

THE KNIGHT TIMES

MAY 6TH

2008-2009 EDITION

FIELD DAY IS THIS FRIDAY.

Monday May 11 th	Tuesday May 12 th	Wednesday May 13 th	Thursday May 14 th	Friday May 15 th
Student Council Meets @ 11:30 a.m.	HSA @ 7:00 p.m.	1:45 p.m. - Nominees for next year's Student Council give their speeches. 7:00 p.m. Kindergarten Play	2A Field Trip HSA Sponsors "Spring Fling" from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Bring your dinner/desserts provided)	3A Mass PreK Picnic
May 18 th	May 19 th	May 20 th	May 21 st	May 22 nd
Algebra EOC for 82 students		4 th Grade Field Trip 8 th Grade Exams in a.m. (These students leave @ 11:30 p.m. after their exams)	5 th Grade Field Trip 8 th Grade Exams in a.m. (These students leave @ 11:30 p.m. after their exams) Last Day for PreK	KB Mass 7 th Grade presents Asia Market in the p.m.

➤ **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy Mother's Day to all of you! May is a special month when we honor Our Blessed Mother and we ask her to ask her son, Jesus, to take special care of all Mothers.

Our school year is going very quickly and we have many activities yet to celebrate with our children. Log on to the school website for these activities and to view the 2009-2010 school calendar. Events will be added to this calendar as we schedule them.

We are going to have to change our arrival & dismissal line-up pattern for next year and I would like to practice one scenario this week to see how it goes. That being said:

TOMORROW, Thursday, May 7th, (rain or shine), ALL STUDENTS WILL REMAIN IN THEIR CLASSROOMS FOR DISMISSAL AND WE WILL CALL STUDENT NAMES OVER THE INTERCOM AS CARPOOLS ARRIVE. ALL STUDENTS WILL COME OUT THE FRONT DOOR.

Educational Outfitters, our school uniform company, will be here on Friday to measure for uniforms for next year (see notice on page 3).

God Bless,
Sister Catherine

➤ **SCIENCE NIGHT UPDATE FROM AERIN BENAVIDES**

- ❖ There was a robust turnout for Science Night displays from Pre-K to 8th grade on April 28th and fun activities for the small ones.
- ❖ Many thanks are due to the wonderful student volunteers who made this special night possible.
- ❖ A big, "Thank you!", goes to Mrs. Kingrea and Mr. Sneed for the fun activities they planned.
- ❖ Activities included sailboat races, genetic faces, hikes through the solar system and a walk through places the dinosaurs had been!
- ❖ Our fifth graders, who studied the STM ecosystem watershed this year, raised \$115.00 to donate to NC Big Sweep to help clean up NC watersheds through the sale of bumper stickers.
- ❖ You may log onto our website at www.stmscience.wordpress.com if you would like to buy a bumper sticker.
- ❖ **PLANT A TREE**
- ❖ The fifth grade chemistry STM ecosystem watershed study group, realizing the importance of planting trees to reduce CO₂ in our atmosphere, has saved saplings from our watershed to plant after construction.
- ❖ **SAVE A BEE**
- ❖ Please do not swat and kill bees as they are needed to pollinate fruits and vegetables.
- ❖ Without them these foods would become scarce and expensive!
- ❖ Many bee colonies have collapsed recently and though this is not a big problem in North Carolina, we need to protect our bees.
- ❖ Students need to turn in their bee sighting records by May 15th to be counted. Count the bees you see and give the count to me!

➤ **LAST UPPER SCHOOL DANCE**

- ❖ It's "Beach Time!"
- ❖ Friday, May 8th
- ❖ 7:00-9:30 p.m. in the Lower School Gym
- ❖ Admission is \$5.00
- ❖ DJ James Oliver with "Art of Motion"

➤ **SUMMER TUTORING**

- ❖ Joan Newcomb (M.Ed.) will be tutoring in Chapel Hill this summer. She has taught 2nd through 5th grades in both public and private schools, and is trained in both Wilson Reading and Empowering Writers. If you are interested in having Joan tutor your child, please contact her at jnewcomb@st-thomasmore.org.
- ❖ Denise Davidson-Dyer will be hosting a summer camp at her home in Cary. The dates are June 22-26th 8:30 -11:30 a.m. The theme is "American Indians." Please contact her at 460-7033 or via school e-mail ddavidson-dyer@st-thomasmore.org

The Triangle's Uniform SuperStore

ATTENTION STM FAMILIES

- We will service your school on May 8th
Order on-line too...www.EducationalOutfitters.com NC045

FIT DAY SPECIALS:

- Free Shipping to the school for all orders placed and fully paid at the FIT DAY
- 10% off all orders
- Layaway available for a small charge. Pay half at the fit day, pay rest at pick up (July 31st the latest).
- Returns are easy for one year: Full refund for all items with original tags still on.

See you at the fit day!

➤ **NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- ❖ Parish Office Building Comes Down
- ❖ First steps toward a new school gymnasium took place during Easter week. The former staff office building (and even earlier, the convent) came down on schedule. The building was leveled and the ground surrounded by orange fencing. The north entrance to the school will remain open until May 29th, the last day of school. Habitat for Humanity was given doors, windows and other materials they can use in their resale centers. The stone panel and cross to the left of the front door were kept as mementoes.
- ❖ New Location for Office
- ❖ The two trailers that now house Fr. John, Fr. Romen and most of the office staff are now very visible. Office and staff phone numbers and email addresses remain the same. Roger Petrich and Andrew Casad moved to the Upper School basement. The Youth House and the Caring and Sharing Center are not affected by the changes.
- ❖ Pre-K playground
- ❖ During the summer, the HSA's Buildings and Grounds group led by Vincent Soden will relocate the Pre-K playground.
- ❖ Groundbreaking
- ❖ Reserve Saturday, May 16, 2009. Exactly 12 years and two days after groundbreaking for the St. Thomas More Church and Upper School, we will celebrate again. After the 5:15 p.m. Mass, parishioners, staff and guests will follow an altar server carrying a cross and Fr. Durbin and Sr. Catherine out the main door and walk a short distance to the right. Here we will gather to bless, pray and break ground for new buildings and facilities: a multi-purpose building with social hall, offices and meeting rooms; art and music classrooms; a new gymnasium; athletic fields; lots more parking and improved access. Following the brief ceremony, everyone will be invited to the Narthex for a reception.

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