

January 6, 2010

Dear STM Families,

I thought the following information was worth sharing today as we celebrate the twelfth day of Christmas. It is from the Catholic News Agency: *The Epiphany of Our Lord –is the Christian feast observed on January 6th. The word “epiphany” is from the Greek epiphainen, a verb that means “to shine upon,” “to manifest,” or “to make known.” Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11). The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and Christ's baptism is celebrated the first Sunday that follows.*

The manifestation of a new year - 2010 - is here and many people make New Year's resolutions to make this year even better than the last year. How many new resolutions did you make? How many have already gone by the wayside? Let me encourage you to resolve to open the website for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. (www.usccb.org) This website has some videos to view if you have a few moments to reflect on the theme of the day. It has readings of the day and might help focus your daily thoughts. The Reading today on the website shares the following: *Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us and His love is brought to perfection in us.* [1 Jn 4:11-18](#)

As we begin our New Year of 2010 let us make a simple resolution to be that person who reflects the love of God in all we do and in all we say. Let us truly love one another and share the love of Christ daily. Of all the New Year's resolutions we may make, this may truly be the hardest but I believe it is among the most worthwhile!

Have a great week and God bless,

Eleanor McCormack

DID YOU KNOW??

...that the 8th Graders experienced the trials and tribulations of immigrants entering the United States through Ellis Island?

...that our college-aged alumni help Mrs. Wilson with Ellis Island?

...that the homeroom teachers have permission forms for the annual Student Talent Show?

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

In the event of inclement weather, St. Thomas More School abides by the School Closing/Late Opening announcements for the Arlington County Public Schools. If there is a weather event, watch or listen

to the morning news to see if Arlington County is listed. If Arlington calls for the closure of schools, we will be closed. If Arlington calls for a 2-hour delay, we will begin school at 10:00 am. Extended Day will open at 9:00 am. If a weather event happens after the school day has started, we will also abide by Arlington County Schools. Generally, Arlington makes its closure decisions by 11:30 am if they are going to close the schools midday. We will also use the Schoolmessenger notification system (telephone and email) to alert you to an early dismissal.

The telephone number for the Arlington County Schools Snow hotline is 1-866-322-4277.

TUITION ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

Information regarding tuition assistance along with an application for assistance for the 2010-2011 school year will be sent home with your child tomorrow. If you will be requesting tuition assistance, you must complete the application forms or visit the online application site at www.factstuitionaid.com. The tuition assistance process is open to all families and funds will be awarded based on need. Families applying for tuition assistance for high school students as well as elementary school students will need to complete their applications by the high school deadline of January 25, 2010. All other families will need to complete their application by February 5, 2010. Please feel free to contact the office if you have any questions.

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PROSPECTIVE CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

If you or anyone you know is interested in teaching in a Catholic School, please take a look at the attached information notice. One of the Open Houses will be held here at STM on February 2 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Representatives from the Office of Catholic Schools will be here to answer your questions.

DON'T FORGET!!

All accounts must be reconciled as soon as possible. Report cards will be withheld for students whose accounts are in arrears. These include tuition, extended day, etc. Thank you so much for your attention to this!

HOT LUNCH ORDER FORMS

Hot lunch order forms will be coming home with your child on Thursday January 7th.

A NOTE FROM OUR NURSE

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a happy and healthy Christmas break. Please read all information regarding H1N1 vaccine, hearing and vision screening and Wellness information including upcoming National Dental Month!

On Tuesday 1/5/10, I sent home a letter to students who received the first H1N1 vaccine here at school. It explains the procedure for the second vaccination for H1N1 for students under 10. Please notify the health department (below) and also myself by January 7th if you do not want your child to receive the second vaccine.

From Arlington Public Schools:

VACCINATION #2 SCHEDULE

Good news! This week ACPHD will return to elementary schools to begin giving second doses of H1N1 vaccine to students under 10 years of age for whom we have appropriate consent forms. If your child has celebrated a birthday and turned 10 since vaccine #1, s/he should still receive a second dose. Each school community will be notified via APS School Talk 24-48 hours before a session has been scheduled at their child's school.

VACCINE CONSENT FORMS

If you have sent in an H1N1 consent form but your child has received or will receive the H1N1 vaccine #2 at another location, please let us know by one of the following ways so that Public Health staff can update your child's forms:

- 1.) Use the online form at www.apsva.us/h1n1 to update your child's immunization information.
- 2.) Call Public Health at 703-228-2FLU (2358) as soon as possible and leave a message with the following information: your child's name, school, and grade level, and the date your child received the vaccine and type - "shot" vs. nasal spray.

Hearing and Vision Screen for Kindergarten and re-screening of older children will be January 27th 8-12 due to the health department re-vaccinating students earlier in the month. **Volunteers needed to make this a successful screening, please call clinic if you can help.**

February is National Dental Month! We are looking for a parent volunteer(s) to present information to the children on dental health. This will be arranged around your schedule. Please call clinic if you can help.

Wellness Corner

There are many resources out there to teach our children wellness. But the best teaching device is always our good example. Make time to exercise daily no matter how busy we are or what the weather. Choose good healthy foods to stock our pantries and refrigerators and don't do battle over individual meals. Modeling wellness is always noticed by our kids!

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WELCOME TO GLOBAL ARTS!

Come travel the world with Left Noodle-Right Noodle! REGISTER NOW for an ALL NEW Global Arts ADVENTURE for K-3rd graders! We'll explore art, music, dancing, folktales, creative writing, drama, games, language, ethnic snacks and more!

- . Embark upon a wild safari in South Africa
- . Hang out with Shakespeare in England
- . Pack a pocketful of "gadgets" in Switzerland
- . Get your groove on in Jamaica, the birth place of Reggae
- . Crown yourself like royalty in Korea
- . Design your own "scarpa" (shoes) in Italy
- . Produce your own Cirque du Soleil in Canada
- . "Tattoo" your friends with henna in Morocco

Class meets for 8 Fridays at 3:00-4:00 beginning on Friday, January 22nd.
Class dates include 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/19 NO CLASS
3/12

Class will be taught by Shannon Feary and is limited to the first 18 students that register.

To register, please visit our website: www.noodleclass.com Click on the day camps and classes registration tab.

Questions? Please email Moley Evans: moleyeans@yahoo.com

GLOBAL ARTS SPRING VACATION CAMP - Spring Break 2010: The Best of the West

Hop onto Left Noodle-Right Noodle's covered wagon as we head west for our spring break adventure! We'll visit National and State Parks, encounter interesting wild life, interact with colorful entertainers and so much more! Our week-long adventure is not to be missed!

Camp will be held at Saint Thomas More Cathedral School from Monday, April 5th-Friday April 9th Camp is for PK-6th graders. Seventh and eighth graders are invited to apply to be CIT's.

Core hours are from 9 am -3 pm. Early care is available from 8am-9am and extended care is available from 3pm-6pm.

Registration will begin in early February. We will offer an early bird discount to families who register between February 1st and February 15th.

Saint Thomas More students will be able to register earlier than other schools.

Fees:

Core Hours: \$300.00 (early bird discount is \$275.00)

Early Care: \$50.00

Extended Care: \$100.00

We hope you'll join us! Please check out our website www.noodleclass.com for more information.
Questions? moleyeans@yahoo.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

- January 18 – Martin Luther King Holiday – No School
- January 20 – 11:30 Dismissal
- January 21 – Talent Show try-outs
- January 25 – Diocesan Inservice Day for teachers – No School
- January 28 – Report Cards
- **January 28 – Band Concert – Date Change**
- January 31 – Opening Mass for Catholic Schools' Week
- January 31 – Book Fair begins
- January 31 – February 6 – Catholic Schools' Week

ATTACHMENTS

- January Calendar
- 2010-2011 Re-registration Form
- Prospective Catholic Schools Teacher Information Open House Flyer

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL
2010-2011 Re-registration Form

Parents' Name: (please print) _____

Best Contact Number: _____

Full Name of Child(ren)

***Current Grade
Includes PreK-7***

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Pre Kindergarten or Kindergarten students ***NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED*** whom you wish to enroll at STM for the 2010-2011 school year should be registered below. You must also fill out the Diocesan Application found on our website.

Full Name of child

Pre K or Kinder

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

If you already know that your child or children will NOT be attending STM for the 2010-2011 school year, please let us know by completing the information below. This will allow us to release the space for new students.

Name of Student(s): _____ Current Grade: _____

Reason student will not be returning: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

December 2009

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February 2010

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28						

January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Christmas Holiday NO SCHOOL	2 Holiday Weekend
3 Holiday Weekend	4 Classes Resume	5	6 11:30 Dismissal	7	8 Kindergarten Pizza Lunch Mass 10:00 - 7th Grade	9
10	11	12	13 6th Grade field trip to National Geographic 9:30 - 2	14	15 Mass 10:00 - 6-8	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Day NO SCHOOL	19	20 11:30 Dismissal	21 Talent Show Try Outs	22 March for Life Applications to HS Pre K Pizza Lunch Mass 10:00 - 6-5 End of 2nd Qtr	23
24	25 Teacher Development NO SCHOOL	26	27	28 Report Cards Home With Students Band Concert - 7:30pm	29 Mass 10:00 - 5th Grade	30
31 Bishop Mass 9:30 CSW Open House 11-1pm Book Fair Begins	Students...If you wear your uniform to 9:30 Mass on Dec. 31st you get a free dress down day	Talent Show Feb 2 Lee Hall 1:30		Note: Arlington County Public Schools Snow Hotline 1-866-322-4277	Note: Arlington County Public Schools Snow www.arlington.k12.va.us	12/03/09

Bulletin Announcement!

COME JOIN US!

Are you interested in teaching for the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Arlington? There are 43 schools within the Diocese offering instructional programs for all ages from pre-school through high school. Perhaps your certification has expired, or perhaps you are thinking of changing careers or returning to teaching after a period of absence. Do you have questions about qualifications to teach? Would you like to learn more about the mission of teaching in a Catholic School in a nurturing and caring, Christ-centered environment? Please come to one of the following Open Houses for Prospective Teachers scheduled throughout the Diocese and meet with Sister Patricia Helene, IHM, former Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese and current head of the Marymount University Catholic School Leadership Program, and Elizabeth A. Roach, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Personnel from the Diocesan Office of Catholic Schools, to learn more about the opportunities and advantages of teaching in our Catholic Schools. No registration is required.

St. Thomas More Cathedral School

105 North Thomas Street
Arlington, VA 22203
703-528-1547

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi School

18825 Fuller Heights Road
Triangle, VA 22172
703-221-3868

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

All Saints School

9294 Stonewall Road
Manassas, VA 20110
703-368-4400

Thursday, February 4, 2010

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.