



The Barrister

"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ."

August 19, 2010

St. John Eudes



Our Patron Saint

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica

WELCOME HOME TO ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL!!!



FAMILY PRAYER

God made us a family. We need one another. We love one another. We forgive one another. We work together. We play together. We worship together. Together we use God's word. Together we grow in Christ. Together we love all people. Together we serve our God. Together we hope for heaven. These are our hopes and ideals. Help us to attain them, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WELCOME BACK!!! YOU WERE MISSED!!!

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Coming NEXT THURSDAY ... The first full copy of *The Barrister* (weekly newsletter of the Principal). If YOU would like me to add something, please email Mr. Nordyke.



GRADES 5 - 8:

Students in Grades 5 - 8 **are** permitted to place a **school lock** on their locker. Locks must be purchased from the "Raven's Roost" for \$10.00.

Students sharing a locker need to purchase only **ONE** lock.

We urge students to have a locked locker. This is a practice required in high schools.

This also prevents others from borrowing things not belonging to them.

Career Networking Group at STM

Mrs. Christine Spencer, chair of the Career Networking Group at STM for those who have lost their jobs and are in transition announces the schedule of their meetings. They meet the 3rd Thursday of every month in the Weis Center at 7:00 - 8:30 pm. September 16th Kelly Venegas, HR Director at the Diocese of Gary will be giving a presentation in Interviewing Skills and doing a \"mock interview\".

It was so fun walking around today and speaking with so many HAPPY children. I heard a lot of stories of camping, fishing trips, dance recitals, visits to see Grandma, and many more. Thank you, parents, for doing so many fun things with the children. They grow up so fast ...

It's WONDERFUL having the children back

Jesus and Mary, we all love You so very much.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY & STAFF

Miss Kate Delaney: Miss Delaney will be teaching **First Grade**. Miss Delaney graduated from St. Joseph, Calumet College with her degree in elementary education. Miss Delaney student taught at STMS last spring.

Mrs. Laura Javorka: Mrs. Javorka will be teaching **Music** to all of our students this year. Mrs. Javorka holds degrees from Indiana University, and has taught music at Holy Ghost School in South Holland, and is presently the Director of Music for Holy Ghost Parish. Mrs. Javorka has two daughters attending St. Thomas More School.

Mrs. Joann Hajduch: Although not at all “new” to St. Thomas More, Mrs. Hajduch is the **Computer Instructor** at St. Thomas More School. In addition to regular computer classes, Mrs. Hajduch will also be a Seventh Grade Home-room Teacher and will instruct all 7th grade students in Computer Applications each school day. Mrs. Hajduch holds a degree in Computer Science from Purdue University, and is also the Athletic Director at STMS.

WELCOME



Sam, the STMS Eagle

Mrs. Sandi Albrecht: Mrs. Albrecht is not “new” to STMS. She is our school Librarian. Mrs. Albrecht holds a degree from St. Joseph Calumet College in elementary education and will be one of three Fifth Grade Homeroom Teachers. Mrs. Albrecht will also be teaching three sections of **Study Skills** to the fifth grade.



Mrs. Denise Rusnak: Mrs. Rusnak, who holds a degree in Early Childhood Education, will be teaching in our **Pre-Kindergarten** at the Weis Center.

Mrs. Marci Burzynski and **Mrs. Marianne Korfiatis** will be teaching assistants with our Pre-S and Pre-K at the Weis Center.



For all new cub scouts and those thinking of joining, a New Scout Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 1st at 7pm in the STM Gymnasium. Any interested boys in grades 1-5 and their parents are asked to attend to see what scouting is all about. For all new and returning cub scouts, registration will be held the week of September 6th. Returning scout registration will be held on



Tuesday, September 7th from 7pm – 8pm in the STM school cafeteria.

New Scout registration will be held on Wednesday, September 8th, in the STM cafeteria from 7pm – 8pm. Scouts need not attend the registration. Any questions? Contact Cubmaster Steve Hrinda at 923-6438 or at cubmaster@542scouts.org

They will know we are Christians by our LOVE.

HSA POOL PARTY...



Friday, Au-

gust 20

(TOMORROW)

MUNSTER POOL

5:30 - 8:00 PM

FREE!!!

COME AS A FAMILY

Hot Dogs, Chips and Pop will be served

**COME AND MEET THE
HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

**CO-PRESIDENTS: Mrs. Mary Beth Ginalski
Mrs. Kim Haugh**

**CO-VICE PRESIDENTS: Mrs. Theresa Bosak
Mrs. Janet McComis**

SECRETARY: Mrs. Chiara Andrejewski

TREASURER: Mrs. Phyllis Saramowski

Room Parent Coordinator: Mrs. Lori Whelan

Volunteer Coordinator: Mrs. Gina Jeleniewski

Administration Liaison: Mrs. Kristen Faso

Faculty Liaison: Mrs. Jennifer Zabrecky

**COME SWIM AND HAVE
A GREAT TIME!!!!**





The Harvest Gala Committee is busy planning this year's event, but we could use more help. If you'd be interested in volunteering for this fun event, please contact Sheri Zuccarelli at sheri.zuccarelli@gmail.com for more information.



Come and Pray with us.

Our All School Mass is every Tuesday morning at 8:30 AM.

Monday: Grades 7 & 8
 Wednesday: Grades 1 & 2
 Friday: Grades 3 & 4
8:30 AM
 Thursday: Grades 5 & 6
9:00 AM



Don't Miss

Important Reminder

Any parent who wishes to be a field trip chaperone, Cafeteria volunteer, party helper or work with St. Thomas More students in any capacity **must** complete a VIRTUS training session **and** the reading of the articles.

THIS SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2010, there will be a VIRTUS training session, held in the Solar Room, at 10:00 AM. **Please call (219) 836-9151 extension 336 for a reservation.** Reservations **are** necessary

You may also check other locations and dates by logging on to the following website: www.dcgary.org click on VIRTUS training.



PARENT BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Wednesday, August 25th
Grades 1-4 7:00 PM

Thursday, August 26th
Grades 5-8 7:00 PM

Come and meet the teacher and get the "scoop" on what will be happening during the year.

Students do not attend this evening.

This is for parents only.



The NEW 2010-2011 PARENT/STUDENT Handbook is ONLINE. Please read it for policy changes and additions.

A NEW and EXCITING club for STMS students

A new 4-H group is being formed at St. Thomas More. Have you ever wondered what 4-H is? Do you think it is for people who live in the country and have farm animals? If you'd like to find out all that 4-H has to offer, come to an information meeting on **Friday, September 3rd, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Solar Room. 4-H is open to kindergarten through high school students.** Parents and students are welcome to attend the meeting.

Moderator: Mrs. Javorka
 Music Teacher



+JMJ

Dear Parents and Students,

WELCOME BACK and Thank you for choosing St. Thomas More Catholic School for the education of your child.

Parents make an act of faith when they place the education of their children in our hands. STMS is deeply aware of this responsibility and appreciates the confidence that you have in us. On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff, I welcome you to the 2010-11 school year. We strive to provide an atmosphere of Catholic community, integrating religion and life, so that students may "...experience learning and living fully integrated in the light of faith." *To Teach as Jesus Did*, ¶103.

The support that you provide for your child is essential as we work together to live out the mission of our school:

St. Thomas More Catholic School is committed to continuing a legacy of excellence in religious and academic education in a nurturing environment that fosters self-discipline.

The degree of collaboration between the home and the school greatly determines the extent to which we can accomplish our mission and achieve our goals. It is through our belief that the home-school partnership is vital that we can assist each and every child to maximize his/her potential. Your insights and skills as parents and educators are valued and respected.

I encourage you to take the time to sit with your child and review this year's Parent/Student Handbook, which will be found on our webpage at www.stm-school.com, in a thoughtful manner. The handbook has been written in order to help create a safe, Christian environment for our children. It is published as a service to provide you with pertinent information about STMS. It is your responsibility to read the handbook and to be informed of its contents. It is our agreement for the coming school year.

St. Thomas More Catholic School is a parochial school within the Diocese of Gary and the State of Indiana; therefore, not only the school policies and procedures outlined in the handbook, but also those set forth by the Diocese and the State are to be observed by all members of St. Thomas More Catholic School.

Once you have reviewed and discussed the handbook with your child, please remind your child that by the very fact they have been registered, and accepted, into St. Thomas More Catholic School, indicates that the family agrees to observe all the rules and regulations of St. Thomas More Catholic School. Please refer to your handbook, online, often as we progress through the school year.

We have a very dedicated and hard working faculty. We are enthusiastic about our roles as teachers of your children and look forward to working with you to ensure a positive and caring educational environment for your child. Please come visit my office, or call us with any questions that you may have during the school year. **You are vital members of our school community.**

To Jesus through Mary,



Mr. Chet Nordyke
Principal

+ St. Thomas More, pray for us.

+Sts. Benedict and Scholastica,
pray for us.

+ Mary, Our Good Mother, pray
for us.

+ **Let us pray for one another.**

