

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL



NEWS & EVENTS

January 2019

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- 1/16 Pallante Tournament Begins
- 1/18 Dress Down Day
Hot Lunch
- 1/21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
(NO SCHOOL)



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

January 27–February 2

More detailed information and forms for Catholic Schools Week events will be sent to parents via email.

- 1/27 Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 2pm followed by Student Art Show Reception at the Empire State Plaza's South Gallery
- 1/28 Earth Dome Visit
- 1/29 Spirit Day
- 1/30 Buddy Bingo
Prayer Service/Pot Luck 6pm
- 1/31 Minute-to-Win-It
8th Grade vs. Faculty
- 2/1 First Friday Liturgy 8:30am
Talent Show 7pm
- 2/3 Open House/Learning Expo
10am-noon

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Year after year, it becomes more and more evident what a special community we have at St. Thomas. We'd like to take this opportunity to let you know how appreciated you are.

WE THANK YOU!

... for all of the times that we ask for volunteers or chaperones and you are quick to add your name to the list.

... for all of the times that we ask for "dress down day" donations in support of our local charities and you reach for your wallet.

... for all of the times that we ask for support in our fundraising efforts and you offer your time, talent and monetary gifts.

... for going along with anything and everything we come up with to make learning fun, whether it's wearing the mystery reader mask for a surprise preschool visit or trying to put together a costume to make your 8th grader look like a flapper from the 1920's (and everything in between).

... for all of the times that we invite you to be here - for concerts, races, games, celebrations, spelling bees & more - and we end up with standing room only.

... for all of the love and support that you give to other St. Thomas families in times of need.

... for spreading the word about St. Thomas. Most of our families are here because someone they trusted had wonderful things to say about this community.

... for supporting your children the way that you do. We see it in their eyes, hear it in their stories and know it in our hearts. There isn't a child at St. Thomas who doesn't know that they are loved and supported at home.

And most of all, for entrusting us with these **wonderful children** who not only make us eager to come to work each day, but also give us hope for the future. We are so honored, so blessed and so very grateful that you've chosen to share them with us!

~ with love from the St. Thomas the Apostle School Faculty and Staff



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We Celebrate Our Faith



Kindergartners attend Liturgy with their 5th Grade Buddies.



4th Graders celebrate All Saints Day.



Las Posadas & The Greatest Story Ever Told



Blessing of the Animals



Service



Kindergartners visit Ronald McDonald House



Hope for the Homeless Breakfast



Third Grade Pajama/Book Collection



Fifth Grade Toothpaste/Toothbrush/Mouthwash Collection



INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP
for the HOMELESS

Service



We collected **1,431** rolls of toilet paper for local food pantries.



Fourth graders baking cupcakes to sell at the Blessing of the Animals.



Second graders making Christmas cookies for the residents at Reilly House.



Third graders making cards for local veterans.



First and second graders spreading some Christmas cheer with song at the St. Thomas Seniors Luncheon.

In the Classroom



Eighth graders celebrated Cowboy Day in Social Studies class. They dressed up like cowboys and cowgirls to learn firsthand what the role of a cowboy was. They roped, branded, designed new boots, handled cowboy dilemmas and learned the slang. They did not fight any Native Americans. A great day and a great way to separate fact from fiction as students study American History.



Seventh graders making pizza using different toppings to represent U.S. geographic regions.



Sixth graders discovering buried treasures during their excavation project.



Kindergarten Engineers



In the Classroom



Seventh graders creating offrendas in their Dia de los Muertos elective.



Eighth graders learned a lot about different economic systems in a mini unit before Thanksgiving. In order to “experience” the different systems, Communism, Socialism and Communism under Stalin, they played Monopoly with modified rules. After playing each game they compared and contrasted these systems with Capitalism and the other games they played.

Sixth grade class presidential election speeches.



Congratulations, Billy! Billy is our Spelling Bee winner and will go on to represent St. Thomas the Apostle School in the Capital Region Spelling Bee.

The winning word: amethyst



Kindergartners learn about voting while casting their ballots for either a movie or play time.

First and second graders learned about and observed the stages of butterflies’ life cycle right in their classrooms, then went outside to release the butterflies.

Fun!

