

St. Thomas Aquinas Early Childhood Center News

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Upcoming Events

November 14 & 15
Santa pictures

November 14
EAT at Cold Stone 3-9pm

November 16
Thanksgiving Prayer Service
10am in the Parish Hall

November 19 - 23
Thanksgiving Break

Dear Families and Friends,

October has come and gone, and we have been so busy. Our classrooms were filled with pumpkins, leaves and spiders, too! The children loved the Movie Night, Timeless Tales and our Halloween activities! Thanks to all our Homeroom moms for helping make these events so successful! Our Homeroom Moms are so busy behind the scenes organizing and planning for upcoming events! They certainly can use your help at any time!

I hope you found our phone conferences helpful. The teachers have already seen such growth in just two months. Please continue to reinforce your child's skills at home, playing games and encouraging their drawing and scissor skills. Remember many skills can be reinforced while you are driving home.

During the Thanksgiving season, we take time to reflect on all the special people in our lives for which we are thankful. I feel truly blessed to have such wonderful families, children and staff! You all make St. Thomas Aquinas ECC such a wonderful school. Also, we talk about the importance of helping those in need. There are many needy families in our community and we are collecting food items to help provide a Thanksgiving meal for them. Baskets are outside each classroom. Please help us fill these baskets! The children will take them to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry each week.

Please join us for our 31st Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Friday, November 16th, 2018 at 10 am. This is a time to thank God for our many blessings. I would like to share some ways we can promote the spirit of thankfulness in our young children. First and foremost, we can model thankfulness. We can provide opportunities to give thanks by praying before meals and saying nightly prayers. Ask your child to share their special prayers that they learn at school.

Blessings,
Miss Alicia

Reminders:

- Please remember to keep an extra set of clothes in your child's backpack. If you are getting rid of old clothes, we could use donations of boys' and girls' size 3, 4 and 5 shorts/pants in the office. Thank you!
- Box Tops Update: Congratulations to Miss Janine, Annette & Liz's class for collecting the most Box Tops - they win an ice cream party! The totals for the classes were:

Miss Lauren/Kim - 277, Miss Pam/Adrienne - 660, Miss Kelly/Kristin - 215, Miss Holly/Katie - 352, Miss Dyan/Rene - 221, Miss Janine/Annette - 778

Meet Our Staff

EC4

Miss Lauren & Miss Kim - Room 5&6

Miss Adrienne & Miss Pam - Room 7

Miss Kelly & Miss Kristin - Room 11&12

EC3

Miss Holly & Miss Katie - Room 9

Miss Dyan & Miss Rene - Room 8

EC2

Miss Janine, Miss Annette & Miss Liz - Room 8

Alicia Mumma, Director

Kari Glenny, Admin. Assistant

Father Eric, Pastor

Father George, Asst. Pastor

- Every year, STAECC puts up a Giving Tree in the courtyard with gift tags for families in need. If you or a family you know needs help this Christmas, please let us know. If you are interested in helping with our Giving Tree, please see Kari in the ECC office.

Thanksgiving Prayer Service

We are so excited about our Thanksgiving Prayer Service on November 16 at 10am! Your child may dress up as a pilgrim or a Native American (their choice). Please let us know if you are unable to get a costume, as we have a few available to borrow.

Please drop your child, in costume, to their classroom by 9am. You can then head over to the church to get a spot for the show. We will be auctioning off the front two pews. Look for the silent auction sheets to go up in the courtyard on Monday! The children can be picked up in their classroom after the performance. Don't forget your camera!



Fun at the Halloween Parade!

Yankee Candle Fundraiser

Thank you for helping us to have a hugely successful fall fundraiser!

We raised over \$2000 for our school!! The online portion of the fundraiser is still available until January, so keep it in mind when doing your holiday shopping. Thank you for supporting our school!



Parent Group Update

Dear Parents and Families,

October has flown by! Thank you to all the parents who helped decorate the courtyard and transform it into Fall. It was so nice to see so many families at the Fall Festival and movie night. Thank you for attending and all the great volunteers who made it possible. If you're interested in becoming more involved, please see Kari in the front office or join our FB page STAECC Parent Group. November is another busy month for the parent group. Please see the calendar for all the events. Have a great Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Krystine, Kortnee and Kasie



This is a great article about Halloween candy, that was recommended by one of our parents that is a pediatric dietitian:

Teach children to be relaxed and matter-of-fact about sweets:

<https://www.elynsatterinstitute.org/family-meals-focus/30-halloween-candy/>

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Miss Adrienne & Miss Pam~
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Miss Kelly & Miss Kristin~
Jessica Burrows & Dana McDevitt

Miss Holly & Miss Katie~
Krystina Colyer & Heather Evenson (MWF) / Kristin Cox & Sarah Bailey (T/Th)

Miss Dyan & Miss Rene~
Jenifer Clair & Marie Ibrahim

Miss Janine & Miss Annette~
Jillian Kaduk, Johanna Gaydos & Krystine Hoolihan

