

Welcome Back from the Board!

We are looking forward to welcoming you back for the 24-25 School Year and pleased that we have our new Board in place. The Board has been busy this Summer and we are already seeing the benefits of our new governance structure. The Board is energized and eagerly volunteering their expertise and experience to impact the strategic needs of the School and collectively uniting behind the values that make St. Thomas special. We are committed to the very bright future ahead for St. Thomas.

So you can get to know the Board better, we will be introducing members through our new "Spotlight" interview series as well as providing seasonal updates on Board initiatives and conversations underway. More to come and of course reach out to us anytime at board@stasonline.net.

In terms of updates, the administration and the Board together tackled quite a few Summer projects with a few listed below. One area that we are proud of is the work undertaken to fulfill our 2022 Strategic Plan goal to improve the financial offering to our amazing faculty and staff. We set out in the 2022-23 school year to close the salary gap for our teachers against our local peers, and we are very proud of the material progress we have achieved over the past three years with your support! We are very excited to be fully staffed with exceptional talent as we start off the 24-25 school year and can't wait for you to meet the St. Thomas family of teachers.

Now onto some Summer highlights:

- Fresh coats of paint in numerous classrooms, the entrance hallway and stairwells (check out the new navy blue!)
- New flooring in the middle school and music classrooms
- Fulfillment of the 2023 Spring to Auction Targeted Paddle Raise with a "glow-up" of our student bathrooms and a full renovation of one of our faculty bathrooms
- Installation of a new key FOB system for all entrance doors with ballistic glass now in all four key entry points and both PreK entry doors
- New top of the line security camera system with more interior and exterior cameras with full remote monitoring
- Execution of investment planning for cash on balance sheet
- Completion of critical governance and leasehold documentation
- Fun wildcat additions include lettering in the Café, office and on the outdoor basketball courts
- Installation of four interactive display boards in our 3rd and 4th grade classrooms
- Thanks to RD Scinto, continued clean-out of the School

- Adoption of Ruane Street (more to come on this initiative!)

St. Thomas is in an incredibly strong position, and we are committed to working with our fantastic administration and you to make our school great for generations to come.

Enjoy these last few days of Summer – we will see you soon!

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Board