

From: STM School

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Theme 2017–2018

Dynamic Disciples Deliver

Saint Thomas More School

Parent Note

St. Thomas More School provides a safe learning environment in which I, as a unique child of God, strives to become the person that God intends for me to be through academic achievement and acts of justice, love, and service based in our Catholic religious beliefs.

Focus on Summer

Ways to Get “Un-plugged” this Summer and Have Fun

Get hands-on experience – volunteer.

Take a class in a subject that you are interested in, perhaps learning a new language, learning leathercraft, learning whittling/wood crafting.

Join or form a book club; get involved in your library’s summer reading program.

Keep a diary or journal; write thoughts or feelings, share experiences, craft poems or stories.

Read newspapers or magazines; read nonfiction books and fiction books. (Parents, read to your children.)

Visit local resources such as parks, libraries, museums, recreation centers.

Ride a bike, roller skate, jump rope, play catch with a friend, skateboard, yo-yo, swing on the swings, play on a playground, blow bubbles.

Draw, paint, color, sketch, create collages, knit, crochet, sculpt, create origami figures, make a cartoon flip book, weave, make a mosaic.

Make musical instruments and make music with friends.

Make and fly paper airplanes.

Research how to make a rocket; make one; launch it.

Learn to cook, bake, barbecue, make ice cream; plan and cook a meal.

Start a nature collection – rocks, leaves, etc. – identify and label items in your collection.

Build a mini city using different boxes, containers, paper tubes, and other materials laying around the house.

Make recycled paper beads and string them together.

Play board games – like Checkers, Monopoly, Chess, Chutes and Ladders, Yahtzee, Sorry. Play a card game. Play jacks. Play marble games. Create your own board game.

Plant and tend a garden.

Get friends together in your neighborhood and put on a show for your neighbors.

Visit elderly neighbors/friends.

Learn to juggle.

Learn how to do magic tricks.

Learn how to sew, do counted cross-stitch, or do embroidery.

Be creative; be imaginative; opportunities are endless!

Next Week at STM:

Monday, May 21—Uniform Drop-off for Used Uniform Sale; Students wear Spirit Wear today

Tuesday, May 22—Fun Day, Used Uniform Sale—More Hall

Wednesday, May 23—Last Day of School, Mass at 9:30 a.m., Dismissal to follow—Check with teacher for dismissal instructions and place

Upcoming School Year:

June/August Office Hours 9-12; Class Lists Posted early August—Parents will be notified;

Monday, August 13, 6-7:30 p.m. STM School Sneak-a-Peak, Supply drop-off and Packet Pick-up;

Thursday, August 16—First Day of School, in uniform, Noon Dismissal, Friday, Aug. 17—Full Day

Thursday, August 23—Back to School Night, PK-8, 6:30—8:15 p.m.

School Supplies:

STM Home & School has teamed up with **Classkit** to provide back-to-school supplies for the 2018-19 school year. **This is a different company and a different process than we have used in the past**, and we are very excited about this new partnership!

All ordering is online:

Go to classkit.com

Select “Find Your Classkit”

Enter “St. Thomas More”

Add kits to your cart

Pay

Order fulfillment is done by a local company, and the program helps raise funds for our school! Visit classkit.com today to order your supplies. **Orders accepted until June 22 but order by May 18 to save \$7.50.**

The Parent Portal for Sycamore will be turned off tomorrow to allow for grading.

Check Lost and Found before the end of the year. All items not claimed by next Friday will be donated.

Dress for Success Next Week!

Monday—Spirit Wear

Tuesday—Fun Day clothes that are appropriate for physical activity and can get dirty or wet.

Spirit Wear is encouraged.

Tennis shoes with socks. If swim suits are worn, they should not be visible.

Wednesday—School/Church Appropriate Clothing

Home & School is looking to add a few new faces to their committee! The following areas are in need of shadows for the 2018-2019 school year; Battle of the Books, Book

Fair, and Room Parent Coordinator. If any of these would be of interest to you and you would like to learn more about what the "job" entails, please contact Kristen Graham at thegrahamfam@att.net.

JOIN BAND!!!!!!

It is time to choose an instrument!!! Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to seeing you at any of the open times. I am very excited for band next year after we had such a successful Recorder concert. Please enter the school through the P.E. door and come to the band room. I will have all of the instruments out and ready to try. If none of these times work for you please contact me and we will set up a time. If you already have an instrument, feel free to stop by and bring it with you. I will make sure it is in good working order.

May 21st- 3:30-5:00

May 22nd- 3:15-5:00

May 23rd- 1:00-3:00

Cheryl Parisi

Marian Conference IV of Greater Kansas City YOUTH SESSION will be held this June at St. Thomas More. Tomorrow, at 1:00 p.m. in More Hall, students in the Middle School will be able to view some relics and hear details about the upcoming conference.

Communication:

Parents, please note that information communicated from the school will be in the following forms:

“News” section of Sycamore—Thursday Parent Note

Posts on Facebook/Twitter and email blasts, when necessary.

“Peek at the Week” will be posted on all communication outlets and replace the Sunday night

phone call. This is a peek into what is happening for the week at STM.

Any school organization that would like information to be communicated to the school community or to post an event on the calendar, please contact Colleen or Jill at school with those details.

In case of concern about **school closing** because of weather conditions, please check the Sycamore App and the School Webpage for more information.

New Religious goods and gifts are available in the church narthex. The shop is open after weekday 8:15 morning Mass and after some weekend Masses.

Call the church office for more information.

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist is held in the Adoration Chapel each Friday after the 8:15 Mass on Friday until the 8:15 Mass on Saturday. This observance is a wonderful way to introduce the mystery of the Eucharist to our children during a prayerful hour with the Lord. Sign-up sheets are available in the church narthex.