

June 22, 2009

Dear STM Families,

I hope you are enjoying your summer vacation so far! I have attached the STM School Calendar for the coming school year of 2009-2010, as well as the Uniform Code and Additional Supplies List. Both of these contain changes from last year, so be sure to look them over.

### **SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR NEXT YEAR**

2009-2010 will be a special year as we dedicate our energies to studying the students and programs here at STM. We will **Design** a plan **For Excellence** (DFE) that will address the specific learning needs of all the students, as well as the general state of our school. In order to accomplish this task, we will modify the school hours by **beginning our day at 8:00 am** instead of 8:07 am. Students may be dropped at 7:45 am and the tardy bell will be at 8:02 am. Morning Extended Day Care will continue to be available from 7 am. Dismissal will remain at 2:55 pm with Extended Day available until 6:00 pm. There will be a regular schedule of early releases at 11:30 am (instead of 12:00 noon) next year in order for the teachers to work on the DFE. Please take note of the dates in the monthly calendars and the Wednesday STM News.

### **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

June 15 – June 30 – 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

July 1 – July 17 – Office Closed

July 20 - August 16 - Office open M-Th 9:00 – 12:00, closed Friday

August 17 – Back to regular hours – 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

**God bless you and have a great summer!**

**Eleanor McCormack**

# STM School Calendar 2009-2010

*See STMSchool.org for monthly updates.*

<b>AUGUST</b>	
Aug. 24	Teachers return
<b>Aug. 26</b>	<b>Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 – 7:00</b>
<b>Aug. 31</b>	<b>First Day of School – 11:30 Dismissal – No Extended Day or Lunch</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
<b>Sept. 2</b>	<b>First Day of Kindergarten 11:30 Dismissal</b>
<b>Sept. 4</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal – No Lunch</b>
<b>Sept. 7</b>	<b>Labor Day – No School</b>
<b>Sept. 8</b>	<b>First Day for Pre-K</b>
Sept. 10	Band Parents Night – 7:00 Returning Students, 7:30 New students
Sept. 14	Middle School Back-to-School Night – Lee Hall (PTO) - 7:00 pm Eighth Grade begins at 6:30 pm
Sept. 15	Grades K – 5 Back-to-School Night – Lee Hall (PTO) - 7:00 pm
<b>Sept. 16</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal</b>
<b>Sept. 23</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal</b>
<b>Sept. 25</b>	<b>Teacher Spirituality Day – 11:30 Dismissal</b>
Sept. 29	Interim Reports home
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
Oct. 3	Confirmation Retreat
<b>Oct. 7</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal</b>
Oct. 8	PTO General Meeting
<b>Oct. 12</b>	<b>Columbus Day – no school</b>
Oct. 13	Winter Uniforms begin School Pictures
Oct. 17	International Fest – 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
<b>Oct. 21</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal Walk for the Homeless</b>
<b>Oct. 23</b>	<b>Diocesan Institute – No School</b>
Oct. 30	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Nov. 3	Lion's Vision Screening
<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal</b> 7:30 pm – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
Nov. 6	Report Cards home
<b>Nov. 9</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences</b>
<b>Nov. 10</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences</b>
<b>Nov. 11</b>	<b>Veteran's Day – No School</b>
Nov. 17	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Investiture
<b>Nov. 18</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal</b> <i>Discover Catholic Schools</i> Open House
Nov. 23	School Makeup Pictures
<b>Nov. 25</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal – No Extended Day</b>
<b>Nov. 26-27</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday – No School</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal – Interim Reports</b>
Dec. 3	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade HSAPT
Dec. 5	Breakfast with Santa – Burke Hall – 9:00 – 12:00
Dec. 7	Teams and Clubs Pictures
Dec. 10	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade HSAPT Snow Date
Dec. 15	7:00 pm – PTO General Meeting
<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal</b>
<b>Dec. 18</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal</b>
Dec. 21 – Jan. 3	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>

<b>JANUARY</b>	
<b>Jan. 4</b>	<b>Classes resume</b>
<b>Jan. 6</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal</b>
<b>Jan. 18</b>	<b>Martin Luther King Holiday – No school</b>
<b>Jan. 20</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal</b>
Jan. 22	March for Life End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
<b>Jan. 25</b>	<b>OCS Teacher Professional Development Day – No School</b>
Jan. 28	Report Cards home
Jan. 29	Registration due for current families
Jan. 31 – Feb. 6	Catholic Schools Week
Jan. 31	STM Open House – 10:30 – 12:00 (after 9:30 Mass)
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Feb. 3	STM Open House – 9:00 – 11:00
Feb. 4	7:30 pm Winter Band Concert
Feb. 5	Deadline for 2010-2011 FACTS Aid sign up
Feb. 6	Sock Hop – 6:30 – 8:30
Feb. 10	<b>11:30 Dismissal</b>
<b>Feb. 15</b>	<b>Presidents' Day Holiday – No School</b>
Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday – 10:00 Mass
<b>Feb. 24</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal</b>
Feb. 25	Interims home
Feb. 27	First Penance – 10:00 am
<b>MARCH</b>	
<b>March 3</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal</b>
March 6	Diocesan Spelling Bee
<b>March 12</b>	<b>Teacher Professional Development Day – No School</b>
March 13	St. Patrick's Dinner Dance
March 15	Class Pictures
<b>March 17</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal</b> Race for Education
<b>March 23</b>	<b>DFE Evening Event</b>
<b>March 26</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal – DFE outbriefing</b>
March 31	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
<b>APRIL</b>	
Apr. 1 - 11	<b>Easter Break</b>
Apr. 12	Classes Resume
April 19-23	Terra Nova Testing ACRE Testing this week
Apr. 24	Diocesan Science Fair
Apr. 26-27	Terra Nova Testing makeup dates
<b>Apr. 28</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal</b>
<b>MAY</b>	
May 1	First Communion Retreat
May 3	Summer Uniforms
May 7	Interims home
May 8	First Communion – 11:00 am
<b>May 10</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal - Teacher Professional Development Meeting</b>
May 20	Band Concert – 7:30 pm
<b>May 28</b>	<b>11:30 Dismissal</b> <b>Last Day of Pre-K</b> <b>Band Trip</b>
<b>May 31</b>	<b>Memorial Day – No School</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	
<b>June 8</b>	<b>Grade 8 Graduation</b>
<b>June 9</b>	<b>Kindergarten Graduation</b>
<b>June 16</b>	<b>(Tentative) Last Day of School for Grades 1-7 – 11:30 Dismissal</b>

## ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES LIST 2009-2010

### GRADE 1

5 #2 Pencils - sharpened  
1 box of thin magic markers – primary colors  
1 box crayons (24 pack)  
Dry-erase markers – thin only, low odor  
1 roll of paper towels 2 boxes tissues  
yellow highlighter  
1 pkg. of Clorox disinfecting wipes  
1 paint shirt- long sleeve T-shirt (no button up shirts)  
1 pointed scissors  
4 large glue sticks – no liquid glue  
1 large eraser

### GRADE 4

12" ruler with metric & centimeters  
(no bending rulers)  
5 #2 pencils  
1 zippered pencil case (no boxes)  
1 box 24 crayons  
1 box colored pencils  
1 glue stick – (no liquid glue)  
1 large eraser  
2 red ballpoint pen  
1 Hi-liter  
Paint shirt  
2 large boxes of Kleenex  
1 pkg. Clorox disinfecting wipes (8x10)

### GRADE 2

12" ruler customary and metric  
12 #2 pencils  
Pencil case  
1 Pointed Scissors  
4 large glue sticks-no liquid glue  
Colored pencils/crayons-24 pack only/and 12 fine line  
markers (*all 3 are needed*)  
2 regular boxes of tissues  
1 roll of paper towels  
1 pkg. Clorox disinfecting wipes  
1 paint shirt  
1 covered pencil sharpener  
4 dry erase markers-black, low odor  
1 eraser

### GRADE 5

5 #2 pencils – no mechanical pencils  
2 red ballpoint pens and 5 blue pens  
1 box of 24 crayons  
Set of 8 or 12 thin markers  
2 glue sticks  
12" ruler with inches & centimeter markings  
2 Hi-liters  
1 box of tissues  
Loose-leaf paper (8"x10½" wide rule)  
3-ring zipper binder  
9 2-pocket folders: **green, purple, white, orange, red, blue, yellow, black**; 9<sup>th</sup> folder—your choice, horizontal pockets  
1 pencil case (zipper pouch)-no boxes  
Binder divider tabs  
1 pkg. disinfecting wipes, bleach-free (7"x 8")  
1 long sleeve paint shirt  
Package of 3x5 index cards  
1 package reinforcements  
3x3 post-it notes  
Webster's Dictionary-New Edition  
Package post-it page makers

### GRADE 3

12" ruler (customary & metric-no bending rulers)  
12 #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)  
4 white glue sticks  
1 set thin markers  
1 Hi-liter  
4 dry-erase markers  
2 red pens  
Small pointed scissors  
Box of 24 crayons (no larger)  
1 box 12 colored pencils (no larger)  
Zippered pencil case (no pencil boxes)  
Small hand pencil sharpener (simple style)  
1 large eraser  
Regular size boxes of tissues  
2 pkgs Clorox disinfecting wipes (no baby wipes)  
1 roll paper towels  
1 large long-sleeve paint shirt  
1 small liquid glue

### GRADE 6-7-8

3-ring binder (at least 2-inch rings)  
3-ring binder (2 in.) for Soc.Studies (not zippered)  
Notebook dividers (at least 20)  
Loose-leaf paper and Graph paper  
Colored pencils  
#2 pencils or mechanical pencils  
Black ballpoint pens  
Red ballpoint pens  
12" ruler (metric & standard measurements)  
2 boxes of tissues (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grades)  
1 roll paper towels (8<sup>th</sup> Grade only)  
1 box Clorox disinfectant wipes (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades)  
Spanish/English dictionary  
Hi-liters  
3 x 5 (plain) index cards—at least 100  
Black and blue ultra-thin pens (for maps)  
Plain 2-pocket folder (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade math)  
Pocket folder for Science Fair (8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Protractor  
Glue sticks  
Simple calculator  
1 paint shirt for Art – (6<sup>th</sup> grade required,  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades optional)  
Scissors

## ST. THOMAS MORE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL – STUDENT UNIFORM CODE 2009-2010

Students in Grades 1-8 are to wear the approved school uniform purchased from Flynn and O’Hara ([www.flynnohara.com](http://www.flynnohara.com)). All uniforms should be clean, neatly pressed, and marked with the student’s name. Students are expected to present a neat appearance with shirts tucked in and belts at the waist.

### GIRLS – Grades 1-5

- Blue Plaid Jumper
- Optional—navy blue slacks (only from Flynn & O’Hara) worn with a belt
- White or light blue blouse with Peter Pan collar (long or short sleeve)
- Plain white or navy blue knee or crew socks, or navy tights
- Sweatpants may be worn under uniform in cold weather. (They must be removed by 8:15 a.m.)
- Sweater: Solid navy blue cardigan with STM logo
- Shoes: Dress shoes in black, brown or navy. Dockside, loafer, oxford style or saddle shoes or similar rubber sole shoes are acceptable. Athletic shoes are not appropriate. For safety reasons heels must not exceed 1 inch and toes and heels must be covered.

### GIRLS – Grades 6-8

- Blue plaid skirt
- Optional – navy blue slacks (only from Flynn & O’Hara) worn with a belt.
- White or light blue oxford cloth blouse (long or short-sleeve)
- Navy tights
- Sweatpants may be worn under uniform in cold weather (must be removed by 8:15 a.m.)
- Sweater: navy cardigan, v-neck pullover or sweater vest with STM logo. (Note: middle school students are expected to wear the STM sweater everyday from October to May.)
- Shoes: Dress shoes in black, brown, navy. Dockside, loafer, oxford style or saddle shoes or similar rubber sole shoes are acceptable. Athletic shoes are not appropriate. For safety reasons heels must not exceed 1 inch and toes and heels must be covered.

### KINDERGARTEN

#### Boys and Girls

- Red polo shirt and blue shorts (available from Flynn and O’Hara)
- Girls have the option of wearing navy blue skirts (available from Flynn and O’Hara)
- Sneakers and socks

### BOYS – Grades 1-8

- Navy slacks (only from Flynn & O’Hara) worn with a belt
- White or light blue oxford shirt (long or short sleeve)
- Navy blue tie; 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys can wear conservative ties of their choice
- Sweater: navy blue cardigan, V-neck pullover or sweater vest with STM logo (Note: middle school students are expected to wear the STM sweater everyday from November to May)
- Shoes: Black or brown dockside, loafer, oxford or other sturdy rubber sole shoe. No athletic shoes, boots, or sandals.

SUMMER UNIFORM – During early fall and late spring, an optional summer uniform may be worn. The option to wear this uniform may be denied if the uniform is not worn properly.

### BOYS AND GIRLS Grades 1 – 8

- Navy blue dress shorts (Flynn & O’Hara) worn with a belt
- Light blue knit shirt with school logo
- Plain white or navy crew Socks
- Dark dress shoes (rubber soles)

P.E. UNIFORM – A P.E. uniform is required and must be purchased online from Tanzman’s ([www.tanzmanssports.com](http://www.tanzmanssports.com)) or from Flynn and O’Hara. Gym shorts, shirt, sweatshirt, and sweatpants all display the school logo. Only the uniform clothing will be permitted for participation in P.E. Athletic style shoes are required as part of the P.E. uniform. Shorts must fit properly and be modest in length.

SPECIAL DRESS DOWN DAYS - On special occasions when out-of-uniform days are announced, students are to comply with dress code guidelines provided for the day. Parents will be contacted in order to provide school uniform or proper attire if clothing worn for a dress down is unacceptable.