

## A Little More

### SCHOOL SAFETY

School safety is an important issue and one that we take very seriously. It is our responsibility to keep our students safe while they are in our care and it is our first priority in any situation. We are all aware of several events throughout the US that have brought school safety to the forefront and several parents have spoken with us about locking the front doors to our buildings.

We have been searching all year for inexpensive ways to lock the front doors to the school during school hours. Factors that have played a role in this search have been ease and access for our community members and students, the door-locking software already in place, and funding.

In addition, we have looked into replacing the current door handles for the elementary kitchen doors in order to use this as a safe, locking location for shelter of students, should the need arise.

I am excited to announce that we have found solutions to both of these that work with our existing infrastructure, allow several employees to communicate with visitors and choose to unlock the door from mobile devices and... that don't cost too much. With that in mind, we are seeking donations for the camera/intercoms for both the elementary and middle school doors, as well as the locksmith work on the kitchen doors. The total cost for both projects comes to \$7,000. If you are able to donate to this, please send a check, made out to St. Thomas More, with school safety in the memo line. Thank you for helping us to complete our school safety initiatives.

### NEW FAMILY!

We are pleased to announce the hiring of two new family members! Mrs. Teresa Kennedy and Mrs. Theresa Supples were hired after phone interviews and live interviews with the hiring committee.



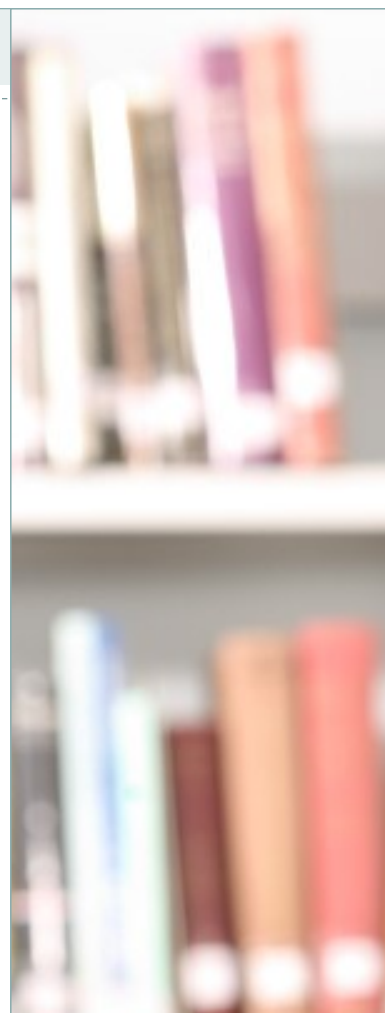
Mrs. Kennedy has taught for 10 years in elementary school and is excited to be joining forces with Mrs. Newcomb to serve our third grade students next year. She currently lives in Durham, and taught at a Catholic School in Cincinnati, Ohio prior to moving here earlier this year.



Mrs. Supples will bring 30 years of Catholic education experience to bare in her role as fifth grade teacher. She and Mrs. Stuit will make a great team. Mrs. Supples will be moving to our area from Tennessee this summer.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Save the Date: May 1st (see page 2 of the newsletter)
- Spring Break begins on Holy Thursday. School resumes on Monday the 24th
- The Spring Fling is on April 28th, thanks to the HSA. Bring the family and be ready for a wonderful time.
- Please donate used books for the Used Book Sale! The proceeds from the sale are used to support our school library.



We are in search of a teacher assistant for our 3 yr. old program, as well as an ESL teacher. Please keep your contacts in mind and refer them to our school website if you know someone who would be qualified for either of these positions.

## A VISIT WITH OUR NEW PRINCIPAL

Mr. Darrell Fulford will be here on May 1st. Please make plans to join us in the **Friends and Family Hall from 5:45-6:45 pm on Monday May 1st** to visit with Mr. Fulford and his family. We are excited to welcome them into our community!

She's not cutting in carpool line, we promise! Each year at our school auction, we provide the opportunity for someone to be "First in Carpool Line". Congratulations to the Kleiman family for having the winning bid this year.



Lord, we greet you with joy this Easter, and we thank you for the gift of new life. Bless our school and our families, and help us to celebrate the springtime in our hearts as we rejoice in your resurrection.

