

# THE KNIGHT TIMES

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November 24<sup>th</sup> - December 5<sup>th</sup>

Monday November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Friday November 28 <sup>th</sup>
Upper School Students' Field Trip to Raleigh	BOB Club meets after school	Last day to return picture money or proofs  11: 30am. Dismissal	NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	December 4 <sup>th</sup>	December 5 <sup>th</sup>
Student Council Officers Meeting at 11:30am.	Picture Retakes in am.  BOB Club meets after school	\$1.00 Dress Down Day  1:45pm. Dismissal  Progress Reports are sent home	Cultural Enrichment Presentation in the gym for students in grades K-4 @ 8:30 am.	9:00am. Tour  8A Mass Mission Day

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> is the annual Holiday Shoppe in the gym from 9am.-3pm.

## ➤ FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians,

One of the greatest gifts we can give our children is the gift of time. If you ask a group of adults what meant the most to them growing up, you will often hear them reply, "Fond memories of people who spent time with them." Given the fast pace of today's society, what might be some ways that you can build just a little more family time into your lives? Here are a few simple ways

- 1) The family meal- Do everything you can to sit at the dinner table together. This can be a relaxed time when the family can talk about the day and enjoy being together.
- 2) Family traditions- These need not be elaborate. Children look forward to coloring Easter eggs, making gingerbread houses, or any other activities that the family does together routinely.

- 3) Pull out the board games!- Even young children enjoy sitting around a board game and playing as a family. This is also a great opportunity to help your child learn to be a good sport and have fun whether winning or losing.
- 4) Be around and ready to listen.- In order for children to want to talk with parents, it is important for parents to be available. Whether riding in a car, sitting on the couch, or just hanging out together, it is important to create opportunities for children to share what's on their minds.
- 5) Take a hike!- Enjoy a short hike as a family. This is a no-cost way, not only to get healthier, but also to build family memories.

Your family may already be creating memories of times together. If you are, know that you are giving your child an invaluable gift. The important thing is that parents understand that it is the little gifts, often the free ones that mean the most to children. Offering your time is a more precious gift to your child than you could ever imagine.

God Bless,  
Sister Catherine

### ➤ **IMPORTANT DATES TO ENTER ON YOUR CALENDAR**

- ❖ **SNOW MAKE UP DATES** (if needed)
  - ❖ April 8<sup>th</sup> - school all day
  - ❖ April 9<sup>th</sup> - 11:30am. dismissal
  - ❖ June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> - school will dismiss at 11:30am. each day
- ❖ **TUESDAY, MAY 26<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENT BREAKFAST** at 9am.  
GRADUATION MASS AT 7pm. (this date will not be changed due to snow make up days)

### ➤ **ATTENTION CURRENT STM SCHOOL FAMILIES**

- ❖ If you have **additional** students (siblings) to be enrolled in the 2009-2010 school year, it will be necessary to complete a full enrollment application for each **new** student.
- ❖ The applications are available in the lower school office.
- ❖ Please pick one up at your earliest convenience.
- ❖ Re-enrollment forms for current students will be sent home during January 2009.

### ➤ **ART NEWS FROM MRS. IVES**

- ❖ Thanks to all who made our Original Works Magnet project a big success.
- ❖ If you have not sent in your magnet money please do so since our school is charged for your child's magnet if you did not return it by the due date or purchase it.
- ❖ I can submit one late order so if you failed to order that special gift for someone from your child's art please email me by tomorrow. I plan to send the order Thursday afternoon
- ❖ Please check out Artsonia, our online gallery, where we show our school's art. If you need to get your security key so that you can ok comments, please email me and I will get this to you. Each child has their own security key.
- ❖ All of the entries have been sent to California for the USA judging in the Pentel International Children's Art Exhibition. We will be notified if we have any US winners after the first of the year. Final judging in Japan takes place later in the spring. We wish all of our students our best.

- ❖ I still have a few spaces in my Annual Christmas Gift Making Workshop which takes place on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am.-3:30pm., for students in grades 2-8. Please go to [www.maplemeadows.com](http://www.maplemeadows.com) for more information and to register or email [barbara@maplemeadows.com](mailto:barbara@maplemeadows.com)
- ❖ As you may have heard, the art room is moving from the trailer to the Mary Chapel in December.
- ❖ I will not have classes the week of December 8<sup>th</sup> through December 19<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ I will be boxing up art supplies and getting everything in the trailer ready to move that first week and then hopefully everything will be moved into the Mary Chapel the next week. This will be a tremendous undertaking.
- ❖ If you are willing to help please email me here at school [bives@st-thomasmore.org](mailto:bives@st-thomasmore.org)

As always, thank you for all you do to make our Art Program a great success!

### ➤ A CRANBERRY TREE CHRISTMAS

**It's the most wonderful time of the year!**

- ❖ Once again STM will partner with Cranberry Christmas Tree Farm to offer coupons for purchases of Christmas trees, wreaths, garlands, bows and stands.
- ❖ Each coupon is worth \$20. Purchase as many as you would like.
- ❖ Best of all, 20% of each \$20 spent comes back to STM School. Help make this simple fundraiser a success for the school!
- ❖ Cranberry Christmas Tree has two convenient Chapel Hill locations: Meadowmont Village and the corner of MLK and Weaver Dairy Road.
- ❖ Tree prices range from \$40 to \$100+.
- ❖ Coupons are available for purchase at the school office during school hours, at the church office from 8:30am. - 4:30pm. and after weekend masses on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, and December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Coupons will also be available at the Holiday Shoppe , in the gym, on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Look for the red flyer in students' backpacks.
- ❖ Purchases may also be made via kid mail.
- ❖ Cash and checks made out to STM are accepted.
- ❖ Please address questions to Sue Ann Glower [glowe001@mindspring.com](mailto:glowe001@mindspring.com) . Thanks in advance for your support!

### ➤ NOTICE CHANGE IN UPPER SCHOOL DANCE

- ❖ The dance will be held in the gym on the AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Teachers will chaperone.
- ❖ The DJ will be *Art of Motion*
- ❖ NO FEE REQUIRED

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