

High Notes

Newsletter from the Choral Department at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School, vol. 29
Wednesday November 5, 2025

Upcoming Events

Saturday Nov. 8 -	BOTH show choirs perform at Open House 8:30-11:30
Saturday Nov. 8 -	KMEA Honor Choir Auditions 1:00-3:00 PM
Tuesday Nov. 11 -	Swingin' Saints Dance Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Wednesday Nov. 12 -	Chamber Choir sings at Holy Spirit All School Mass 7:40 AM
Friday Nov. 14 -	BOTH show choirs perform "On Tour" (times below)
Saturday Nov. 15 -	Extravaganza Mass (students sign up & get service hours)
Saturday Nov. 15 -	Swingin' Saints perform at Extravaganza
Tuesday Nov 18 -	Saintsations Dance Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 PM
Wednesday Nov. 19 -	STA All-School Thanksgiving Mass 10:00AM
Wednesday Dec. 3 -	Christmas Concert 6pm arrival, concert at 7PM - All choirs!
Monday Dec. 8 -	STA All-School Mass of the Immaculate Conception
Monday Dec. 8 -	Christmas Coffeehouse 6:00-8:00 PM
Saturday Dec. 13 -	BOTH show choirs 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Dance/Music
Saturday Dec. 13 -	Chamber Choir - Luminary Walk @OP Arboretum 6:00 PM

STA OPEN HOUSE!

All show choir students should arrive no later than 8:45 AM. Please wear your STA uniform bottoms and either uniform shirt or Show Choir t-shirt with your Show Choir Jackets. We will sing at 9:40AM and 10:40AM in the theater, and we will be practicing in the choir room while tours are going on. We will be done by noon. You will earn 4 service hours for your participation in Open House with Choir!

Chamber Choir Corner:

- Chamber Choir will sing at Holy Spirit Catholic School on Wednesday November 12. Please arrive warmed up and ready to sing by 7:40AM and wear your school uniform.
- Chamber Choir will also sing for the OP Arboretum's Luminary Walk in the Big Tent from 6:00-7:00PM. Parents and friends will need to purchase a ticket if they wish to see your performance. Tickets can be purchased at: <https://artsandrec-op.org/arboretum/luminary-walk/>

Show Choirs on Tour Friday November 14th

Both show choirs will go "On Tour" Friday November 14th.

They will be singing for 4 parochial schools as follows:

8:00 - Ascension

9:00 - St. Joe

10:00 - Prince of Peace

12:30 - St. Michael the Archangel

Students will be driving themselves. If your child does not yet drive, let Mrs. Boone know if they are allowed to ride with other students, or if they need school transportation with Mrs. Boone or Mr. Lucas. Students will need to bring money for a fast food lunch. More details to follow on the GroupMe.

Extravaganza Mass- first 15 students to sign up!

Saturday November 15th, fifteen students will have the opportunity to sing at the 4PM Mass for Extravaganza Volunteers. They must sign up in the choir room. Practice will be 3:00-3:45, and Mass will be 4:00-4:45PM. They will earn 2 service hours.

Extravaganza - Swingin' Saints

Saturday November 15th, the Swingin' Saints will perform at Extravaganza. Boys will wear their tuxedo shirts, pants, and jackets (with black socks and black dress shoes). Girls will wear their flame dresses and pedini dance shoes. **You need to arrive by 2:45PM for our sound check. Dinner will be served at 4:45PM, and we perform at Extravaganza at 7:10PM. You should be done no later than 7:45PM.

STA All-School Mass

STA Thanksgiving Mass - Wednesday November 19th at 10:00 AM.

Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, and Swingin' Saints will sing. All are welcome!

STA Mass of the Immaculate Conception - Monday December 8th at 10:00 AM.

All women from all choirs at STA will lead music for this Mass. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Christmas Concert will be Wednesday December 3rd. Students will need to arrive dressed in their concert attire (tuxedos and blue gowns) no later 6:00PM. We will practice all the big group songs together from 6:00-6:45PM. Doors will open to the theater at 6:45PM, and the concert will run 7:00-8:00 PM. More details to follow as the date approaches!

CHRISTMAS COFFEEHOUSE

Our Christmas Coffeehouse will be Monday December 8th from 6:00-8:00PM in the STA Commons. Students and families come together to eat sweets and treats, and drink Hot Cocoa while we listen to our choir students sing songs of the Christmas Season! We will have crayons and markers out on each table so everyone can doodle or make great works of art during the musical entertainment. Friends and family welcome! Mrs. Boone will send out a Sign-Up Genius to all parents so you can sign up to bring your goodies to share!