

Greetings St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

The virtue for the month of February is Wisdom. The focus for this virtue is:

- I will use this gift of the Holy Spirit to help me make good choices.
- I will use my knowledge and skills in a way that uplifts others.
- I will act after listening to my heart.

This week marks the beginning of Lent in the liturgical calendar. It is a time of preparing for Easter through prayer and reaching out to others and reflecting on what is truly important in our lives. We welcome Father Dunston on *Wednesday February 18* as we come together for an Ash Wednesday liturgy to mark the beginning of this important time and begin our journey to Easter.

Valentine Dance-a-thon Fundraiser Update: We are pleased to announce that as a school we have raised just over \$4500. These funds will be used to support various initiatives and resources for our school and students. *Way to go, STA!* Winners of the top fundraising prizes, class pizza lunch winners and Principal for the Day will be announced during the week of February 23rd. There is still time to bring in pledge forms as we are still accepting donations until the end of this week. Thank you for your continued support.

Spring & Sibling Photo Day: Spring & Sibling Photos will take place on *Thursday February 26*. All students will have a Spring Photo taken as well as a Sibling Photo. All orders for photos will arrive in time for Easter making it a great time to share photos with family and loved ones. If you wish to have a sibling photo taken, please fill in the sibling information below and return it to the school with the eldest child in the family. **Only one copy per family is needed.** After photo day you will receive proofs containing all the information you'll need to view and order your photos online. **Forms are due in the office by Tuesday February 24, 2026.** [Spring Sibling Photo Form](#)

Grade 6 Composite Photo: On Wednesday March 4 the grade 6 students will be taking their composite photo. Girls are encouraged to wear a white collared shirt and boys are encouraged to wear a tie.

Parish News: For parish news/updates please see the bulletin attached. [Feb 15 Bulletin](#)

Upcoming Dates:

- February 16: Family Day (no school)
- February 17: Shrove Tuesday hosted by CSC
- February 17: Lunar New Year
- February 18: Ash Wednesday
- February 19: Dr. Accordion Presentation
- February 25: Pink Shirt Day
- February 25: CSC Meeting (virtual)
- February 26: Spring/Sibling Photo Day
- February 27: Chess Tournament at the Optimist Club

Have a great week,

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Principal