

St. Thomas More School

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Principal's Message: Advent: Come Lord Jesus, come!

Calendar

Dear Parents,

Advent to Catholics means HOPE in the coming of Christ! We all need HOPE this year as we walk through our journey of Advent. We all hope in a good final destination which to us is "happiness in heaven." As in the Gospel of Matthew 9:27-31 "Behold, the Lord will come descending with splendor to visit his people with peace, and he will bestow on them eternal life." We HOPE in the coming of Jesus. We wait, and we prepare in the HOPE that Jesus will be born in our hearts this Christmas. "Come Lord Jesus, come!" (Rev 22;17,20)

Our HOPE at Christmas this year is for everyone in our community to be safe and healthy. Our journey to Christmas might look a little different this year but we HOPE that the events we choose to participate in impacts lives as a sign of love and commitment during this time as we prepare for Christ's birthday.

Our students' Religion instruction and activities during Advent will focus on what each individual needs to do to welcome Jesus. How can we be more Christ like? How can we be Active Christians? How are we Community Participants? The Advent season is celebrated in different ways at each grade level, but always with the focus of preparing ourselves for the arrival of the new born King into our lives. We have to do things a little different this year but how can each of us be more Christ-like during this time. We will again be collecting toys this year and they can be dropped off every Thursday during drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Blessings,

Mrs. Leichleiter



December

- 3** Drop off/Pick up
Wreath pick up
Scrip onsite sales
Parents Club Mtg. 7 p.m.
- 9** School Commission Mtg.
- 10** Ixtapa Fundraiser
Drop off/Pick up
Scrip onsite sales
Report Cards Sent Home
- 17** Drop off/Pick up
Scrip onsite sales

Christmas Break from
December 19th - January 3rd

Prayer

Reminders

An Advent Prayer for Courage

Dear Heavenly Father,
Help me to hear your voice.
Touch me once again.

Give me the courage to be your beloved.

Give me courage to choose joy.
I need you now this Christmas.

Be born in me again. Today.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

~Bonnie Gray, from

["Why it Takes Courage to Choose Joy"](#)

School Pictures will be available for pick up on Thursday with your students take home items.

BIRTHDAYS

Kaiden C 12/4 Nash A 12/6 Logan D 12/6
Gurleen K 12/7 Jovany B.R. 12/12
Christian A 12/13 Gregory N 12/16 Ryland R 12/19

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!



Parents' Club

Well hello December! We hope that you and your families were able to enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday and find much thanks to give during such a unique time. Oh, and all those school pictures - our children are all so amazing!!! We enjoyed seeing all the adorable photos that people shared online.

Wreaths and Poinsettias will be delivered to the school and ready for pick up on **Thursday, December 3rd from 3:00pm to 4:30pm** in the breezeway. Special thank you to the Gollas for organizing this for our school!

Boon Supply: You can still purchase items AND get credit towards your fundraising until 12/31.

SCRIP is available year round for you to participate in. There is an upcoming opportunity for you to purchase your Scrip in person. **Walk Up Scrip Sale:** Thursday, Dec. 3rd from 2:30pm to 4pm.

We have a Dining for Dollars event coming up! **December 10th - Ixtapa night!** We all know where this yummy restaurant is located, and we can't wait for this one! Thank you Dayana and Alfredo Barajas for offering to host an STMS Dining for dollars night again!

*Please note dining for dollars brings important funds to our school, but does not count towards your family's individual fundraising.

Pixie Gift Shop: **December 17th 10am-4pm**, we will be hosting our annual pixie gift shop. All students will have an opportunity to sign up for a time slot through a SignUp Genius that will be coming out closer to the event.

Phoenix Wear: Should be arriving by December 17. Once we have an exact date we will update you.

Christmas Cake Pop Fundraiser: Please keep an eye out for a cake pop fundraiser we will be having! **\$20.00 for half a dozen** cake pops, and you get 40% towards your family fundraising goal! More details on this to follow!

Warm wishes,

Jessica and Sharoon

Grant and Aid for the 2021-22 School Year

The time is here to think about next year and the portal to apply for financial aid is open. Please go to: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4C53T> to apply. The threshold for receiving money is generally the same as free/reduced lunches, however, the school also uses the same information to allocate other aid. You **must** use the portal to receive any aid. Contact Ann V. for assistance or questions at ann.vandewark@stms.org. FACTS customer service will be closed on December 24, 25, 31, and January 1st. Please do not wait until the last second to apply.

Scrip News for You!

HELLO from your Scrip team!

We're **EXCITED** to announce that we currently have walk up sales for physical gift cards planned for the following dates:

Since wreath pick up will be Thursday afternoon, we thought it best to overlap our Scrip sale at the same time.

Walk up Scrip Sale
Thursday 12/3
2:30-4pm

Also, keep checking out the Raise Right App for Dazzle Days Bonuses until Dec 11th and Free Shipping to home until Dec 4th! See attached flyer for details.

Keep a look out for more walk up sales in the future!

Thank you!

Please email us if you have any questions: stmpsscrip@gmail.com.