Keane



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Elgin

895 S Randall Rd, Elgin, IL 60123

February 28, 2024

4-8 pm

25 %


of qualifying sales
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**St. Thomas More
School**

 **noodles**
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- 4. Look for red checkmark  for confirmation and proceed to checkout.**



Join the STM Read-A-Thon!

All students are invited to participate.

Starts Monday, March 4th

Ends Monday, March 18th

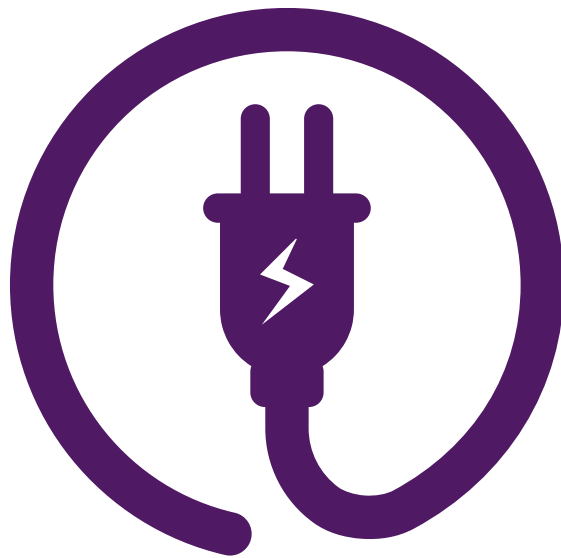
**Build reading skills, win prizes, and raise funds for
STM School!**

Funds will be used to advance STM's STEM initiative, including
completing the renovations in our LRC.

**Be sure to sign up, get sponsors, read, and log
daily!**



Take the **LENT** Unplugged Family Challenge



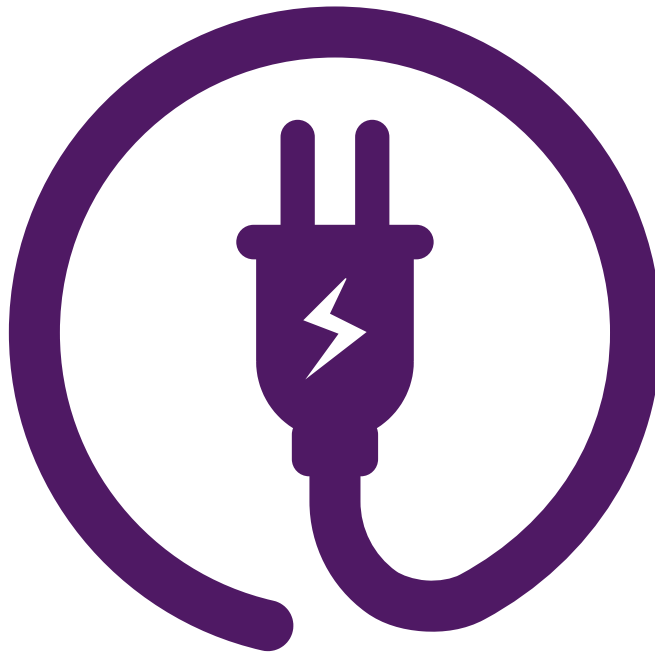
In this time of constant automation, smart phones, social media, TV, and video games...It's time to unplug!

How does this challenge work?

1. Pick a day between Feb. 14th-March 31st to turn everything off or unplug. You are committing to 24 hours of being unplugged from **ALL** electronics.
2. Plug IN to things that are non-electronic and can be done together.
3. DO IT!
4. Share with others.

Unplugged Family Challenge Accepted!

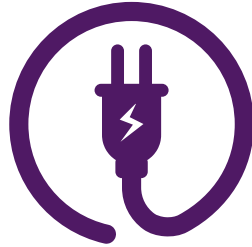
Date: _____



Family - (All who participated):

This is what we did:

Unplugged Family Ideas



Build a fort or clubhouse

Wash the car

Go for a walk

Feed the ducks

Make a handprint tree

Go for a bike ride

Visit the zoo

Rearrange your bedroom

Make a sandcastle

Climb a tree

Ride on a train

Create a collage

Write a letter to someone you admire

Put on a play

Plant a herb garden

Make homemade cards

Have a snowball fight

Bake a cake

Go sledging

Have a tea party

Make a time capsule

Play hide-and-seek

Put on a fashion show

Camp out in the garden

Create an art gallery and display your art

Have a BBQ

Go bird watching

Draw a picture

Visit a theme park

Build a fire to cook marshmallows

Go swimming

Have a sleepover

Send a postcard to yourself

Go bowling

Visit a farm

Fly a kite

Go geocaching as a family

Plant a tree

Build a birdfeeder

Go rock pooling

Make a cardboard box robot

Visit a castle

Make finger puppets

Do a puzzle

Make a snow angel

Do a bug hunt

Paint a picture

Go trampolining

Read a book

Make tin can stilts

Write a letter

Go to the library

Dress up

Make Cake Pops

Make a mud pie

Go stargazing

Collect leaves and make leaf prints

Go to a museum

Make an animal mask

Play board games

Have a picnic

Go to a playground

Finger paint

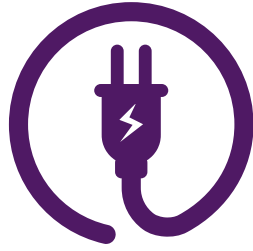
Visit a nature reserve

Learn about your village, city or town

Make a fairy garden

Volunteer

Unplugged Family Ideas



Go ice skating
Play laser tag
Do a DIY science experiment
Organize a garage sale
Create an obstacle course
Plan a vacation
Plant a butterfly garden
Make paper aeroplanes
Do karaoke
Build a min-library of your favorite books
Make a television show
Go puddle hunting
Make button jewellery
Play restaurant
Make a leaf angel
Play tag
Build a tree house
Have a dance-off
Have fun with paper mache
Take some photographs
Go to the park
Skim stones
Have a wheelbarrow race
Make breakfast or dinner for the family
Visit a market
Create a scrapbook
Have a hose fight
Go to a pantomime
Run through sprinklers
Visit your relatives
Make tie-dye shirts
Make origami

Need more ideas before you begin?

<https://www.unplugcollaborative.org/unplug-what-to-do-collection>