



# St. Thomas More Catholic School

A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE



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Dear STM Families,

January 28 – February 3, 2018 is Catholic Schools Week (CSW). This is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States sponsored by the National Catholic Education Association. The theme for this year is “Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” During this week, STM students will make and hang blue and yellow paper chains of all their favorite things about STM, learn fun facts about STM, collect kitchen items for Catholic Charities, and attend a special CSW Mass. Students that wore their school uniform to Mass this past weekend are wearing free dress today and tomorrow and students that wear their school uniform to Mass next weekend may wear free dress next Monday, February 5.

“Giving back to the community” and “helping others” are values instilled in all of our students through their monthly prayer and service projects. According to the surveys you completed for our AdvancEd accreditation you rated STM “A+” in academic excellence and faith formation. Thank you for your collaborative support of our mission. We continuously strive to maintain our “legacy of excellence” in all STM mission components. We believe in each student's potential - to learn, to grow in virtue and wisdom, to become valued and outstanding members of their Church, community and nation. STM nurtures faith in every student - belief in God which is demonstrated in commitment to their Church and active participation in society.

St. Thomas More Catholic School is proud to honor Dr. Farrell Fruge’ as this year’s Distinguished Graduate. This award is presented for outstanding personal, professional and community achievements. Throughout his life, Farrell serves as a witness to the values that Catholic schools profess. In recognizing Farrell as the 2018 distinguished graduate, we emphasize those qualities that make Catholic schools give meaning and purpose to life. Farrell states that “A Catholic Education prepares you spiritually, socially and academically. The Gospel values learned will guide you through your entire life.” He will be recognized by the Diocese of Baton Rouge at a special dinner this week.

Dr. Fruge’ has been actively involved in St. Thomas More Catholic Church and School through his service on numerous committees and activities. He enjoys serving STM School by serving as a former School Board member and giving Dental Health Talk to the preschoolers each year. Farrell is a STM Usher, past STM Festival Chairman and previously served as chairman of the Stewardship Committee. In the community he works with the Louisiana Donated Dental Services to do dentistry for those less fortunate and serves as a Board Member of the Continuing Dental Education of Baton Rouge.

Please remember that each Monday during Morning Assembly all faculty, staff and students pray for our St. Thomas More families and friends.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*Judy*

Judy H. Armstrong, Ph.D.  
Principal

Upcoming Calendar Items:

- January 28 – February 3 Catholic Schools Week: “Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.”  
**Students that wore their school uniform to Mass this past weekend are wearing free dress today and students that wear their school uniform to Mass next weekend may wear free dress next Monday, February 5.**
- Tuesday, January 30 Grades 1 – 4 PJ Day. THANK you for your generous support of the Boosterthon Fun Run. This is a special incentive for students in grades 1 – 4 for meeting their grade level goals. Your teachers will be sending you a separate email about this day.  
  
10:00am and 6:00pm STM Town Hall Meeting with Father Michael
- Thursday, February 1 10:00 All School Catholic Schools Week Mass. Members of the Catholic Daughters will attend this mass to distribute hand-made rosaries to all students.  
  
3:00 Athletic pictures in the gym for cross country, grades 3 – 6 football, and girls basketball.
- Friday, February 2 100<sup>th</sup> day celebration for Kindergarten  
First Friday candy sale and spirit day  
  
3:00 Students will be competing in the SJA Math Tournament
- Saturday, February 3 Students will be competing in the Diocesan Quiz Bowl.
- Monday, February 5 6<sup>th</sup> grade Greek god and goddesses Day
- Tuesday, February 6 – 8 Grandparents Day celebrations (Detailed information will be sent home.)  
February 6 Grades K, 1 and 2  
February 7 Grades 3, 4, 7 and 8  
February 8 Grades 5 and 6  
  
8:00 Grandparents will join students in their homeroom classes  
8:45 Mass and student song presentations  
10:00 – 11:00 Reception for Grandparents
- Friday, February 9 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Vermillionville
- Monday, Feb 12 – Friday, Feb 16 Mardi Gras Holidays  
Students return on Monday, February 19