

THE KNIGHT TIMES

DECEMBER 5TH

2007-2008 EDITION

December 10th-21st

Monday 10th	Tuesday 11th	Wednesday 12th	Thursday 13th	Friday 14th
	Battle of the Books and Jr. Great Books groups meet after school HSA meets at 7:00 p.m. in the library		4 th and 5 th Graders meet at 7:30 a.m. for Recorder Club	2A Mass at 10:30 and Mission Day
Monday 17th	Tuesday 18th	Wednesday 19th	Thursday 20th	Friday 21st
Full Student Council Meeting @ 11:30	6 th -8 th Graders have exams in the AM Jr. Great Books and BOB groups meet after school	6 th -8 th Graders have exams in the AM Homeroom Christmas Parties in the PM	NO SCHOOL- Christmas Break	NO SCHOOL- Christmas Break through January 2, 2008

Applications for siblings are being accepted for the 2008-2009 school year. You can find the application on our website or obtain one from the lower school office.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

➤ FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

My Bucket is Full! The eighth graders filled my bucket at morning prayers with their interpretation of Monday's Gospel. They choreographed the Gospel and presented it in mime while one student read the story very slowly. You would be proud of the reverence that they displayed to the entire school and their willingness to share the Good News with their peers. We are truly blessed to be able to celebrate Advent with each other in a prayerful environment. Thank you again, eighth graders for sharing the Gospel with us.

Tell your neighbors that First Friday Tours are at 9AM. This Friday is our next tour. We have applications available for the 2008-2009 school year. I often ask individuals who tour our school, "How do you know about our school?" and the response most of the time is, "I know someone whose child comes here or I see the children in the neighborhood and I like what I see." All are welcome in our school. We have about 20% non-Catholic families who desire our, "God centered environment."

Thank you to all who responded to the "Trina" challenge last month. The winner is Mr. Jessup and he wins a \$25.00 gift certificate to Harris Teeter. You must read on further for the next clue.

Sister Catherine, Principal

➤ BLANKET THE COMMUNITY

- STM's Junior Girl Scout Troop 164 and Brownie Troop 298 would like to thank all those who donated new or gently used blankets for the *Blanket the Community* service project. The STM Girl Scouts delivered 40 blankets to the Ronald McDonald house in November. Thanks for helping to keep our community warm!

➤ PARTNERING WITH CRANBERRY TREE FARM

- It's not too early to be thinking Christmas Trees! In an exciting new partnership with Cranberry Tree Farm, St. Thomas More School will be conducting the first year of its new and improved Christmas Tree Fundraiser.
- Unlike past years where parents have sold the trees, this year, Cranberry Tree Farm will do all the selling. Cranberry Tree Farm has been selling high quality trees to the Chapel Hill community for many years. They have provided us with coupons worth \$20 toward the purchase of Christmas trees, wreaths, garlands, bows, and tree stands. The coupons are to be pre-sold. Customers then go to one of the two Cranberry Tree Farm lots and use their coupon toward their total purchase. STM will receive 20% of all coupons sold.

- Tree lots will be located at Meadowmont Village and at the corner of MLK and Weaver Dairy Roads. What could be easier? Sell the coupons to your family, to your co-workers, to your neighbors.
- If you are interested in purchasing a coupon or getting a stack of coupons to sell, please contact Joanne Vance @ 490-8493 or jwvance@nc.rr.com.

➤ CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

- Grades 5 - 8: Ragamala Music & Dance Theatre, a performance that provides a basic understanding of South Indian arts and culture. This assembly is scheduled for tomorrow @ 10AM
- Grades PreK - 4: Hobey Ford's Golden Rod Puppets, a performance exploring the wonderful world of animals through puppetry and storytelling. This assembly is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, @ 8:30 a.m.

➤ UPPER SCHOOL HOLIDAY DANCE "LET IT SNOW!"

- Mark your calendars for the STM holiday dance, themed "Let It Snow!" to be held Friday, December 14th, from 7-9:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More gym .If your Upper Schooler would like to request specific songs or music for the dance, please send his or her requests via Kid Mail to Beth Deacon, c/o Lane Deacon (8A).
- **No song requests will be accepted by the DJ the evening of the dance.** (All music will be screened for appropriate content.) Dance Admission is \$4.00 at the door. If you have read this far then you may qualify for a gift certificate to Target by responding to me in an email with the secret word, "Advent."

➤ NORTH CAROLINA BOYS CHOIR

- The North Carolina Boys Choir will be performing their Christmas Concert at Duke University Chapel on Monday, December 17th, @ 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas More has five boys singing in the choir this year. Tickets are \$12 for Adults and, \$8 for children 12 years old and younger. Tickets are available at the door one hour before the performance or ahead of time by calling Mary Jo O'Donnell @ 967-0381.

➤ FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

- Please mark your calendar for the second annual Father-Daughter Dance to be held on Friday, February 8th from 7:00-9:00 in the school gym. Fun music and dancing, delicious desserts and a memorable evening await you. Questions, please contact Chris Katz @ katznc@aol.com or Jennifer McFarland @ jennmcfarland@nc.rr.com.

➤ STM AUCTION UPDATES (Lights, Camera, Auction)!

- **Tuition Raffle:** Take advantage of this great opportunity to win **FULL TUITION at STM for 2008-2009 or \$4000 CASH. One ticket is \$25 or 5 for \$100.** Contact Chris Katz @ katzNC@aol.com for ticket information. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Auction on 3/1/08. You need not be present to win.
- **Chapel Hill Magazine:** Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your neighbor or the friend who has all? Look no more. STM School's Auction Committee and **Chapel Hill Magazine** have teamed up with a great idea! For every one-year subscription (\$24 - 6 issues), received from St. Thomas More families, Chapel Hill Magazine will donate \$5 cash back to STM School. Subscribe Today and Support the "stars" of our School! Go to www.chapelhillmagazine.com to subscribe. **Please note in the "comments" box that you are a member of St. Thomas More**

➤ RELIANCE ON SCIENCE

- Finding science to be more fun than I ever thought possible, I would like to share a wonderful website with all STM families. I strongly urge you all sign up on www.cosmeo.com. This is associated with the Discovery channel and has wonderful games and videos for the kids.
- Thank you, Parents, for so generously taking in the lab animals for nice cozy warm homes with you. Please check with me to see if the tarantula is still available, it is the only one left. It is a sweet spider; I have fallen in love with it and hope it has a good home soon.
- Are you a scientist? We are doing an in depth study of our wetland ecosystem here on campus in fifth grade and need the help and support of Botanists, Chemists, Geologists, as well as Biologists and are grateful for the help of Mr. Setzer, an environmental scientist, who enabled us to get started. Please contact me if you can help us design our study labs of our very own wetlands the fifth graders have named "Crater Pond".
- Our students will need to rely on science knowledge in the future to face the challenges of the 21st century, and you will be instrumental in that learning process. Thank you for all your help and support! Please check out that website! Aerin Benavides

➤ DREAMDINNERS

Want any easy way to make dinner? Go to dreamdinner.com and book your session today. For each 36-71 servings purchased STM school will get \$10; for each 72 servings or more STM school will get \$20. This fundraiser runs from Dec 10-Jan 19, 2008 with a new menu available in January. STM Private parties have been set up for Dec 10th at 9:30am and January 9th at 6:30pm. You can find out everything you need to know and book your session at www.dreamdinner.com. For any questions contact Chris Katz at katznc@aol.com.

To view other events taking place at STM please refer to the [school website calendar](#):