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Dear Parents/Guardian,

Thank you all for getting the year off to an excellent start! The children seem ready to learn and are excited to be with their school friends again.

We have a few "Bucket" books left. You may send in the \$12.00 for the book or \$2.00 for the bumper sticker via kid mail (money in envelope with your child's name on it marked "Bucket Book") and we will be glad to send it to you.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, September 5 is the 1st Wednesday of the month with a 1:45 dismissal for the students. Those 1st Wednesdays are also \$1.00 Dress Down Days . Money collected on DDDs goes to the Student Council to fund events during the year. Every 1st Wednesday will be a 1:45 dismissal.

If your child is not in school at 8 a.m. he/she is considered late and you must come in to the building and sign them in as tardy. We have given a "Grace" period for the first two weeks but will begin recording tardiness from this time forward.

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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Summer Projects and Improvements around STM Campus

As you return from the summer you will notice some of the projects and improvements we have been working on in the school since June. The following is a list of most of them, with acknowledgement to those who gave from their Time, their Talent, and their Treasure to make these projects a reality:

- Upper School Classrooms light replacement (In house, Les Mazur / Krys Bielen)
- Lower and Upper School outdoor light replacement (In house, Les Mazur / Krys Bielen)
- Rock borders for garden islands at both school entrances (Keith Larkin / Tim Mann)
- Major renovation work in Lower School teacher's bathrooms (in house, Les Mazur / Krys Bielen)
- Storage cubbies for Aftercare (Mary Vandergraft / Eric Hutchins / Sergio Mora)
- Library lights circuit modification (In house - Les Mazur)
- Tiled floor under sink in lower school new wing (in house - Krys Bielen)
- Floor tile replacement KA & KB (in house - Les Mazur / Krys Bielen)
- 4A cubbies painted (Sergio Mora)
- Bollard covers for gym pick-up area funded by the **HSA** (in house - Les Mazur)
- Lower school playground reseeding (Bill Merkel)
- HVAC replacement in Lower school office and Mary Chapel (in house)

In progress:

- Door Lock replacements for Lower School doors (In house - Les Mazur / Krys Bielen)
- Walkway repairs around Music Trailer (In house)
- Portable Laptop lab project for lower school, funded by the **HSA** (Dan Angelini / Mike Throm, / Les Mazur / Jo Williams)
- New hanging Basketball goal in gym funded by the **Booster Club** (Don Prost)

Eucharistic Ministers for School Masses

This year our school masses will begin at 10:30 on Friday mornings. If you are interested in serving as a Eucharistic minister at these masses, please contact me, Kathleen Weeks, by September 17 so that I can add your name to my list. Later in September, I will send out, via email, a preference form for masses from October through January. In order to serve at the school masses, you must be a fully initiated adult in the Catholic Church and have attended a training session for Eucharistic ministers at our parish. If you are interested in serving but have not been trained, there are training sessions at the following times: Saturday, September 22, from 9 - 10:30 a.m., Sunday, September 23, in the evening at a time to be determined, and Monday, September 24, from 5:45 - 7 p.m. Thank you for your consideration.

Kathleen Weeks, kweeks@st-thomasmore.org

The Social and Teacher Recognition Committee

The first meeting for this committee will take place Thursday, September 13th at 8:30 a.m. in the Youth House.

Any FORMER and hopefully lots of NEW members are invited to attend and discover how we will proceed this year. If you would like to be involved but cannot make this meeting, please feel free to contact me at Cari Yentsch(cyentsch@nc.rr.com)
Social Chairperson

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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Milk Cap Challenge

I wanted to remind everyone that STM is once again participating in the Harris Teeter Educational fundraising program called the Milk Challenge. The Milk Challenge Program allows STM to earn extra cash up to \$1000 a year, by collecting caps from Harris Teeter Brand and Hunter Farms half gallon or gallon containers of milk. For every milk cap that we return to Harris Teeter they donate 5 cents to STM. Last year we collected 5,600 milk caps and received \$285 from Harris Teeter. Over in the past three years that we have been participating in this program we have earned \$935 for our school, just by drinking milk. Yum Yum!

I would like to thank everyone who has sent in milk caps in the past and encourage everyone to continue sending in their milk caps. However, **please remember that we can only send in Harris Teeter and Hunter Farm milk caps**, not Food Lion, Kroger or any other caps and not apple, orange or any other juice caps. Please be sure that no matter what color your milk cap is that it has an "H" on the cap or that the cap is blank of any writing. We returned 5600 milk caps to Harris Teeter last year but we collected over 10,000 total caps. The caps have to be sorted by hand to remove all the non-Harris Teeter and Hunter Farm caps before they are sent in and that is a very time consuming process. So please help us by only sending milk caps that have an "H" on the cap or that the cap is blank.

Thanks so much for all your support. Our goal this year is to get the maximum \$1,000 from this program. That means we need to collect 20,000 Harris Teeter and Hunter Farm milk caps, so drink up!

Yvonne Lavallee

Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser

50% of every purchase goes directly to STM

Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser is a great way to support STM and to buy gifts for kids, teachers, friends and relatives. Packets for this year's products were distributed with the Open House materials. Additional packets are available in the school office. Please return all order forms to your child's homeroom by September 18. Purchases may also be made on-line at www.innisbrook.com using the STM school code 101003.

The class with the greatest number of participants will be rewarded with an Ice Cream Party!

Battle of the Books 2007-2008

Welcome Back to school!

What is Battle of the Books? It is a reading program sponsored by the North Carolina School Library Media Association for students in grades 6, 7, and 8 who attend both public and private schools across the state.

If you are interested or curious about this activity please come to our meetings which are held on Tuesdays right after school in the library until 3:30 p.m.

What does it do for you? Battle of the Books provides a fun and challenging way to motivate middle school students to read books from a wide variety of genres. Schools participate in a quiz-bowl style tournament that tests their knowledge of books selected by the NCSLMA's Battle of the Books committee

See Mrs. Williams for a listing of the 27 book titles included in this year's list.


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