

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2022-2023 IMPACT REPORT

Do small things



with great love

Corcoran's Corner

We began this year centered in Christ, with a Eucharistic procession through the school led by Father Jim. This visible way of welcoming Christ's body into our school has truly placed Him at the center of all we do. During my time here I have learned that one of the most unique things about this community is the intentionality behind all we do.

This year's theme was "Small Things, Great Love." We are inspired by this quote from Saint Teresa of Calcutta. "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Making the sign of the cross in front of the church, sitting up in our seats and listening attentively, greeting visitors with "Welcome to Saint Thomas," making eye contact, shaking someone's hand, responding to the needs of others...these small things make Saint Thomas a place of great love.



I like to say that every day at Saint Thomas is miraculous. It is a miracle every time there is a need, someone steps up. It is a miracle every time a student encounters Christ, a faculty or staff member feels the support of a colleague, or someone knows they are part of this community.

I'm pleased to say that this year, with your help, we have made an IMPACT! Together, we provided an environment that engaged, supported and challenged the whole child. At Saint Thomas, we are built on a strong foundation, supported by six pillars that guide us -- virtuous faith, rigorous academics, servant leadership, peaceful climate, and intentional technology.

Whether you just arrived or you've been here for generations, I'm grateful for your trust in the educational journey of our children. I'm pleased to share with you this report that highlights the impact we've made in the hearts and minds of our students.



Thank you for all you do for Saint Thomas. No one of us could do this alone. May God bless each of you abundantly and please keep us in your prayers.



Ryan Corcoran, Principal



DAYS

COMMITTED TO



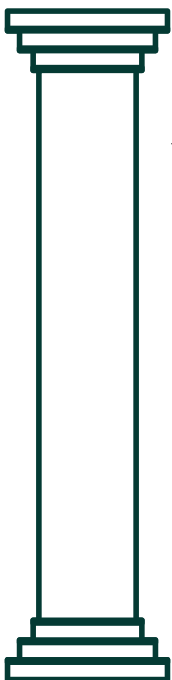
MISSION

Dynamic education
centered in Christ

VISION

A leading innovative
Catholic school that invites
students to love and serve
Christ and engage culture
with a saintly passion.

SUPPORTED BY



Virtuous Faith
Rigorous Academics
Servant Leadership
Peaceful Climate
Empowered Community
Intentional Technology



PILLARS

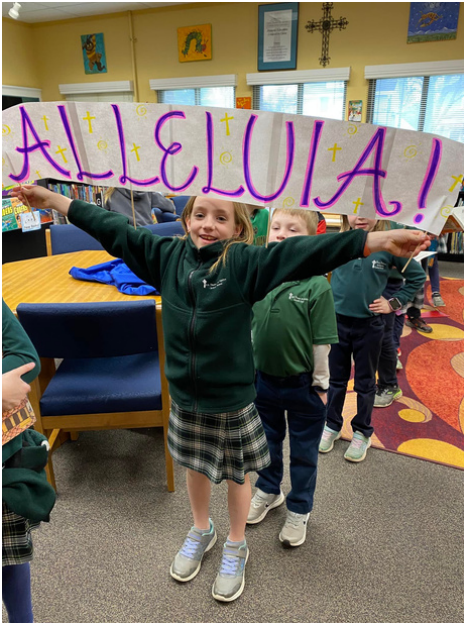


Virtuous Faith

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CHAPEL VIRTUE TALKS

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE



20 VIRTUES

- PERSEVERANCE
- Foresight*
- Fortitude
- HONESTY**
- ORDERLINESS
- Temperance
- Loyalty*
- Affability
- DOCILITY**
- Respect
- PRAYERFULNESS
- SELF-CONTROL**
- PATIENCE
- Generosity*
- Leadership
- GRATITUDE**
- HUMILITY
- Prudence*
- PATRIOTISM**
- Circumspection*

3 SACRAMENTS



75 MASSES WITH FATHER JIM



Rigorous Academics



Grade	General Science		
	School	Diocese	National
KG		n/a	n/a
1		n/a	n/a
2	n/a	n/a	177.7
3	199.5	195.2	187.8
4	205.3	202.3	194.7
5	212.7	208.7	200.2
6	213.5	211.6	203.9
7	215.0	215.5	206.6
8	222.1	219.2	209.6



Grade	Mathematics		
	School	Diocese	National
KG		148.9	139.56
1		168.0	160.1
2	179.0	181.1	175.0
3	196.3	193.0	188.5
4	206.0	204.7	199.6
5	219.6	213.5	209.1
6	218.7	218.0	214.8
7	227.1	226.8	220.2
8	237.3	233.2	224.9

Grade	Reading		
	School	Diocese	National
KG		143.2	136.65
1		163	155.9
2	180.2	179.5	172.4
3	201.7	191.7	186.6
4	204.1	203.2	196.7
5	216.4	210.3	204.5
6	215.5	215.5	210.2
7	218.4	220	214.2
8	226.9	225.4	218.0

Grade	Language Usage		
	School	Diocese	National
KG		n/a	n/a
1		n/a	n/a
2	182.0	180.8	174.0
3	199.2	193.6	187.7
4	203.4	204.5	197.3
5	214.7	210.8	204.2
6	214.5	215.1	209.4
7	220.0	219.3	212.7
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SAINT THOMAS IS PROUD TO PRODUCE MAP TEST SCORES THAT CONSISTENTLY EXCEED NATIONAL AND DIOCESAN AVERAGES EVERY YEAR!

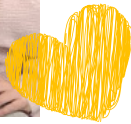
Servant leadership



A pillar of a Saint Thomas education is the investment we make in our leadership model. Our promise to parents is to develop their children into virtuous future leaders. Saint Thomas students learn to care for others, seek leadership opportunities, and provide service to others. We partner older students with younger ones in our curriculum!

LEADERSHIP + ART

8th and 3rd graders' art project for the Saint Thomas Auction to benefit the school.



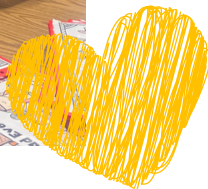
LEADERSHIP + HISTORY

8th graders present history projects to Kindergartners



LEADERSHIP + ART & READING

After listening to the book *Scribble Stones*, PreK4s and 1st/2nd graders used their leadership skills to work together.



LEADERSHIP + MATH

It's all about the numbers!
4th graders and Kindergartners work together to crack the code.

LEADERSHIP + SCIENCE

Make a boat and let it float! CC students join us for Builder's Day to construct boats and see if they hold water - or not!



LEADERSHIP + READING

7th graders and 1st graders dive into reading!

Peaceful Climate

Our ability to meaningfully provide for the students in our school who need extra support is an area of great impact at Saint Thomas. With our new ESS Director Don Dalquist, and the addition of more ESS staff members, we were able to devote the resources necessary to broadly and deeply help those students. We were grateful for the addition of a part-time school counselor, Mrs. Aftyn Johnson, whose expertise has been a refuge for our learners who need a listening ear.



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STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM OUR INCLUSION EFFORTS

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ESS STAFF MEMBERS

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ESS DIRECTOR

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SCHOOL COUNSELOR



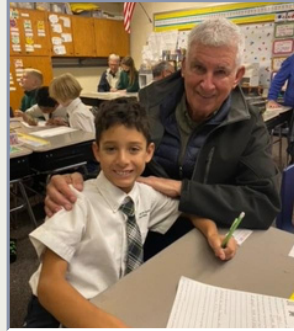
ALL IN Week is an annual tradition to celebrate our loving inclusion, diversity, and acceptance of one another, just as Christ teaches us to do. Our tagline YOU BELONG *HERE* was reimagined into *WE HEAR YOU* for this year's theme. We strive to listen and hear what others have to say whether in movement, instruments, accommodations or voices. We hear one another, listen to one another, and most importantly respect one another. During ALL IN Week morning Chapel times, students learned different ways to listen to each other and the different ways we, as individuals, can communicate and connect with or without words.

**ALL
IN
WEEK**



Emma Schmuker, a Saint Thomas kindergartner, with the help of her dad Matt, taught students about non-speaking people - those who use devices, cues, sign language and more to connect with others; Mr. Drew, a member of the Saint Thomas maintenance team, with his Music Therapist demonstrated while performing the guitar and ukulele, that without one spoken word they communicate which chords of the guitar to strum and which notes of the song to sing; Students witnessed the magic that occurs when the Catholic Central acapella choir harmonizes in song; and the highlight of the week was the day-long Drums for All workshop for each class in grades 1-8. Students united together in their drumming, realizing that the most important part of making music is to listen.

Empowered Community



We call, and you answer! Parents are the heartbeat of our school -- trusting us with the awesome responsibility of educating their children and graciously stepping up to the plate time after time to help in the classroom, plan an event or chaperone a field trip.

CREATED IN *His* IMAGE...

Genesis 1:27



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GROWING IN

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Our Preschool Program is growing with expanded class offerings - we've added more P3 and P4 class times. We love your children so much, we want to see them more often!

Our middles is growing with an added classroom and new ELA and Social Studies teachers.

The Fr. James Chelich Scholarship was awarded for the first time to two families for the fall.

We are welcoming 20 new families with 26 new students so far for this fall.

We're updating and remodeling our Sensory room and adding additional equipment thanks to the Steve and Amy Van Andel Foundation and the Mary Free Bed Fund.

We have new uniform vendor option -- Lands End is returning as a uniform supplier along with APlus uniforms!

YOU REALLY BELONG HERE

