

# More News

Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

September 5, 2024

## Upcoming events:

Wed, Sep 11	X-Country Meet @ Hickory Grove Highlands, 4 – 6 pm
Thu, Sep 12	5/6/7/8 Girls V'ball v St. Patrick, Home
Sat, Sep 14	Bingo Night
Mon, Sep 16	STM Walk-a-thon

[www.stmelgin.org](http://www.stmelgin.org)



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



## From the Principal's Desk:

Dear STM families,  
I hope everyone had a pleasant and restful Labor Day weekend. Please mark your calendars for Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting our annual STM Walk-a-thon! We are so excited to host this annual event. Students are bringing home their packets with information and pledge sheets this week. Please assist your child in getting as many pledges as they can! We are looking for a few volunteers for this event as well. Please use the sign-up link that was sent out last week to volunteer and get your hours. Make sure to volunteer to help out at some events throughout the school year. Many hands make light work, and all our children benefit! Another upcoming event is Grandparents Day which is being held on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. There is an email coming out soon to volunteer for this event. Please remember that anyone is welcome to attend our All School Masses on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM in the church throughout the school year. We hope you can join us! To keep on top of any scheduled events and dates please be sure to check out our live Google calendar which is regularly updated on our school website. You can find it here: [STM School Google Calendar](#) Have a delightful and restful weekend.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Sonja Keane



## STM School Band – It's Time to Join!



Last week, students were guests at a band concert featuring instructors from Music Education Service who played many instruments – the same instruments students in grades 4 -8 can play themselves in the STM band. The concert was led by STM's band instructor, Melanie Shaffer. The following day students were given the opportunity to try out the instruments they had seen at the concert. The events of the two days helped students decide if they would like to join the band. The Music Education Service program is a fantastic extracurricular at STM! Please see the attached flyer for more information on joining.

## Back-to-School Night



Many thanks to all the parents who attended Back-to-School Night. The teachers, staff, and administration were thrilled to meet them! The evening is an annual occurrence and a chance for parents to get a glimpse inside the classrooms as well as for the teachers to share their plans for the amazing school year ahead.

## PTO Meet and Greet



The STM School PTO *Meet and Greet* gathering, which marked the first meeting of the school year, was a hit! There was a sizable turnout, and attendees enjoyed good food and conversation. If you missed the meeting, plan to attend a future one – everyone is a member of the STM PTO and are welcome to attend. Without the continued support of the PTO, the school would not have the “extras” like parties and special events.



St. Thomas More PTO is hosting:



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**BINGO**  
**NIGHT**

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 14**

**5:30pm Food & Fellowship**

**6:30 - 8:30pm BINGO**

**10 Games**



**\$100 Jackpots each**

Book of single  
cards  
\$10

Book of three  
cards  
\$30

TWO  
Books of three  
cards  
\$50

**Dinner & Dessert Bar**

**+ FREE COFFEE**

**+ 50/50 & Lotto Scratch Raffles +**

**St. Thomas More School Gym  
1625 W. Highland Ave.**

*Childcare is NOT provided.  
Kids will remain in the gym with parents.  
ONLY 18+ allowed to play BINGO and raffles.*





COLLECT PLEDGES : RAISE MONEY : HAVE FUN!

Monday,  
Sept. 16th  
2024  
During  
school

Top  
earning  
class gets  
a frozen  
treat!

14th Annual

★Walk-A-Thon★

STM School



WALK WITH YOUR CLASS, TRACK YOUR  
LAPS, EARN COOL PRIZES!  
POPCORN TREAT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

# St. Thomas More School

## “No Cook Night”

at



456 Redington Dr.

South Elgin, IL. 60177

**On Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**All day**

Dine in or Carry out

10% of the sales go to our wonderful school.





# BE PART OF THE BAND

WATCH YOUR CHILD GROW THROUGH MUSIC



**BE PART  
OF THE MUSIC**

POWERED BY MUSIC & ARTS

# 2024 - 2025 School Year

Enrolling your child in band is more than just an activity, it's developing their whole brain and helping them grow and develop in ways no other subject can. More than that, music brings a sense of wonder, joy, and creativity to your child's day, so hurry and join now!

## St. Thomas More School

Visit **MusicArtsBand.com/17240** to get started today!

### 4th - 8th Grade

Your child can choose from the following instruments to start their musical journey:

<b>Flute</b>	<b>Trumpet</b>
<b>Clarinet</b>	<b>Trombone</b>
<b>Alto Saxophone</b>	<b>Percussion</b>

Based on your child's playing experience and their preference, we would like to suggest the instruments circled above.

Rent-to-Own introductory plans starting at \$15 for two months!

### Weekly Band Schedule

Band Classes will start **9 / 23 / 2024**

#### Mon/Tues

**Monday**  
Elgin Area Combined  
Advanced: 6th-8th Grade  
@St. Edward  
3:30-4:30

**Tuesday**  
Interm: 5th-6th Grade  
12:20-1:05

**Beginner: 4th-5th Grade+**  
1:05-1:50

#### Friday

**Friday**  
Beginner: 4th-5th Grade+  
7:55-8:40

**Int/Adv: 5th-8th Grade**  
8:40-9:25

### Registering for band is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

- 1 Review Our Materials/Videos
- 2 Choose Your Instrument
- 3 Register and Rent

Register by 9/11 to guarantee having an instrument the first day of class. Choose Fall Delivery and pick up at school.

### Your Musical Journey Starts Now!

We offer affordable tuition, 9 payments of \$79 per month. Students receive 2 classes per week.

Your child will meet musicians of all levels and have multiple performance opportunities throughout the year.

This program also includes:



At Least 3 Band  
Concerts per Year



Honors Band for  
Advanced Students



Solo & Ensemble  
Festival



Band Social  
Events



Two Classes  
Per Week



State Licensed  
Teachers



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Contact Your Director: **Ms. Melanie Shaffer**

Email: **melanie.shaffer@musicarts.com**



# Altar Server

## TRAINING

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*Become a server at St. Thomas More!*



*Open to students in 5th grade and older*

**Wednesday, Sept. 18**  
**6 p.m. in Church**



## ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH Altar Server Registration Form

Have you ever thought about becoming an **altar server**? We need your help! Your commitment includes serving about twice a month at weekend Masses, as well as other times as needed. This training is open to 4<sup>th</sup> graders and older.

**Please fill out this form and bring it with you to the training session scheduled on:**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 6 P.M. IN CHURCH**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass Time(s) you wish to serve at:

*If you can serve at various times, please check all that apply.*

\_\_\_\_ 5:00 PM Saturday (in need)

\_\_\_\_ 8:00 AM Sunday (in need)

\_\_\_\_ 10:00 AM Sunday

\_\_\_\_ 12:00 PM Sunday

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Parent email is required. Communication regarding training and scheduling will be sent through email.*

**Permission to serve:** I understand that my son/daughter is requesting to be an altar server and I will help him/her to fulfill this responsibility. He/she has my permission to become a server.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Questions? Contact Tim at 847-888-1682 ext. 212 or [music@stthomasmorechurch.org](mailto:music@stthomasmorechurch.org)



SIGN UP TODAY  
FOR THE COOLEST

# CHESS CLASS

ON THE PLANET\*

\*We can only speak for planet Earth

Kindergartners and new  
chess players welcome!

## Your brain is your superpower...

...are you ready to use it? Join the Chess Wizards community today for fun, friendship, and some serious chess skills. **All experience levels welcome.** We make chess fun for everyone!

## Ready to make new friends and **amaze your parents?**

Chess Wizards offers challenging chess lessons, fun group activities, exciting tournaments, and more! If your child is brand-new to chess, we'll teach them the basics and get them playing right away. If they're a seasoned checkmate artist, they'll learn new ways to show their creativity on the chess board.

### Class Information

School Name: **St. Thomas More Catholic School**

**9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7**

Dates: **10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18**

Class Day and Time: **Monday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

NO CLASS ON: **10/14**

Total # of Classes: **10 Classes**

Location: **1625 W. Highland Ave., Elgin, IL 60123**

Price: **\$230.00**

Notes: **Grades 1st - 5th**

## Also, Make Sure To Explore Our **Chess Camps!**

Treat your child to an amazing day of chess lessons, games, and classic camp activities - and treat yourself to a break! Scan the QR code to search for camps near you.



Join our **chess**  
**classes today!**



Register today at:  
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# STM SCHOOL STEM MATERIAL WISH LIST



WHAT DO YOU HAVE AROUND THE HOUSE THAT YOU ARE NO LONGER USING? PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.

thin cardboard (ex: cereal boxes)

corrugated cardboard boxes

toilet paper tubes

paper towel tubes

plastic caps/lids

rubber bands

paper clips

yarn/string

ribbon

brads

dixie cups

paper bowls

tissue paper

newspaper

fabric/felt

tin foil

corks

paper plates

playing cards

**Your generosity is appreciated. Please send them to school in a bag marked School Office: STEM.**

**Thank you for your continued support!**