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Dear Parents,

At the beginning of a new venture, we have a can-do-attitude. At the beginning of a new year, we think about our hopes and dreams for the future. That's why making resolutions is a popular exercise at this time of the year.

During these early days of the New Year, think about gathering as a family-around cups of hot chocolate and a bowl of popcorn-and making a list of Family Faith Resolutions. Instead of trying to think of something "new", however, think of the good that is already part of your family and resolve to increase that goodness. God's grace flourishes there in your home. Your kindness,patience,generosity, and compassion with one another is the living of your faith every day; it's the core of Jesus' teachings; and it's what your child, the other students, and I focus on , in some way, during every class.

Your Family Faith Resolutions are a vital bridge connecting your child's religious education within your household-the domestic church-and the school.

Blessed New Year,
Sister Catherine

THE FRUIT OF GOD'S SPIRIT



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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 29-February 2

THE GOOD NEWS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

MONDAY January 29th "School Spirit Day"

- Opening Prayer Service in Gym for the entire student body
- Student Council will sell raffle tickets every morning in front of the mural by the gym.
- Dress down in school colors (green & gold)
- All students get Catholic School button to wear all week

TUESDAY January 30th "Crazy Sox Day"

- Parents join children for lunch from 11:30-12:30 No Leaving Campus
- Students wear crazy sox to school with their uniforms

WEDNESDAY January 31st "Bishop Visits Our School Day"

- All-student lead Mass with Bishop at 8:30 a.m.
- 9:30-11:30 Bishop touring our school
- 11:00 -12:00 Teachers' Luncheon with Bishop in Church Multi-purpose Room (Parent volunteers watch children during lunch & recess)
- Afternoon Movie & Popcorn in classrooms

THURSDAY February 1st "Hawaiian Shirt Day"

- Student Day
- Students wear Hawaiian shirts with uniform pants to school
- All Students are given Hawaiian Leis (will be given to Homeroom teachers to give out in classrooms)

NO HOMEWORK GIVEN TODAY

FRIDAY February 2nd "Teacher's Surprise Treat Day"

- Student Council Raffle drawing in gym
- No Mass
- 9:00 - The 5th Grade Play in gym... Entire school invited
- Teachers give treat to students
- After lunch, shirt tails may be left out!

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2007-2008 Applications

All new siblings of current students will need to complete an application to be accepted into school for the 2007-2008 school year. Applications may be obtained from the lower school office.



A POLYNESIAN PARADISE

Auction Class Gifts

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the auction class gift projects. To date, we have collected \$1,250 from 131 families to fund 19 class projects. If you have forgotten and would like to make a donation, there is still time. **Please send your \$5 per child via kidmail to Margy Schmidt, c/o Sophie Schmidt 3A.** We will be working on these projects in December and into January, with a projected completion date of January 31, 2007. If you would like to assist with your child's class project, please let me know. Many hands lighten the load and besides, it



Social Committee

Plan to attend their Annual Pasta Night, Friday, January 26th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Carry out will start at 6:00 p.m. Our favorite DJ, Steve Wray, will bring the entertainment! Come and enjoy an evening of good food, fellowship & fun.

Late Pickup From the Car Line

School policy is that if students are not picked up by 3:10 (2:10 on the first Wednesday of each month) the students are brought to the After School Room and signed in. They must remain there until whoever is responsible for picking them up arrives and SIGNS THEM OUT. The After School staff person on duty will be happy to show you where to find the sign-out sheet. There is a charge of \$10 per quarter hour per car pool group. Please keep in mind that this policy insures that your children are in a safe environment when brought to After School until you are able to pick them up. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email me. Mary Vandergraft, After School Director 967-8561 email: mvandergraft@st-thomasmore.org



Tuition Raffle

Did you know that your chance of winning a full years tuition improves by 100% if you buy a raffle ticket? It sounds crazy, I know, but it's true! This years tuition raffle is underway. Buy a ticket (or two) between now and March 23rd and you maybe the lucky winner of either a full years tuition at STM or \$3000 cash. If your bright green ticket form got eaten by the backpack monster, pick up another one in the school lobby, download one online at HSA downloads or email Sally at strauco@nc.rr.com.



Good Luck!



Cardinal Gibbons High School

...“If I Were a Rich Man,” “Matchmaker,” “Sunrise, Sunset,” “Tradition,”

Come, enjoy your Broadway favorites in this classic tale of Tevye and his daughters as the Cardinal Gibbons High School Musical Theatre Club presents FIDDLER ON THE ROOF. The show is directed by STM School alumna Seton Mazzocchi (CGHS '08) and features STM alumnus Michael Trevillian (CGHS '07) as The Fiddler and current STM student Mary Clare Mazzocchi in the chorus. Showtimes are January 18, 19, and 20 at 7:30 p.m. and January 20 and 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the CGHS Theatre at 1401 Edwards Mill Road in Raleigh (across from the RBC Center).

Tickets are \$5/adults and \$3/students and can be purchased at the door.



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Visitors from our Sister Parish

A delegation from our Sister Parish of Santa Cruz de Juventino Rosas in Mexico, led by pastor Padre Gerardo, will visit us from February 2nd to the 12th. A full schedule of evangelization events, as well as opportunities to meet all parishioners, is being planned. The purpose of this return visit is to strengthen STM's ability to serve the spiritual needs of all of our parishioners and ministries, but especially of Latinos, and to reach out to those Latinos in our community who are not active in the Catholic Church.



You may wish to actively participate during their visit. Additional information is available in both More News and More Links. Make a note of at least this one event.

Sunday, February 11 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the gym. Fiesta and multi-cultural potluck with dishes brought by members from all across Latin America and Anglo USA.

This week can be a "natural" way for Latinos and Anglos to work together to help St. Thomas More Parish welcome our working guests who are here to help us reach out especially to Latinos who might find some spiritual life and communal support through greater participation at STM. Your participation can help!

Father / Daughter Valentine Dance



Attention All STM DADS!

The HSA Social Committee is hosting a Father / Daughter Dance on Friday, February 9th from 7-9 p.m. in the gym. There will be sweets and treats and lots of dancing fun. Hope to see you all there!

This dance includes all girls and their dads in PreK through eighth grade.

Let's do some dancin'!



STM Summer Camp Information

Each summer St. Thomas More School offers on campus summer camps taught by STM staff. The camps are open to all ... even if you do not attend St. Thomas More School. Dates, times, and recommended ages vary with each camp. Camps are offered on a first come first served basis. Check the school website for a list of camp offerings.



Art News

Volunteers are needed to hang the Pentel International Art Exhibit in the lower/upper schools. I hope to hang the exhibits the week of January 22-26 so it can be up for Catholic's School Week. Please let me know if you can put in a couple hours of work that week. Anytime during school hours would work fine.

Please visit the website www.artsonia.com/schools/stthomas1 to view artwork by your child. If you have not registered yet and need your security code, please email me and I can send this to you. Once you register they will send you an email whenever another piece of your child's art is uploaded to the site. It is so nice because you can view all of the children's art in your child's class and you can see art your child has done since they have been here at STM. They have their own gallery of work.

I am looking for a parent who would like to put in a couple hours of work in the art room weekly on Wednesdays. I am always in the process of preparing something for all of the classes. Right now we are warping around 450 looms. Just let me know if you would like to help. You don't need to have any knowledge about art because I will always show you what I need done. It is fun because there is always so much to learn and you have fun while helping.

I am having a Valentine Art workshop on Saturday, February 10, from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Art trailer. First-8th graders may register. Please email me if you are interested and I will send a brochure home with your child. vives@st-thomasmore.org or Barbara@maplemeadows.com

Please notice: This calendar is showing only weekdays.

January 15 - February 25, 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 15 NO SCHOOL- MLK Jr. day observed	January 16	January 17 End of the 2nd Quarter (44 days)	January 18	January 19 Mass
January 22 Kindergarten Field Trip; Full Student Council at lunch; Math Counts	January 23 BOB and Jr. Great Books; School Board meets at 7:00 p.m.	January 24 2nd Quarter Report Cards	January 25	January 26 Mass; H S A sponsors Spaghetti Night
January 29	January 30	January 31 Mass with the Bishop	February 1	February 2
Catholic Schools Week, see p. 2			Catholic Schools Week continues	
February 5	February 6	February 7 Dress Down Day with 1:45 Dismissal	February 8	February 9 Mass; Father-Daughter Dance for girls PreK-8
February 12	February 13 H S A meets at 7:00 p.m.	February 14	February 15	February 16 NO SCHOOL
February 19 NO SCHOOL- Presidents Day	February 20	February 21 Ash Wednesday Mass; 3rd Quarter Progress Reports	February 22	February 23 Stations; Fish Fry