

More News

Weekly newsletter of St. Thomas More Catholic School

September 17, 2025

Upcoming events:

Fri, Sept 19 Spirit Wear Day
Mon, Sept 22 Cross Country Meet, Home
Wed, Sept 24 No Cook Night at Riverside Pizza (South Elgin)

Monday, Sept 22 - Friday, Sept 26: STM School Book Fair

STM School's PTO



STM School's PTO, the organization that makes it their priority to make the school an even better place for all students, has announced their Board for the 2025-26 school year. Serving will be BriAnne Siwek as president, Nicole Parzyk as vice-president, Kim Goto as treasurer, and Evon Martinez-Beck as secretary. Every parent is a member of the PTO and is invited to the scheduled meetings to help plan fun events for our students and school families.

Fall BINGO



STM held its Fall Bingo event last weekend. A large crowd was in attendance and enjoyed the games as well as the camaraderie. Thank you to all our families who donated items, time, and attended.

Join the band!



Last week students were introduced to the instruments they can play as part of the STM School band. The band is under the direction of Mrs. Melanie Pekala (nee Shaffer), and she and her associates from Music Education Service performed for students in grades 4th and 5th to demonstrate the different instruments they can play. The program is open to students in grades 4th through 8th. Flyers were sent home last week detailing the program.



Mon, Sept 22 – Fri, Sept 26
Roberts Hall – or online [HERE](#)

www.stmelgin.org



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



From the Principal's Desk:

Dear STM families,

Yesterday STM held its 15th annual school Walk-a-thon. We were so excited to host this fun annual event. I am very happy to say that the students collected over \$5,000 that day! What an amazing job! I am so proud of all of them and their hard work. The day went well, and the students had a fun time walking with their buddy class. Afterward, they all got to enjoy a delicious popcorn treat. Thank you for all your help and support with the Walk-a-Thon! It is deeply appreciated. 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 26th. Please remember that invitations already went out to grandparents, and they should have RSVPed by now. That day is also a half day for students with dismissal at 11:30 AM. Aftercare will be available for those who need it. This Friday, September 19th, we will be having an STM Spirit Wear Day. I truly love seeing the kids wearing their STM gear! If you still need to buy some STM spirit wear or would like to get more items, please visit our online school store found on the school website. Our first No Cook Night is coming up at Riverside Pizza and Pub. Please join us on September 24th to enjoy some great food while supporting the school! Thank you for all your continued support of our school. Have a lovely and relaxing weekend.

Blessings,
Mrs. Sonja Keane



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dear families,

Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! This is a great opportunity to build your child’s home library with new books they’ll dive into again and again.

The easiest way to let your child shop the Fair independently is by creating an eWallet. It’s easy to set up and easy for others to add funds.

Create an eWallet, and you’ll also have the opportunity to contribute to Share the Fair - the giving program that supports students at our school by helping to purchase new books for the library.

Here’s everything else you need to know about the Book Fair:

Dates: **9/22/25-9/26/25**

Location: **Robert’s Hall, enter through door #3**

Family Event schedule and location: **This year we have an evening sale scheduled on 9/22 from 4:00-6:00 PM, as well as having the sale open for our grandparents on 9/26 for Grandparents Day.**

For full details, and to create an eWallet, visit our school’s Book Fair homepage:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stthomasmoreschool13>

More than ever, we need to get students reading. Studies prove* that children with more books at home have higher-level reading skills, and attain more years of education overall.

Lastly, this is a great opportunity to be a Book Fair volunteer! When you give your time, it helps make our Fair an unforgettable reading experience where *every purchase* benefits our school directly.

Happy reading,

Mrs. Keane

Principal

St. Thomas More School

P.S. Don’t miss out! A new Scholastic sweepstakes offers a chance to get more books for your child’s home library—plus an unbelievable vacation!



Enter for a chance to
WIN a trip for 4 to Walt Disney World.
+ a collection of Disney books*
Infinite worlds and infinite stories await!

*NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Open to legal US residents age 18+ who are currently a parent or legal guardian of a PreK through 8th grade child in US schools. Open for entries 8/11/25 at 12:01am ET through 11/2/25 at 11:59pm ET. Void where prohibited. Sponsor: Scholastic Inc. For complete rules, go to: s-bf.com/magic-sweeps-rules

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St. Thomas More School

“No Cook Night”

at



456 Redington Dr.

South Elgin, IL. 60177

On Wednesday, September 24th, 2025

All day

Dine in or Carry out

10% of the sales go to our wonderful school.





**JOIN
NOW**

NEW STM
SCHOOL
CHOIR

For 3rd–8th Graders

SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 17!

- ✓ Rehearsals Mondays & Wednesdays during recess
- ✓ \$25.00 fee, includes a t-shirt
Make check out to St. Thomas More School.
- ✓ Fits with other activities

Questions?

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Why Join?

- 🎵 Learn cool songs
- 🐱 Be part of a team
- 🎤 Find your voice
- 🎉 Have fun every week
- 🏆 School pride
- ✝️ Grow in faith

SCHOOL CHOIR
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