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The St. Thomas More Catholic School Parent, Teacher, and Student Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This past Friday night's bowling for mothers and sons was a terrific success! We had almost 200 participants and we might have started a New Tradition. I would like to especially thank Cari Yentsch, chair of our H S A Social Committee and mother of Will 2A, Madeline 5B, for the endless hours of organization she put into making this event such a positive fun experience. I even had two strikes! I followed up at home by soaking in Epsom Salts and had no pain afterward!

You may have noticed that Mrs. Landi has been absent from the office recently. She is recovering from surgery and is doing very well. She hopes to return to her duties sometime before Christmas. Cards can be sent via kid mail through office personnel and we will make sure she receives them as well as all your prayers and well wishes.

This week during conference time all children who accompany their parents to the meeting must stay with their respective parent. No child is to be left unattended in the hallway or gym. (Safety is a top priority). The gym and playground area are for the students who are in after-care from 11:30 to 5:45. Please respect our Aftercare Program and comply with this policy.

Saturday, the 10th from 7 P.M. until 10 P.M. is the Parish celebration of all the volunteers that offer their TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE so that we can be an active parish and school. If you did not receive a written invitation please feel free to come and know that it was just an oversight. We look forward to saying, "THANK YOU," to all of you.

Sincerely,
Sister Catherine
Principal

Applications for siblings are now being accepted for the 2008-2009 school year. You can either find the applications on the website or obtain them from the lower school office.



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NOTICE
STM SCHOOL OCCUPANTS

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This is our annual information notice regarding STM School status on Asbestos Containing Building Materials (ACBM).

A Federal Law entitled, The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, requires that all schools be inspected for asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM). Subsequently a management plan has been put in place to manage the ACBM.

St. Thomas More Lower School Building

The management plan for L.S. includes information regarding: inspections activities, abatement activities, periodic surveillance, response actions, education and training, etc. This plan is available for public inspection. To make an appointment to view the plan, please contact; Les Mazur at 942-6259

St. Thomas More Upper School Building

The letter from the architect certifies that STM Upper School was built without using ACBM. The Management Plan of ACBM for the upper school is available for public inspection. To schedule an appointment to view the plan please contact; Les Mazur @ 942-6259.

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP AT
"HOLIDAYSHOPPE"



Don't miss the 4th annual "Holiday Shoppe" Fine Arts and Craft Show on **Saturday, December 1, 2007**

from **9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** in the school gym. The show features 55+ local crafters and artisans. You'll be sure to find the perfect gift for everyone on your holiday shopping list.

"Holiday Shoppe" will also include fun craft activities for children, free gift wrapping, a raffle and a bake sale. **New for 2007:** The "Reindeer Café," will be serving a hot lunch for your dining pleasure.



Admission is free.

For more information, please contact **Cathy Elmore** at 493-4157 or celmore@nc.rr.com or **Joanne Vance** at 490-8493 or jwvance@nc.rr.com.

(We still need volunteers! We still need baked goods! Call or e-mail Cathy Elmore if you can help out.)

YEARBOOK NEWS



Extra! Extra! The 2008 edition of the STM yearbook, *The Shield*, will be in full color. You won't want to miss out, so order your copy soon! Both book and ad sales continue through

Wednesday, November 14, 2007. **Be on the look-out for those order forms!** While there are still memory-making days left in this school year, there's only a limited time to ensure that you capture them, so please complete and return your order form(s) and payment (checks made payable to: STM) by **November 14, 2007** to ensure that your family receives its yearbook(s). If you have any questions, contact yearbook adviser, Mrs. Dekle (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 will be through March 31, 2008) and can be accessed at <http://images.jostens.com> The user id is 1137642 and the password is shield08.

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THE ONE CAMPAIGN

Double Your Dollars...when you give to the STM **ONE Campaign** with the help of your employer. Do you work for a company that will match your charitable gift to the ONE Campaign for our New Building Project? It's easy to find out. Check the STM Church or School web sites for a list of companies that have a matching gift program. You may also call your company's human resources representative or the STM Development Office (942-6265). Several school components are part of our master plan and thereby qualify us for many matching gift programs.

Here's What You Do - Three Simple Steps

- Get a matching gift form from your employer. (Check with your human resources department).
- Fill it out completely.
- Send it to the parish office according to your employer's guidelines.

This is significant income which is both unexpected and welcome and an added source we should take full advantage of. Thank you for taking advantage of a corporate benefit that provides benefits to STM!



VOLUNTEER STATS

On average we have 14 volunteers who sign-in daily for 1 ½ hours which equals 21 daily hours.



On average we have 14 volunteers working outside school for another 1 ½ which equals 21 daily hours .

This comes to 42 daily hours which when multiplied by 180 school days equals 7560 hours. If we translate this into NC minimum wage, \$6.15, our volunteers are donating \$46,494 in Time, Talent, and Treasure !



A volunteer for Jesus,
A soldier true,
Others have enlisted...
How about YOU!



PARTNERING WITH CRANBERRY TREE FARM

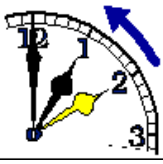
It's not too early to be thinking Christmas Trees! In an exciting new partnership with Cranberry Tree Farm, St. Thomas More School will be conducting the first year of its ***new and improved Christmas Tree Fund-raiser.***

Unlike past years where parents have sold the trees, this year Cranberry Tree Farm will do all the selling. Cranberry Tree Farm has been selling high quality trees to the Chapel Hill community for many years. They have provided us with coupons worth \$20 toward the purchase of Christmas trees, wreaths, garland, bows, and tree stands. The coupons are to be pre-sold. Customers then go to one of the two Cranberry Tree Farm lots and use their coupon toward their total purchase. STM will receive 20% of all coupons sold. Tree lots will be located at Meadowmont Village and at the corner of MLK and Weaver Dairy Roads. What could be easier? Sell the coupons to your family, to your co-workers, to your neighbors.

Coupons will also be sold on December 1 at the STM Holiday Shoppe Craft and Art Show, with a sampling of the trees, wreaths, etc. available. If you are interested in purchasing a coupon or getting a stack of coupons to sell, please contact Joanne Vance at 490-8493 or jvvance@nc.rr.com.



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