

June, 2022

Dear St. Thomas School Community,

PEACE is the word in the center of our bulletin board in the entry way outside of the office. It's covered by decorated sun flowers representing each student in our school from preschool to grade 8. It's beautiful and bright and captures the strength of our prayer as we remember the people in Ukraine and the tragedy of lives lost in Uvalde, Texas.

With the power of our daily prayer and your children believing in the power of faith, we are doing our part in the brokenness of our world.

We are feeling a great deal of pride as we have moved through another year dealing with the effects of Covid, yet creating an environment each day that focused on what matters – learning, community, safety and faith.

We had a great school year, returning to a new normal, and our students are ready and prepared to move on. Academics are always strong at St. Thomas and our Renaissance Star Assessments shows that individual grade levels are advanced for so many of our students.

Many of you were able to attend our Spring Concert last week and experienced the joy of “coming together as one”. Our closing song performed with heartfelt commitment through faith and hope to the spirit of our school community.

*“We are the world, we are the children
We are the ones who make a brighter day so let's start giving.
There's a choice we're making
We're saving our own lives
It's true we'll make a better day, just you and me”!*

Thank you for all that you did to make this year so great and for allowing me the privilege of taking care of your beautiful children.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I pray that you have a safe and enjoyable summer. See you all on September 1, 2022.

*Peace,
Sr. Patty*

JUNE NEWS

AFTER SCHOOL EXTENDED CARE FOR 2022-2023 Program information and registration forms if requested are being sent home. Please be sure to return the registration forms BEFORE the first day of school in September. If there is any family that has not requested this information, please contact the school office. A reminder...all families that have used the program during the school year 2021-2022 MUST re-register.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2022-2023 Our school calendar is included with the June letter. You can also find this information on our school website at www.stthomasapostleschool.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL ART CONTEST Mrs. Vosburgh, our Middle School Art teacher, recently held an art contest for grades 6, 7 and 8. Students could submit artwork that was completed during art class. The contest winners are as follows: **Grade 8** - 1st Place-Lauren Galica, 2nd Place-Meghan O'Brien 3rd Place-Colton Shannon, 4th Place-Kush Desai **Grade 7** - 1st Place-Max Henderson, 2nd Place-Julia Bonfitto, 3rd Place-Ben Niemiec **Grade 6** - 1st Place-Grant Stoddard, 2nd Place-Natalie Menard, 3rd Place-Abigail DiCampli Congratulations!

LIBRARY BOOKS NOW DUE! If children have books at home from our school library, Mrs. Watroba, our school librarian, would greatly appreciate it if all books are returned to school before the last day of school. Thank you!

NO VACATION FROM LEARNING

While everyone loves the summer and its leisurely schedule, as educators, we would like to encourage on-going learning throughout the days of July and August.

Read...read and read some more! Our required summer reading is minimal and takes but a short amount of time. The more children read, the better prepared they will be to start school in the fall. In addition to reading, it is also critical for students to sharpen their math skills. Summer is a great time to do this. Depending on grade level, children must be well versed and quick to respond to basic math facts as well as to multiplication and division tables. Invest in (or make) flash cards and spend some time each day mastering these critical skills.

You will be doing your children such a service by building in some time each day to READ and do MATH. Learning can really be lots of fun!

REMINDER - The school office is open during the summer months. If you need information or wish to speak to Sr. Patty or Mrs. Whitehead, please call or email the office. If we are not here to answer the phone, please leave a message and we will gladly return your phone call or email as soon as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 GRADE EIGHT GRADUATING CLASS

Michael Day

Kush Desai

Brody Dominik

Patrick Dorunda

Lauren Galica

Brooke Nadle

Andrew Niemiec

Meghan O'Brien

Kaitlin Roxo

Kaleb Rulnick

Brogan Ryan

Nolan Ryan

Chanel Sabol

Colton Shannon