



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL

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Happy April – the month of the Blessed Sacrament and the month we celebrate the Passion of the Lord. Happy Easter! Happy Reading! Jeanne Hill, STA School Board President



“Tidbits from Principal Theresa Schleisman” – Please take time to sign up for our volunteer opportunities throughout the school year on the internet (**Sign Up Genius**). Opportunities still available!

April 4 through May 4 – Swim Unit at Fuller Hall

April 5 – 8:30 a.m. Student Mass served by 1st Grade / **NO early out**

April 6 – Stations of the Cross at 8:30 a.m. led by students

April 7 – **No School** – Good Friday

April 12 – 8:30 a.m. Student Mass served by 6th Grade

April 16 – STA First Communion at 10:30 a.m. Mass

April 18 – Children’s Rosary at 6:00 p.m.

April 19 – 8:30 a.m. Student Mass served by 5th Grade / **NO early out**

April 24 through April 28 – Begin the Iowa State Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) for Grades 3-6 only

April 25 – School Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

April 26 – 8:30 a.m. Student Mass served by 4th Grade

April 29 – Annual Friends of St. Thomas Aquinas Ball starting at 5:00 p.m. for cocktail hour and buffet dinner at 6:00 p.m.



Mission Statement:

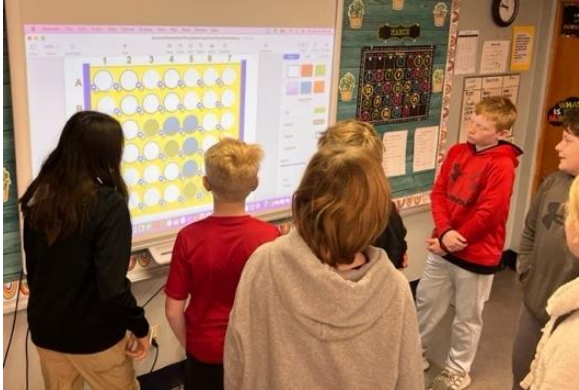
St. Thomas Aquinas School serves Webster City and surrounding communities by offering a Preschool - 6th grade education. Our school incorporates faith and values through daily learning in a safe and nurturing environment. With support from parents and families, St. Thomas develops the spiritual, academic, physical and emotional growth of students who will be future leaders in our ever-changing world.

Vision Statement:

In a Christ-centered environment, St. Thomas empowers young people to build their personal foundation for lifelong learning, leadership and service to others.



“Moments from Teacher McKenzi Glenn” – In Math the sixth grade is playing an intense game of Connect 4 math test trivia! Students are placed in groups where each student will solve a test review question. In order to get a game piece, they must correctly solve the problem and show their work. They are currently working on multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers. In Science, all classes are beginning units that involve learning about the Earth. Fourth grade is learning about environments, ecosystems, producers and consumers. Fifth grade science is currently starting a research project on natural disasters of their choice. We have been talking about the weather, the atmosphere, and the water cycle and how they all are connected. Sixth grade is just wrapping up a unit on the rock cycle where they made crystals.



“Current Events from Teacher Kari Ricke” – Memorizing your multiplication and division facts doesn't need to be a chore! Our third graders have been working hard all year, but have been having fun in the process! Can we interest you in an ice cream sundae, a gumball machine full of your favorite gumballs... or maybe an Easter egg multiplication and division hunt?

Students begin this process at the beginning of the year. The goal is to master our multiplication facts first. As each is mastered, they add another topping to their ice cream sundae, topping it off with a cherry on top for the twelves facts. They fill up their gumball machine as they master their division facts. By the time we reach Easter, we are well on our way to having all facts mastered. So, what better way to celebrate than have an Easter egg hunt? Students matched the equations to the answers from scattered eggs that filled the gym. Each correct match made, is an egg for them to keep!

These are just a few of the ways learning our facts can be motivating and fun! Of course, third grade is full of learning many other new and exciting things, too! Our third grade journey continues. A peek into our end of the year reading adventures includes a special spider and a "lemonade war". Third grade rocks!



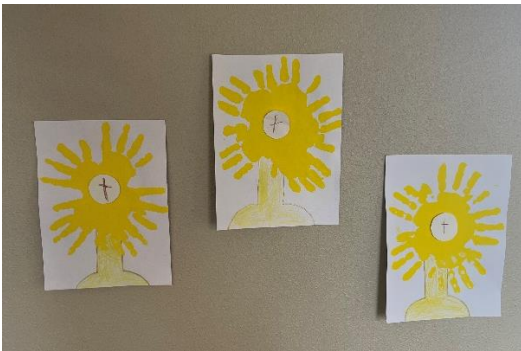
READ! READ! READ! Your Students Will Benefit!

"STA Kids Heart Challenge" and other March Celebrations including Successful Reading Scores!



Shown here are drawings of *Monstrances* which are vessels to hold the consecrated presence of Jesus. Kindergarteners and First Graders made them to help introduce them to the Eucharistic Adoration.

Loving to learn and learning to love all happening at STA School!



*Be
The
Light*

Save The Date

Friends of
St. Thomas Aquinas
Ball

Saturday, April 29th

*You are cordially invited to the annual Friends of St. Thomas Aquinas Ball
Saturday, April 29, 2023 ~ St. Thomas Parish Center*

The doors will open at 5:00pm for cocktail hour.
A buffet dinner will be served at 6:00pm with the live auction starting at 7:30pm.
The evening will conclude with entertainment featuring Vota, a cover band from
Lincoln, NE. Cocktail attire is appropriate.

Silent Auction~Food~Drinks~Games of Chance~Live Auction~Entertainment

On-line silent auction bidding will be available.

*Our appreciation to all who have faithfully participated in the past, gratitude
to those who are participating for the first time and God's blessings to all!*

Please join us to help raise funds for St. Thomas Aquinas School. Ten
percent of our event proceeds will go into the school endowment fund.

*Diamond \$10,000 +
Platinum \$5,000 ~ \$9,999
Gold \$2,500 ~ \$4,999
Benefactor \$500 ~ \$2,499
Partner \$100 ~ \$499
Supporter \$1 ~ \$99*