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As we come to the close of another remarkable year at St. Thomas, we pause with deep gratitude for all we have accomplished together as a community. This year has been one of tremendous progress, thoughtful reflection, and meaningful growth all grounded in our shared commitment to faith, kindness, academic excellence, and the well-being of every child entrusted to our care.

Strategic Planning, Faith Through Action, and Growing Enrollment

This year provided invaluable opportunities to listen and learn from our community. Through strategic planning focus groups, parent and stakeholder surveys, security discussions, and a comprehensive student life survey, we gained meaningful insights that will help guide the future direction of St. Thomas. We are deeply grateful to all who participated so thoughtfully and honestly in this important work, and we look forward to sharing updates on future initiatives. We are most proud of the continued efforts to live our faith through action. What began as the Pantry Project in January 2025 has flourished into active service initiatives by grade, the return of our Blessing Box ministry, and school-wide efforts centered around kindness and service. These experiences continue to shape not only strong students, but strong people. We remain committed to creating these opportunities for our students.

One of the most exciting areas of progress this year is enrollment. Through the increased professionalization of our enrollment efforts including improved outreach, a redesigned website with enhanced tracking capabilities, and better measurement of effectiveness, we are seeing some of the strongest enrollment results in many years. We are thrilled to share that our Kindergarten class is nearly sold-out and all three Pre-K classes are fully enrolled. This momentum speaks not only to the strength of our programs, but to the incredible reputation and spirit of the St. Thomas community.

Appreciations

As with every school year, this season also brings moments of heartfelt transition. This year, we say goodbye to two extraordinary members of the St. Thomas family whose impact will be felt for many years to come.

For more than twenty years, Ms. Turner has walked alongside so many families throughout their journey at St. Thomas and has long been the steady, trusted presence so many turned



to for guidance, support and care. She has truly been the jack-of-all-trades at St. Thomas, with a dedication and work ethic that are unmatched and not easily replaced. We are profoundly grateful for all she has given to this community.

We also recognize the retirement of our spirited and extraordinary fifth grade teacher, Mr. Piorek. For nine unforgettable years, he has blown up volcanoes, treated Coca-Cola as field fertilizer, shared the weather with enthusiasm and greeted students and families alike with his signature reminder: “You are amazing.” After spending time with Mr. Piorek, we all believe it. His joy, energy and love for teaching have left an indelible mark on St. Thomas, and we wish him every happiness in this next chapter.

We would also like to celebrate several joyful milestones within our faculty community. Congratulations to Ms. Groenstein on her wedding, and God bless Mrs. Tomaselli and Mrs. Spearing on the near-term arrival of two future Wildcats!

Finally, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Fred Paulmann and Jenn Anderson, who will be concluding their service on the Board this summer. Their leadership, insight and dedication over the past three and two years, respectively, have been invaluable, and we thank them for their commitment to the mission and future of St. Thomas.

Investing in Our Future

Looking ahead to this summer and beyond, we are excited about several important initiatives already underway. Through careful stewardship and thoughtful planning, we have maintained an exceptionally strong financial position that allows us to invest confidently in the future of our school and mission.

This year marks another step forward in our five-year improvement plan for the 1921 Building. Over the summer, four classrooms and three offices will receive new flooring as we continue the restoration and enhancement of these important learning spaces.

Families will also return in the fall to an entirely redesigned entrance and front office experience, including a new vestibule and improved access points for reception and admissions. These enhancements are possible because of the incredible generosity and support of our community, including the success of this year’s auction led by Kelly Scinto and Kat Powers. We are deeply grateful for their leadership and dedication.



The charm and strength of St. Thomas has been that it is truly a village - a place where everyone contributes, steps forward and works together to make things better for our children and one another. This year was a beautiful example of that spirit in action.

As we conclude this school year, we do so with tremendous appreciation for our faculty, staff, families, volunteers and supporters. Together, we continue to build a community rooted in faith, kindness, excellence and service.

Thank you for being such an important part of the St. Thomas family. To our graduating 8th grade class, we congratulate you with pride and gratitude for the leadership, spirit and example you have brought to our community. We wish you every blessing in the years ahead and to all our families, may you have a joyful and restful summer.

With gratitude,

The St. Thomas Board

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