

# More News

Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

October 8, 2025

## Upcoming events:

Wed, Oct 8 Mrs. Field's fundraiser kickoff  
Mon, Oct 13 Columbus Day, ***school in session***  
Tue, Oct 14 No School, Teacher Institute

For a complete STM School Sports Schedule click [HERE](#).

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



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



## From the Principal's Desk:

Dear STM families,

Last Friday was Picture Day here at school. All the students looked so wonderful in their attire! We love seeing them dressed in their best with their incredible smiles. Picture retakes are scheduled for early November. Today we began our annual Mrs. Field's Fundraiser. More information on how to order and prizes that can be won came home with your child that day. The fundraiser runs from October 8<sup>th</sup> through October 24<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the fundraiser go directly toward the operating budget of the school, helping to keep tuition costs down. You can find information about the fundraiser in this newsletter or on the school's website. Thank you for supporting our school! Make sure to volunteer to help out at some events throughout the school year. Many hands make light work, and all our children benefit! All volunteer links can be found on your Family Portal under Announcements. An upcoming event is Trunk-or-Treat which is being held on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Join us for the fun! Be sure to see the flyer attached to sign up. A reminder that we do have school on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. It is one of the days that we are using to make up for the days we missed when we had to start school late due to the construction. There is no school on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, though due to a Diocesan Teacher Institute Day. A reminder if you haven't turned your Fall raffle tickets in yet, be sure to get them in to school soon so you can be a part of the early bird drawing coming up. Thank you for all your continued support of our brilliant school! Have a blessed long holiday weekend.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Sonja Keane



## STM Student Council



Last week marked the annual student campaign for a seat on the STM School Council board and class representatives. Campaign posters adorned the hallways and candidate speeches were presented in the gym. Students voted for Student Council board positions in grades 6-8 and voted for class representatives in grades 3-8. The STM Student Council is responsible for enjoyable and charitable events throughout the school year.

## Thank you, Mr. Ramon



STM School marked National Custodian Appreciation Day last week by celebrating Mr. Ramon, who works diligently to make STM a wonderful place to learn and work. Students showed their gratitude by lining up the halls to surprise and cheer for him and each student created a thank you card for him. Go to [STM's Facebook](#) page to see the celebration.

## Pet Blessing



With a crowd of cherished pets and their families present, STM Parish held its sixth annual Pet Blessing to commemorate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi last Sunday. Father Willie blessed all the large and small furry and feathered family members including many dogs, some cats, a couple of birds, and a turtle!

## Firefighters Visit

This past Monday the kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes were visited by the Elgin Fire Department. Firefighter Sam Sanko showed the students his gear



while teaching them about fire safety at school, home, and more. The students completely enjoyed the presentation and appreciated the time spent learning from the Elgin Fire Department.



St. Thomas More Parish & School

# Mrs. Field's /Gift Fundraiser



Order Mrs. Field's Cookies, Cheesecake & more at:

[brandnamefundraising.com/raise/StThomasMoreCatholicSchool](http://brandnamefundraising.com/raise/StThomasMoreCatholicSchool)



or scan the QR Code

To order gifts, go to:

[forfundsonline.com](http://forfundsonline.com) and enter S73112

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**Fundraiser ends**

Friday, October 24th

Pick up will be at St. Thomas More School in  
December before Christmas break.



ST THOMAS MORE'S ANNUAL

**TRUNK**

**TREAT!**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 19TH**

**4-6PM IN THE STM PARKING LOT**

**(RAIN DATE OCTOBER 26TH)**

**PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES & BEST TRUNK  
DECORATION!**

**\*PLEASE PROVIDE ENOUGH CANDY TO PASS TO ALL TRUNK OR TREATERS**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15**

**WRISTBANDS ARE \$10 AT THE DOOR!**

**TRUNK SETUP FROM 3PM-4PM**

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**TO REGISTER PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION AND PAYMENT TO:**

**STM PTO: 1625 HIGHLAND AVENUE, ELGIN ILLINOIS 60123**

**STUDENT NAMES AND GRADES:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**WRISTBAND ONLY-\$5 PER CHILD**

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**TRUNK DECORATION- FREE  
(WRISTBANDS NOT INCLUDED)**

**PAYMENT IS CASH OR CHECK  
PAYABLE TO STM PTO**



# LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR



PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A LIBRARY VOLUNTEER!

### VOLUNTEER DUTIES INCLUDE:

Book check-in & check-out

Reshelving books

Organizing shelves

And more!

Please email Ms. Krueger at  
[jkrueger@stmelgin.org](mailto:jkrueger@stmelgin.org) with your availability



# *CALLING ALL MAKERS & CREATORS*

*Do you create handcrafted goods, art, jewelry,  
home décor, gourmet treats, or other unique items?  
We're looking for talented artisans & small businesses  
to join our Holiday Craft Fair & help make this season magical!*

*Date: November 8th, 2025*

*Location: St. Thomas More School, Elgin*

*Time: 10 AM - 4 PM*

*Applications & Payment Due by: October 27, 2025*

*Booth Fee: \$65 before 9/1/25 - \$70 after 9/1/25*

*To apply, scan the code or visit  
[stmcentral.org/bake-sale](http://stmcentral.org/bake-sale)*



*Questions? Reach out via email*

*[craftfairstm@gmail.com](mailto:craftfairstm@gmail.com)*



## Crafter/Vendor Application

ST. THOMAS MORE'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY IN THE HALLS CRAFT BAZAAR NOVEMBER 8, 2025  
(PLEASE PRINT THIS FORM FOR SUBMISSION WITH PAYMENT)

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NAME/BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL (Required for confirmation): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Media for Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve the following for my booth:

Standard size space: \_\_\_\_\_ \$65\*EARLY BIRD\* \$70 AFTER 9/1/25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Odd size booth space: \_\_\_\_\_ \$60 \*EARLY BIRD\* \$65 AFTER 9/1/25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Add-Ons: MUST BE REQUESTED AND PAID IN ADVANCE

8ft table      NO      YES      \$10 each      =      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Electricity at my space      NO      YES      \$10      =      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this amount to reserve your space and additions:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*To be eligible for EARLY BIRD rate, application and payment must be received no later than SEPTEMBER 1st.  
Payment is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas More PTO.*

Brief description of your craft or product: \_\_\_\_\_

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All applications will be juried. Crafts must be handmade and family friendly. Product vendors will be limited to one booth per brand. All products on sale or display will be subject to event staff approval. *Any crafter or vendor displaying or selling anything deemed inappropriate for the school environment will be asked to leave with a refund.* Please note that due to safety and fire regulations you may not light candles or burn any substances on school grounds. *Anyone found in violation of this will be asked to leave without a refund.*

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS YEAR'S EVENT TIMES ARE CHANGING.**

**Our 2025 event will be held 10am-4pm.**

Please PRINT and forward this completed application along with payment in full made payable to St. Thomas More PTO to:

St. Thomas More School  
Holiday in the Halls Craft Bazaar  
1625 West Highland Avenue  
Elgin, IL 60123

**This APPLICATION and PAYMENT must be received no later than  
October 27, 2025.**

*\*\*To be eligible for EARLY BIRD rate, application and payment must be received no later than SEPTEMBER 1st.\*\**

You will receive a confirmation email once we have processed your application.  
If you have questions, please email them to [craftfairstm@gmail.com](mailto:craftfairstm@gmail.com).



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**20% OF FOOD SALES\*  
BACK TO**

# **ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL**

**Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to  
your server to have your sales counted.**

## **FUNDRAISER DETAILS**

**420 Randall Rd, South Elgin, IL 60177**

**October 23, 2025\***

**If ordering online, please follow these instructions:**

- 1** Start your order at [redrobin.com/order](https://redrobin.com/order) and select the restaurant above.
- 2** In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3** Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4** Add your meal items and check out.
- 5** Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

\*Fundraiser during restaurant operating hours. Visit [redrobin.com](https://redrobin.com) and find this location to view hours. Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.

***Red Robin***





# **FREE**

## ***Children's Orthopedic Clinic***

***Does your child:***

- ***Complain of leg, knee, shoulder, elbow or wrist pain?***
- ***Complain about back pain? •Curvature of the spine.***

***Wednesday, October 22, 2025 - 2:00-4:00 PM***

***(By Appointment Only)***

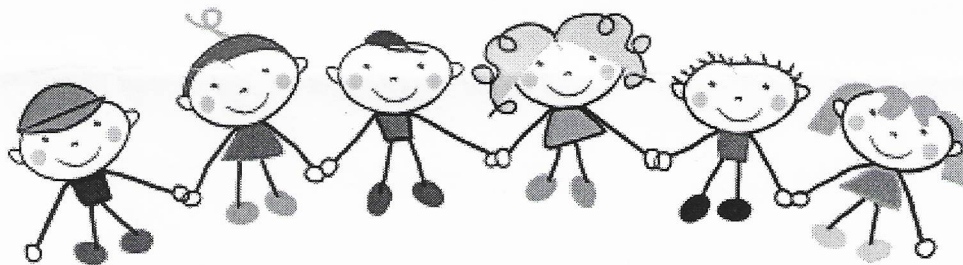
***Scott Ferry, Physician***

***Held at:***

***OrthoIllinois***

***1550 N. Randall Road***

***Elgin, IL***



***Please Call 1-800-272-0074***

***Between 9 and 4 M-F to register for clinic.***

***Sponsored by:***

***Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation &  
Elgin Elks Lodge 737***





# JOIN *The Green Wave*



## ST. EDWARD CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2026-27 Admissions Calendar & Events

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

SEPTEMBER

2025

9/22: Middle School Volleyball Night  
9/22: Middle School Girls Flag Football Night  
9/23 - 9/25: VIP Shadow Days  
9/27: Middle School Football/Soccer Night

OCTOBER

2025

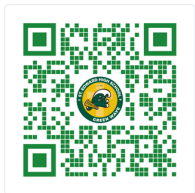
10/1: New Student Application/HSPT Registration Opens  
[www.stedhs.org/admission-process](http://www.stedhs.org/admission-process)  
10/4: Open House 10am - 12pm

NOVEMBER

2025

11/6: Open House 5:30pm - 7pm  
11/15: Class of 2030 HSPT 9am-12pm  
  
(Merit based scholarships available this testing date only)

PLEASE RSVP



*Scan me*  
[bit.ly/stedwardgreenwave](http://bit.ly/stedwardgreenwave)

JANUARY

2026

1/23: 7th & 8th grade dance @ St. Edward - 6-8p; RSVP to come  
1/25: Class of 2030 HSPT 12pm- 3pm (final opportunity)

OTHER INFORMATION

Financial Aid applications open November 1, 2025.  
[www.stedhs.org/financial-aid](http://www.stedhs.org/financial-aid)  
  
March 5, 2026: Class of 2030 Course Selection Night!