



THE BARRISTER

EDUCATING THE WHOLE CHILD IN THE VALUES OF JESUS AND MARY
THROUGH FAITH, ACADEMICS, SERVICE, AND LEADERSHIP



PS/PK Christmas Program

A Big Thank You!

Thank you to our Home & School Association for providing a wonderful lunch for our teachers and staff. We appreciate all that you do.

Apples for Students

If you shop at Strack & VanTil food market please send your receipts to school to earn equipment and supplies for STMS. We will collect until March 2025.

Open House 2025

Sunday, January 26 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

There are very limited enrollment spots for next year, so encourage those you know to apply early. Applications open January 26 for 2025-2026 school year. All current students will automatically be re-enrolled on January 17.

A re-enrollment Registration fee will be applied to your FACTS account on February 14.

If your child **will not** be attending for the 2025-26 School Year, please notify the School Office **no later than January 20 or sign in to your Parent Portal and click the "Will Not Enroll for the 25-26 School Year" button.**

Current Families who have an additional child that will be attending STMS in the Fall of 2025 can apply early on Wednesday, January 22 through your FACTS Family Portal.

LOOKING AHEAD

- 12/22** Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 12/23** No School-Christmas Break
- 1/6** School Resumes 7:45 a.m.
- 1/10** Spirit Wear Day - donate non-perishable food items
- 1/14** HASA Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Gym)
- 1/15** Q2 Ends
- 1/17** Line Dancing Lessons 6:30 p.m.
- 1/20** No School-Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/22** Coffee w/ Dr. Francis at Weis Center-8:00 a.m.
- 1/24** 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
Roller Skating Party (Lynwood Skate) 5:30 p.m.
- 1/26** Catholic Schools Week Open House
(more details coming soon)

EXCELLENCE HAPPENS ON PURPOSE



Angel Tree Service Project
2nd Grade



Snack Bags for Homeless

Students donating
non-perishable food
items for St. Vincent De
Paul Food Pantry



REMINDERS

T.R.I.P Dates Processing dates are as follows:

Mondays, January 13 & 27

Please have all orders in the office by 8:00 a.m.

Robo Text NEWS

If you would like to receive school text messages, please text the number **79041** and send a message saying YES. You will receive a confirmation from Bright Arrow. This is essential as we enter the winter weather season!

Blue Ribbon Yard Sign & Car Decal Form

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/4ufOwi1W>

Community Connections

There is special period for Virtus trained adults to come into their child's classroom to showcase their careers, hobbies or stories. See the sign up genius link to sign up: [LINK](#)

Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

Diocese of Gary

We are committed to celebrating the outstanding contributions of our educators. Please take a moment to complete the attached nomination forms.

Nomination Form: [EDUCATOR AWARD NOMINATION FORM.](#)

Due Date: January 10, 2025

DEVELOPMENT



Denim and Diamonds

Auction basket donation reminder: If you happen to have any baskets laying around the house (we will take all shapes and sizes) that you don't need, we will take them for our auction in February. Please drop them off at the school office, c/o Annette Czarobski.

Need service hours?

Sign up to help at our Denim and Diamonds event on Friday, February 28! Volunteers are needed for setup, cleanup, basket wrapping, and event assistance. Check Sign Up Genius for details or email Annette at aczarobski@stm-school.com. [Sign up here](#)

Dance the Night Away

Join us for a night of fun and dancing. Bring your spouses, girlfriends, neighbors, co-workers and learn some new dance moves. Don't miss out on this opportunity to dance your heart out! The cost will be \$10 per person at the door, but you should register so we have an accurate headcount. Feel free to bring your own adult refreshments. We will offer two – 1 hour dance sessions in the school gym on Friday, January 17 & Friday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. so mark your calendars (doors open at 6:30 p.m. and will close at 8:30 p.m.). Come join us and have some fun! Sign up at the link below! is limited, so [sign up HERE](#) and mark your calendar!

Support Our Denim and Diamonds Auction

We're gearing up for the most exciting event of the year—the Denim and Diamonds Auction—and we need your help to make it a success! By donating items through our Amazon Wish list (see link & QR code below), you can directly support our school while contributing to an unforgettable evening of fun and fundraising. Every donation, big or small, helps us reach our goals and supports our students. It's simple, it's quick, and it's a great way to give back! Please take a look at the wish list today and help us make this year's auction sparkle! Your support makes a big difference, and we truly appreciate anything you can do to help! Thank you for your generosity!

[Amazon Link](#)

Annual Fund Drive 2024–2025

Annual Fund

As the holiday season approaches, we want to remind you that our Annual Fund Drive is still underway. While we know this is a busy time of year, there's still plenty of time to contribute. Every dollar counts and helps support the programs and opportunities that make our school so special. Your generosity makes a real difference, and we are truly grateful for your continued support. Thank you for considering a donation during this festive season! The drive runs through the end of January.

Link to donate: <https://2024annualfund.givesmart.com>

Matching Gift Program

Exciting news, parents! Did you know that many employers offer matching gift programs? That means your generous contribution to our Annual Fund Drive could be doubled—at no extra cost to you! By simply checking with your employer, you might be able to amplify your impact and help us reach our fundraising goals even faster. It's an easy way to make your support go further and strengthen the future of our school community. Take a moment to see if your company participates—your matching gift could make a big difference! Here's a few companies that offer it: Coca Cola, Ford, Disney, General Electric, Starbucks, Deloitte, IBM, Home Depot, Microsoft

- 1) Enter employer's name into a search tool
- 2) Download or request a matching gift form from the employer
- 3) Ask your HR department for a matching gift form and instructions

HASA

Class Events [LINK](#)

HASA Events Including recess and lunch duty [LINK](#)

UNIFORMS & SPIRIT WEAR

[Tommy Hilfiger Uniform Ordering](#)

[Tee Party Studio Spirit Wear](#)



Merry Christmas

On behalf of the School Administration and Staff, THANK YOU to all of the families for your generous gifts during this Holiday Season.

We are so thankful to our families and students for all the amazing gestures of kindness and generosity.

The St. Thomas More School
Administration & Staff extends our very best wishes for a very
Merry Christmas & Blessed New Year!