



# The POST



A newsletter for Parents and Students of St. Thomas More School

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## January 2012

### Winter Is On The Way

During inclement weather, it is important to continually check the STM school website at [www.stmschoolpa.com](http://www.stmschoolpa.com) and listen to the radio and television. Because of changing conditions during the morning, the initial announcement may need to be updated.



School closings and two-hour delays will be posted on the STM website. In addition, an announcement is made on the following radio and TV channels: WAEB AM 790, WLEV FM 100.7, WODE FM 99.9 The Hawk, WCTO FM 96 Cat Country, and WFMZ TV CHANNEL 69. Information is also available at [www.waeb.com](http://www.waeb.com), [www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com), [www.b104.com](http://www.b104.com), [www.wzzo.com](http://www.wzzo.com), and [www.fox1470.com](http://www.fox1470.com) as well as the Operation Snowflake Enter.net APP for your mobile phone.

In the event of an **EARLY DISMISSAL**, you will receive an e-mail and automated telephone call with the dismissal times for each school district as well as for walkers and car riders. The times will also be posted on the STM website as soon as the complete list is available to the school. As a reminder, students are dismissed according to the school districts in which they reside. **Please DO NOT call the school so that the telephone lines can remain open for the school districts to call with their dismissal times.**

Extended Care is available at STM and pre-registration is not necessary under these conditions. The Extended Care Program will remain open during regular hours for late starts. However, in the event of an early dismissal, Extended Care will close two hours after the closing of school. It will not operate when school is closed completely.

It is the parents' responsibility to have an early dismissal plan in place for their children. **Please DO NOT tell your children to call home and check what to do. Your children need to know what to do ahead of time.**

### Kindergarten Registration 2012-2013

Registration of kindergarten and transfer students for St. Thomas More School will take place on Sunday, January 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the **Colonnade**. Registration packets will be available the day of registration as well as in both school offices two weeks prior to registration. In order for the registration to be accepted, a copy of your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if not baptized at STM), and immunization record **must** accompany the registration. If you have any questions on kindergarten and first grade registration, please call 610-432-4525, ext. 2. For questions regarding second through eighth grade registration, please call 610-432-0396, ext. 1.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 16	Faculty In-Service Day, School Closed
January 17-20	Semester Exams
January 25	Market Day Pick-up 3:00-4:30 p.m. Family Center
January 29	Catholic Schools Week Begins 10:30 a.m. Liturgy
January 29	School Open House 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
January 29	Kindergarten Registration 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Colonnade
January 29	Used Uniform Sale 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Colonnade
January 30	Report Cards Issued
February 1	Honors Assembly 9:15 a.m. Gym Scholastic Scrimmage to follow
February 3	CSW Closing Liturgy 8:45 a.m. Church
February 3	CSW Pep Rally 1:00 p.m. Gym

## MISSION STATEMENT

*St. Thomas More School is a Catholic faith-centered educational community, rooted in Christian values. We nurture faith, foster academic achievement, and inspire personal responsibility, accountability, and service.*

## Skills and Drills Basketball Program Boys/ Girls Grades 1-4



The program will begin on Saturday, January 7, 2012, and will run through Saturday, February 25, 2012. You must be registered to participate. The following is the winter schedule:

Grade 1	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Grade 2	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Grades 3&4	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Sports Committee is looking for a few volunteers with strong basketball knowledge to take over the coordination of this program. This program is in its tenth year. The program instills fundamental skill development. You must be Protecting God's Children compliant to volunteer. If you can help or have any questions, please contact Ann Vaughan at 610-437-5320 or vaughan\_ann@yahoo.com.

## Kindness Awards

Kindness awards are presented each month to a student in each homeroom. Certificates are awarded for showing kindness, courtesy, and respect to fellow students and teachers. The November recipients were: Nathan Mullaney, Madelyn Robinson, Hannah Horvath, Michael Driscoll, Caleigh Nelson, John Kachurak, Mackenzie Hankee, Connor Anglestein, Isabella Ingato, Alexandra Soleta, Isabella Joyce, Isabella Costanzo, Quinn Fantozzi, Stephanie Anderson, Madison McFillin, Evan Bova, Robert Roman, Vincent Lynch, and Siena Coons.

## New Required Immunizations for School Attendance for September, 2012



Will your child be allowed into school next fall? The PA Department of Health has immunization requirements that go into effect the first day of school September, 2012.

All students **MUST** have documentation in our Health Room of having had **chicken pox or two varicella immunizations**. Also, all students entering **seventh grade**, in addition to varicella, **MUST** have documentation of **Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) immunization** within the past five years and one dose of the **meningococcal conjugate vaccine**.

Remember, the last documentation we require is when we receive the kindergarten and sixth grade physicals. We may not have your child's current vaccine history. To prevent exclusion, please ensure we have current documentation that your child has had these vaccines.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Armata Bianca - Children's Rosary



Please join us on Friday, January 6, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. in the church to recite the rosary and other favorite prayers. All ages welcome. For more information, please contact Christine Lynch at 610-351-1979.

## Peer Leaders

The following seventh and eighth grade Peer Leaders will work with teachers and younger students by helping in the classroom. Their volunteer service really makes a difference. The Peer Leaders are supervised by Mrs. Perun and Sr. Pat.

Seventh Grade - Madeline Amsler, Sophia Groves, Casey Laudadio, Jessica Laudadio, John Patridge, and Michael Schnabel.

Eighth Grade - Zachary Adams, Charles Angella, Kate Arner, Julia Bebout, Max Bernecker, Audrey Bova, Nicholas Buck, Molly Carbone, Scott Cassel, Megan Chlebove, Adam Conway, Colleen Daday, Sarah Dainauski, Andrew Dapper, Matthew Davidowich, Ian Day, Lauren Drabenstott, Dana Echevarria, Alexander Friel, Zoe Geis, Nicole Hodrick, Kathereine Hoey, Emily Kalman, Erin Kelly, Brad Kreider, Allison Lamb, Hawke Lansang, Peter Lasicki, Nicholas Lechmanik, Christine Lynch, Lily Mello, Tyra Mitchell, Samantha Murmello, Nicholas Muth, Stephen Naab, Erin Neupauer, Ryan Paradise, Dylan Peiffer, Carly Philbin, Cole Pribila, Sarah Rander, Maria Rosa, Claudia Sacks, Anna Sixsmith, Erin Skibbens, Sophia Soleta, Bridget Stein, Isabelle Stringer, Olivia Talmadge, Ryan Tucker, Christopher Vaughan, Anna Younger, and Marina Zardet.

## Used Uniform Sale

There will be a Used Uniform Sale on Sunday, January 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the **Colonnade**. (Please note location change). Donations will be accepted through Friday, January 21, and can be dropped off in the Main Office.

## M.O.S.T. Breakfast

Just a reminder that students in Kindergarten and Grade 4 eat free this month at the M.O.S.T. Breakfast that will be held on Sunday, January 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

## REMINDER...Reporting Absences and Lateness

If your child will be absent, please contact the **HEALTH ROOM** at 610-432-0396, Ext. 3 or e-mail at ewhite56@stmschoolpa.com **NO LATER** than 8:45 a.m. to avoid unnecessary telephone calls to the home. This request applies to students in the **Main School** as well as those in the **Primary Learning Center**. If your child will be late, please call the Health Room **NO LATER** than 8:15 a.m.

## Win an iPad by Saving Box Tops!



Congratulations to our November winners: Nicole Freeman, George Spann, and Max Peterson. Room 503 will receive an out-of-uniform day for sending in 1,000 Box Tops! Isabella Johnson won the iTunes gift card, and Gabriel Colon won DaVinci Science Center Passes. Congratulations also to Abigail Lienhard who won two lift tickets to Bear Creek Mountain Resort.

For January, there are **four** collection sheets:

- General Monthly Prizes
- \$10 iTunes Gift Card
- Split Rock Resort H2OoooH! Indoor Water Park (four passes; winner to be picked in January)
- Spectacular Snowman Basket (winner to be picked in January)

Be sure to stop outside the Main Office to see the Spectacular Snowman Basket on display and to pick up additional collection sheets on the table in the school foyer.

There will be three grand prize winners for the 2011-2012 School Year! The three students who submit the most valid, unexpired Box Tops during the year will be awarded one of **three Nook Tablets** by Barnes & Noble. Families with more than one student can have their submissions combined for one total. Call on your relatives, friends, and neighbors to help you save!

A **BIG Congratulations** to our second 7th grade homeroom to win an Out-of-Uniform Day in their year's Top of the Box Tops Homeroom Challenge. Homeroom 702 achieved 100% participation. In order to qualify, each student must submit a minimum of ten valid, unexpired Box Tops. Will you be the next

Students are encouraged to use the collection sheets included in the monthly *POST* or on the STM website to submit Box Tops. If a student chooses not to use the collection sheet, please label a Ziploc bag or envelope with their name, homeroom, and number of Box Tops enclosed. Only entries received on collection sheets are eligible for monthly and year-end grand prizes.

If you have any questions or ideas for prizes (special monthly prizes for February through May), please call Mrs. Andrea Freeman at 610-285-4428. **It pays to save Box Tops for St. Thomas More School!**

## Chess Club News



Chess Club for Grades 4-8 will on Thursday, January 26, after dismissal in Room 403. Students should report when Extended Care is called. They may be picked up in Room 403 at 4:00 p.m. Meeting dates are as follows: January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 1, 8, and 15.

## Market Day News



Happy New Year! Thank you to everyone who has supported Market Day.

January is **Frequent Buyer Reward Redemption Month!** Customers who made two \$40 purchases between October and December will receive a *Free Insulated Tote in January* when they make another \$40 purchase (after discounts/coupons and before tax).

New this month - Lemon Pepper ChicNSteaks and 9-Grain Orzo and Spinach Blend. Try them out! You will also receive a **FREE Eat Well Guide** with any purchase. There are over 35 delicious recipes, easy serving suggestions, and health eating tips in the guide.

Stock up on all your Super Bowl needs - Mozzarella Sticks with Sauce, Jumbo Party Shrimp, Buffalo Chicken Sticks, Li'l Bagel Dogs, Margherita Flatbread Pizza, Potato Skins, and Mini Chicken Cordon Bleu Bites to name a few.

Our January sale will be here before you know it. Please take note of the following due dates: order forms are due to school by **Wednesday, January 18**. If ordering online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com), orders are due by 11:00 p.m. **Thursday, January 19**. Pick up is on **Wednesday, January 25**, between 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the Family Center.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda McLinden at 610-432-2882. Thank you again for your support of Market Day!

## Vocation Corner

"Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great thing on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your own weaknesses."

- Mother Teresa

## Calling all Hoopsters!



The STM Knights of Columbus Council #4397 is sponsoring a **Basketball Free Throw Championship** on Friday, January 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Gym. Shooting by age group will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m. and finish by 8:00 p.m. Early departures or late arrivals will be accommodated as much as possible; however, the first and second place leaders of each group should plan on remaining to the end.

The Championship is open to all boys and girls ages 10-14. A written note from a parent giving permission is required. Proof of age (as of January 1, 2012) will be required from winners.

For further information, please contact Mr. Thomas Krall, 610-437-3973.

