



# The Knight Times

Our Mission is to educate each child in a God centered environment.

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

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Dear Parents/Guardians,



The children continue to fill my bucket each morning just by arriving on time for prayers at 8 :00 a.m. I would like to remind you that students are considered late if they are not in the building by 8:00 a.m. Thank you to the 96% of families that are showing a good example to their children by following school policy.

I suggested to the children that this week they could invite one person each day to join their game out on the playground to help fill buckets. I would invite you to invite each other to come to the school event planning meetings that are going on.

Monday night was the Halloween Carnival event meeting. Did you come?

Thank you for noticing and complimenting us on our new TRAFFIC VESTS worn by our 8th grade patrols. These were donated by Mr. Lougee, father of Caroline, in 2A. Their bright color attracts attention and keep the traffic flow moving.

Be aware that we continue to have dangerous passing on the service road.

**Remember, there is NO PARKING on the service road at dismissal.**

Sincerely,  
Sister Catherine, SSJ  
Principal



## Parish Office Visitors Parking Spaces

There are 4 parking spaces reserved for **parish office visitors** in front of the Lower School Building. We ask you to refrain from parking in these designated spaces during office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Parking is available for parents and other school visitors in the back of the lower school, in front of the upper school, and by the church parking lot.

Thank you. Parish Administrator



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OUR SCHOOL MISSION: ARENAL

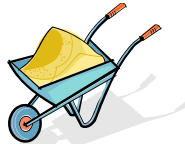


As many of you know, since 1994, STM School has adopted a community of 6,000 people in Arenal, Nicaragua. We receive donations through monthly FRIDAY MISSION COLLECTIONS, COFFEE SALES, and weekly ICE CREAM SALES. Through this School Mission, we teach our children to respect, love and care for the ones who are less fortunate than we are.

We are hoping to collect \$12,000 this year. Every dollar we raise will be directly sent to Fr. Rob Currie in Arenal, Nicaragua and put into use in the most efficient manner. This is a year-long project, so please help us to reach the goal. At the end of the school year, we will be proud of what we and our children have done for the others.

Fr. Rob Currie of Arenal will be celebrating the 10:30 a.m. school mass this Friday, and attending our Potluck Party from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Youth House. Please bring a dish or two for us. It will be a great experience to get to visit with Father Rob and his Mission in Arenal.

PARISH PRIDE DAY



Save the date!  
This fall's Parish Pride Day will take place on Saturday, October 27, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Bring your shovels, wheelbarrows, gloves and rakes to enjoy a day of healthy yard work and great fellowship. We have some projects related to the beautification and improvement of school areas, like spreading mulch in the Pre-K and lower school playgrounds, and planting seasonal flowers in the school flower beds. The Knights of Columbus will, as is our tradition, supply refreshments and a hearty lunch. Please contact Carlos Lima ,942-6242 or [calima@st-thomasmore.org](mailto:calima@st-thomasmore.org), to let him know you are coming. More details are available in the church bulletin and on the website.



ALTAR SERVERS

Refresher training sessions for CURRENT altar servers are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, September 25	3:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 26	3:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 27	3:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept.ember 29	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 2	3:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 3	3:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 4	3:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 6	9:30 a.m.

Each session should take about an hour, or slightly longer. If you are currently an altar server and wish to continue serving, you MUST attend ONE, and only one, of these sessions. If you do not attend, you will not be scheduled for the next cycle beginning November 1. If you're not an altar server but would like to start serving, contact Jim Bauer at(919-593-8032 [jim-](mailto:jim-)

SAVE THESE DATES FOR THE-UPPER SCHOOL DANCES

sponsored by the Upper School Social Committee

HALLOWEEN DANCE  
Friday, October 12, 2007\*



\*Note date change from Friday, October 19, 2007. Moved due to 6th grade field trip to Asheville, N.C.

HOLIDAY DANCE  
Friday, December 14, 2007



SPRING DANCE  
Friday, March 7, 2008



END OF SCHOOL DANCE  
Friday, May 2, 2008



All dances are from 7-9:30 p.m. in the Lower School Gym. Admission is \$4.00 at the door.

Chaperones, decorating assistance, and coordination is needed for all dances. Contact Nora Berendsen ([berendsennora@yahoo.com](mailto:berendsennora@yahoo.com)) to sign up.

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### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

It's time to CLIP and SHOP to earn cash for STM!

CLIP Box Tops from hundreds of participating General Mills products and send them in to school. We'll be gearing up soon for the Box Tops submission deadline. Please send in your Box Tops TODAY so they can be redeemed for cash this school year.



### TARGET VISA

Don't forget to link your Target Visa to the "Take Charge of Education" program by calling 1-800-316-6142 (our school code is 17852) or go on-line to [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe). Under "How We Help", click on "Take Charge of Education". Click on "Enroll Now" or "Find/Designate a School". Enter our school code (17852).



LINK YOUR CARD TODAY!

### GET READY FOR "HOLIDAY SHOPPE"

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual "Holiday Shoppe" fine art and handicrafts bazaar on Saturday, December 1 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the school gym. This is a wonderful fundraiser for the school and a great way to show our community spirit.



WE NEED YOU! Are you (or someone you know) a crafter and/or artisan? If so, rent a booth for \$45 (table and chairs are provided). Contact Joanne Vance at 490-8493 or e-mail [jwvance@nc.rr.com](mailto:jwvance@nc.rr.com) for an application.

The deadline to apply is Wednesday, October 31st. NOTE: We are also looking for direct sales vendors for the Mary Chapel.

WE NEED YOUR CRAFT DONATIONS! Do you like to craft (and don't want to rent a booth of your own)? If so, please consider donating your hand-crafted item to the "Holiday Shoppe" raffle. For more information, please contact Cathy Elmore at 493-4157 or e-mail [celmore@nc.rr.com](mailto:celmore@nc.rr.com).

Deadline for donated craft items is Thursday, November 29th.

WE NEED YOU (AGAIN)! We need volunteers to staff "Holiday Shoppe." We need help with set-up, tear-down, and to work the bake sale table, raffle table, "Reindeer Cafe" and more. Call Cathy Elmore at 493-4157 or e-mail [celmore@nc.rr.com](mailto:celmore@nc.rr.com) if you would like to help out with this fun and rewarding event.

Thank you for your support!  
Cathy Elmore and Joanne Vance  
HSA Special Fundraisers Co-Chairs



This is just a reminder that the Harris Teeter VIC Link drive is will be ending on Friday September 21st. We are asking all STM families to go out and get at least four people to give their last name and VIC card number so that we can link them to support our school. Once we have gotten your list we will be able to link those people for the 2007-2008 school year and again in August year after year. What an easy to continually raise money for our school with only a little bit of upfront effort. Of course the family that bring in the most VIC card numbers will with the Dinner and a Movie prize. So get out there and LINK for CASH.

### TUTORING

I am available for after school tutoring in my classroom for students in grades 1-6 in all subjects. I can be contacted via email at [DDavidson-Dyer@st-thomasmore.org](mailto:DDavidson-Dyer@st-thomasmore.org) or at my home phone: 460-7033 to make inquiries. Thank You!



Mrs. Davidson-Dyer, 2B





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## Your Child Is In Middle School Now. Are You – And Are They – Ready?

The Chapel Hill Police Department,  
in association with the STM Upper School Social Committee,  
presents:

# REALITY CHECK:

## LIFE SKILLS YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO KNOW

**Tuesday, October 16th, 7:00 pm**, total time 1 hour plus Q&A

This session is for STM Middle School Parents and Students

Only and will be held in the STM Lower School Gym

**Admission is FREE.** This program is provided as a service of the Chapel Hill Police Dept.

A multi media presentation for middle school parents and students addressing:

### ■ INTERNET SAFETY

Covers safe use of the internet and risks posed in interactions through social networking sites such as MySpace.com and Facebook.

### ■ ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE ABUSING BEHAVIOR

What are the signs and symptoms of substance abuse in teenagers? As a parent, improve your awareness level in identifying commonly abused substances. Students, hear about the dangers of substances and drug taking.

### ■ YOUTH VIOLENCE

Hear a startling overview of youth violence in our community ranging from gang activity and bullying to relationship violence. Parents and kids, learn how to avoid these potentially violent situations.

*Matt Sullivan, Police Crisis Counselor, and Bryan Walker, Information/Technical/Computer Forensics Officer, of the Town of Chapel Hill Police Department will use local, real life examples to provide information parents about the potential risks a teenager could be exposed to during adolescence.*

**GET A “REALITY CHECK”  
SAFETY ■ DRUGS ■ THE INTERNET.  
FIND OUT WHAT YOU AND YOUR CHILD NEED TO KNOW.  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 7:00 P.M.**

If you have specific questions about the program contact Matt Sullivan at [msullivan@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:msullivan@townofchapelhill.org).  
Other questions contact Nora Berendsen ([berendsennora@yahoo.com](mailto:berendsennora@yahoo.com)) or Beth Deacon ([bdeacon@hughes.net](mailto:bdeacon@hughes.net))