

# THE KNIGHT TIMES

MARCH 18TH

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Monday March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Friday March 27 <sup>th</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science Club meets from 2:45-3:45p.m.	BOB Club and Jr. Great Books group meet after school School Board meets @ 7p.m.	Kindergarten Field Trip Report Cards go home	Cultural Enrichment presentation for PreK-4 @ 8:45a.m. 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science Club meets from 2:45-4:00p.m.	4A Mass School Play @ 7p.m. in the gym-Canterbury Tales (Also Saturday @ 7p.m. and Sunday @ 3p.m.)
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	April 1	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>
		7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders are out on overnight field trips through Friday \$1.00 Dress Down Day 1:45a.m. Dismissal	11:30a.m. Dismissal for optional conferences	9am. Tour 6A Mass and Mission Day 11:30a.m. Dismissal for optional conferences

## ➤ FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents,  
Happy St. Joseph's Day! I prayed especially for all the dad's this morning.

We practiced a fire drill today and we also practiced dismissing grades K to 5 from the front of the school. We will continue to dismiss as usual until we need to shift to the front. I already envision myself getting a lot of wear out of my Orange Cone outfit.

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (see calendar entry above) teachers will be available for parent conferences. If you would like to conference with your child's teacher please contact him/her via email or through a written note and they will get back to you to set up a time to meet.

God Bless,  
Sister Catherine

## ➤ PARISH PRIDE DAY

- ❖ We will gather on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, to spruce up the church/school grounds. Please consider giving your time that morning from 8:30-11:30a.m. Rain date is Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

➤ **STM SCHOOL PLAY**

- ❖ The St. Thomas More Players are gearing up to present their spring production, *The Canterbury Tales*. The most famous piece of Middle English literature is turned upside-down in this whacky adaptation by Burton Bumgarner. The subtitle of the play, “Geoffrey Chaucer’s Flying Circus,” lets us know that we aren’t in medieval England anymore.
- ❖ While a straightforward telling of Chaucer’s tales would likely not be appropriate or intelligible for middle-school actors, Bumgarner’s script mixes some of the best-known stories with zany comedy to make a show that’s fun for just about any age. The Players have been working on it since September and will present it on the STM stage on Friday and Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. and Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3p.m. All seats are \$5.
- ❖ The play involves over 30 students and features Elise Kimple as Harry Bailey and Caroline Gabriel as Chaucer. John Paul Middlesworth, the director, has entrusted much of the staging to his two assistant directors, Meredith Kimple and Sarah Dyer, both alumni of the drama program at St. Thomas More. “You’ll come away from the show knowing a little more about *The Canterbury Tales* in spite of all the craziness, or maybe even because of it,” says Middlesworth. A myrie adventure is in store for all—don’t miss it.

➤ **2009 - 2010 FACTS TUITION PAYMENT FORMS**

- ❖ Please remember to return the 2009-2010 FACTS tuition payment forms you received in mid February. The person listed at the top of the form must be the person who signs as the responsible party.
- ❖ Send the completed forms into the office to the attention of Jane Kyle.
- ❖ For those of you paying in one payment directly to the school, please return your signed form to the office for our records.
- ❖ Your one time payment will be due by May 5<sup>th</sup>.

➤ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- ❖ Annual Lenten Fish Fries are on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> in the school gym.
- ❖ Serving time is from 5-8p.m. Menu includes Whiting, Hush Puppies, French Fries, Coleslaw and a beverage.
- ❖ Cost is only \$8.00(Buy a Family Special and save \$1 for the second plate when your family buys two or more!) Plate servings can be split for small children.
- ❖ Take-Out Available
- ❖ Fish and Fixin’s are from Cap’t John’s Dockside Seafood Restaurant Cole Park Plaza—Chapel Hill.

➤ **NEW BUILDING PROJECT AND ONE CAMPAIGN SCHOOL UPDATE - MARCH 2009**

Thank you to all the St. Thomas More School Families who generously supported our ONE Campaign!

**DID YOU KNOW...?**

- ❖ 90% of all school families donated to the ONE Campaign in 2006
- ❖ STM school families raised over \$1M for the ONE Campaign
- ❖ 95% of our 2006 FT Faculty/Staff contributed to the ONE Campaign
- ❖ 100% of the STM School Board has pledged to the ONE Campaign
- ❖ The STM HSA has donated to the ONE Campaign
- ❖ We have over \$7.2M in pledges for the \$12M project
- ❖ We have \$5.6M in the bank toward the project
- ❖ We will break ground in April 2009
- ❖ The project will include: new gymnasium, new art & music building, new athletic field, upper school/church elevator, expanded parking and improved traffic patterns, parish center with social hall, kitchen, library, meeting rooms, nursery, administration offices, additional storage space, modifications to the existing sanctuary, and a columbarium
- ❖ Due to increased costs in site work, permit fees and added energy efficiencies, we need to raise an additional \$1M

- ❖ All new school families, faculty and staff will be given the opportunity to become part of our new campus by contributing to the ONE Campaign in March 2009
- ❖ We need 100% participation to be successful! We need your help!
- ❖ **CAN WE COUNT ON THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE YET TO PLEDGE?**

Please contact Kerry Mann ([klwmann@nc.rr.com](mailto:klwmann@nc.rr.com)) or Anne Marie Clifford ([mclifford@mindspring.com](mailto:mclifford@mindspring.com)) to pledge.

**DON'T DELAY; WE NEED YOUR PLEDGE TODAY!**

**Please scroll down to read pages 4 through 6**

## How to Address Bullying

If your child has had problems with bullying or aggressive behavior or has been the victim of a bully, the following suggestions may be helpful.

### IF YOUR CHILD HAS BULLIED OTHERS

- If you see your child bullying someone, put a stop to the behavior immediately, and have your child practice a more appropriate behavior instead. For example, if your child pushes his sister away from a toy so that he can play with it, have him practice several times asking for and receiving the toy.
- If your child has been bullying someone, and you do not find out until later, find a way that she can “make amends” (e.g., giving back something that was taken from another child with an apology).
- Try to supervise situations in which bullying may occur. If you cannot be present, try to find someone who can. If no one is available, consider not letting your child participate in that situation.
- Be aware of your own behavior, modeling for your child how you would like him to treat others.
- Avoid the use of physical punishment (e.g., spanking), which may give your child the message that physical aggression is OK. Instead, use removal of privileges, work tasks at home, or helping younger children at home or in the neighborhood as consequences for bullying behavior.
- Let your child’s school psychologist, teacher, or guidance counselor know about your concerns, and ask for their assistance in addressing the problem.
- Be sure that you are being as positive as possible with your child. Aim for 10 positive comments for every negative one that you make to your child. You may have to search very hard or be very creative in “catching your child being good.”

### IF YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF BULLYING

- Have your child practice straightforwardly and assertively telling the other child to “stop bothering me” and then moving away.
- Problem-solve with your child about what she can do to avoid situations in which she may be bullied, and what to do the next time she is bullied (e.g., walking to school with a parent, older sibling, or friend; telling a responsible adult if she is bullied).

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*How to Address Bullying (continued)*

- Try to supervise situations in which bullying may occur. If you cannot be present, try to find someone who can. If no one is available, consider not letting your child participate in that situation.
- Be aware of the toll that bullying may be taking on your child's self-esteem. Actively look for ways to boost your child's self-image (e.g., supporting him in pursuing his skills or talents).
- Let your child's school psychologist, teacher, or guidance counselor know about your concerns, and ask for their assistance in addressing the problem. Many schools have anti-bullying programs. If your school doesn't, suggest that it start one.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS A BYSTANDER**

- Teach your child how to help without getting hurt. Your child might say, "Cool it! This isn't going to solve anything."
- Tell your child not to cheer on or even quietly watch a conflict; this only encourages the bully, who is trying to be the center of attention.
- Encourage your child to tell a trusted adult about the bullying. Talking to an adult is not "tattling"; it is an act of courage and promotes safety. Suggest to your child that she take a friend with her when she tells about bullying, to make it easier.
- Help your child support children who tend to be victims. Teach your child to try to include these children in activities.



*Portions of this tool were modeled on: Slaby RG, Bernstein JY. 2000. Bullying—It's not O.K. In Sege R, ed., *Violence Prevention for Children and Youth: Parent Education Cards* (2nd ed.). Waltham, MA: Massachusetts Medical Society. Phone: (800) 322-2303. Source: Adapted, with permission, from Batsche G, Moore B. 2000. Bullying fact sheet. In *Behavioral Interventions: Creating a Safe School Environment*. Winter 2000, pp. 10–12. Bethesda, MD: National Association of School Psychologists.*

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# St. Thomas More School

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

**Friday May 1, 2009 – Save the Date!**

**Shot gun start @ 12:00 Noon**

**The Golf Club at Chapel Ridge**

**For More information & to register visit the web site at:**

**<http://www.st-thomasmoregolf.org/>**

*"The essence of our effort to see that every child has a chance must be to assure each an equal opportunity, not to become equal, but to become different—to realize whatever unique potential of body, mind and spirit he or she possesses." John Fischer*

**Support of the St. Thomas More Booster Club Facilitates:**

- Opportunity for students to participate in organized team sports
- Additional support for the physical education program
- Hundreds of students have participated over the past decade
- 8 different sports teams supported including:

Girls	Boys
Junior Varsity Basketball	Junior Varsity Basketball
Varsity Basketball	Varsity Basketball
Volleyball	Soccer
Soccer	Baseball

**In addition to playing in the tournament, please consider being a sponsor. Sponsorship opportunities include:**

**Sponsored By Description**

1 Available - \$3000	Named Event Corporate Sponsor
1 Available - \$1500	Dinner - Includes 4 golf slots and a banner prominently displayed at dinner
1 Available - \$1500	Lunch Table/Tent, Includes 4 Golf Slots, Banner
1 Available - \$1000	Putting Green/Contest, Includes 4 Golf Slots, Banner
2 Available - \$1000	Beverage Cart Sponsorship, 4 Golf Slots, Banner
1 Available - \$1000	Chipping Contest - Includes 4 Golf Slots, Banner
4 Available - \$750	Hole In One Contests, Includes 4 Golf Slots, 1 Hole Sponsorship
1 Available - \$750	Long Drive Contest - Driving Range, Includes 4 Golf Slots
1 Available - \$750	Longest Drive Hole Contest, Includes 4 Golf Slots, 1 Hole Sponsorship
13 Available - \$600	Gold Sponsorship - Includes 1 Hole Sponsorship and 4 Golf Slots
13 Available - \$300	Silver Sponsorship - Includes 1 Hole Sponsorship and 1 Golf Slot
Unlimited	Individual Sponsorship - Includes company name on brochure, recognition in parish literature.

**Please contact Don Prost for sponsorship details (919) 270-6511.**

*"I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth," (1 Cor. 3:6)*

Please consider being one of those that "waters". Thank you for supporting the youth of St. Thomas More!

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