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Dear Parents,

SHE'S BACK !

Thank you all for the prayers and many encouraging well wishes for my recovery. I returned to school on Monday and was greeted by the children, staff, and parents with delight that I had returned. I am taking it slow this week and staying each day until 11:30.

I certainly have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving and foremost on my list are the doctors and nurses at Duke who took excellent care of me.

This Friday, November 17 we will not have Mass but rather another form of prayer called Morning Praise. We will celebrate Time, Talent and Treasure after the Morning Praise.

Sincerely,
Sister Catherine, SSJ
Principal



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Lunch Program News

The December online lunch menu is now available! Please have your December order entered online and payment turned in this **Friday, November 17, 2006**. The website is: www.stmhhsa.org/lunch. After you login, please carefully read the notes located on the first screen that comes up. The heading is: "STM Online Lunch Ordering System - Start Page." Important information is listed there, as well as important dates.

If you have any questions regarding the lunch program, either call me (544-6920) or send me an email (stmlunch@gmail.com).

Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

Lisa Mohney
Lunch Coordinator



Holiday Shoppe

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Holiday Shoppe fine art and craft show on **Saturday, December 2, 2006 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** in the school gym. This year's show is bigger and better than ever! Featuring over 65

vendors offering a wide variety of unique, handmade gifts, and specialty items, you'll be sure to find the perfect gift for everyone on your holiday shopping list.

Be sure to stop by the children's craft activity table where your child(ren) can enjoy creating a special craft to keep or to give as a gift. Don't forget to pick up some delicious baked goods from our baked goods table. Buy a raffle ticket. You could be a winner! And, new this year, our gift wrap station enables you to have your purchases gift wrapped while you wait!

Would you like to be a part of Holiday Shoppe? We still need volunteers to help set-up, tear-down, and staff our raffle, baked goods, children's craft activity and gift wrapping tables. Call Joanne Vance at 490-8493 (jvance@nc.rr.com) or Cathy Elmore at 493-4157 (celmore@nc.rr.com) if you'd like to help out.

Yearbook Update

All book and ad orders for *The Shield* are due today, Wednesday, November 15, 2006. Late yearbook orders are subject to a \$5 surcharge per book, and late ad orders will be accepted on a space-available basis. If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook or ad, but missed today's deadline, please contact Mrs. Dekle at ndekle@st-thomasmore.org.



Again this year, *The Shield* has its very own "community photo site." If you take digital photos of your student and his/her class or other STM students and events, these can be uploaded directly to the site. From there, the editorial staff can view the photos, then download those chosen for inclusion in our yearbook. The community photo site has been activated and can be accessed at <https://portal.jostens.com/login.asp>; the user id is 1101439 and the password is shield07. The site will remain active through March 31, 2007. We look forward to seeing your photos there!



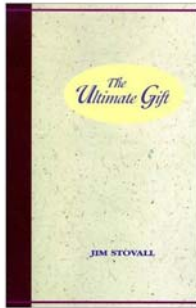
One Campaign

For The Catholic Community Of Saint Thomas More

We invite those who have not yet pledged to pray, reflect on what Saint Thomas More School means to you, and decide on your sacrificial gift. Our ONE Campaign has only two more days to go. Please send your pledge in by Friday, November 17, 2006.

Thank You for Your Generous Support

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The Ultimate Gift

Jim Stovall

River Oak Books

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Quote from the book

“Like any other journey, it becomes more meaningful based upon the special people in your life who share this trip with you. ... As those pleasant memories of your travels come back to you, they are filled not only with your destination, but the special people and loved ones who shared the journey with you.”

“In the end a person is only known by the impact he or she has on others.”

This novel describes a unique GIFT that is left to a young man upon the death of his wealthy uncle. In order to receive the ultimate gift the young man must first demonstrate an understanding of the gifts of :

- **Work** - He who loves his work never labors
- **Money** - Money is nothing more than a tool, it can be a force for good, a force for evil, or simply be idle.
- **Friends** - It is a wealthy person who calculates his riches in friends, not money.
- **Learning** - Education is a life long journey whose destination expands as your travel.
- **Problems** - Problems can only be avoided by exercising good judgment; good judgment can only be gained by experiencing life's problems.
- **Family** - Some people are born into wonderful families, others have to find or create them. Being a member of a family is a priceless privilege which costs nothing but love.
- **Laughter** - Laughter is good medicine for the soul. Our world is in desperate need of more such medicine.
- **Dreams** - Faith is all that dreamers need to see into the future.
- **Giving** - The only way you can truly get more out of life, is to give part of yourself away.
- **Gratitude** - In those times when we yearn to have more in our life, we should dwell on the things we already have. In doing so we will realize that our lives are already full to overflowing.
- **One Day** - Life at its essence boils down to one day at time. Today is that day!
- **Love** - Love is a treasure that we can pay. The only way can keep it is to give it away.

As parents we could ask ourselves -

How are we passing these gifts down to our children?

A brief testimonial about this book...we read it aloud in the car this summer as we traveled to TX. It was powerful for Harvey and me, but it was special to hear how it affected children 10, 8, and 6. They all had profound observations and trying to predict the conclusion was half the fun. This was a great book and I am happy to see you promoting it to our parents." Thanks, Keri Portwood

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Upper School Dance

Mark your holiday calendars for the St. Nicholas Dance on Friday, December 8, from 7:00-9:30 pm in the STM gym. If you like, plan to bring an unwrapped, new or slightly used, child's toy to place under the Christmas tree. It will be donated to a needy child. Sparkly and holiday attire is welcome! Admission is \$4.00 at the door or \$10.00 if you'd like to purchase a Dance Pass for admission to all remaining dances.

Questions email Beth Deacon at bdeacon@hughes.net.



November

- 17** Prayer Service followed by Time, Talent, and Treasure
- 20** Bring in food for Orange County Social Services by 8:30 a.m.
- 22** Nov 22 - Nov 24 Thanksgiving Break
NO SCHOOL
- 27** Math Counts Members meet after school
- 28** BOB members meet after school
School Board meets at 7:00 p.m.

December

- 1** Mass and Mission Day
- 2** Craft Fair in the gym in the a.m.
- 5** BOB members meet after school
- 6** Dress Down Day with 1:45 Dismissal
- 8** Mass; Dance for 6-8th graders
- 12** BOB members meet after school
H S A meets at 7:00 p.m.
- 13** 2nd Quarter Progress Reports
- 15** Mass
- 18** Dec 18 - Dec 19 7th and 8th grade EXAMS
- 19** Class Parties in PM
- 20** Dec 20 - Dec 30 Christmas Break
NO SCHOOL