

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



April 15, 2024

THE NOTE!

I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful weekend. Luckily, the weather continued today. I'm subbing in 1st grade this morning, so lots of stories of mushroom hunting! Great family memories. Hopefully we'll get some track meets in this week, and, this being one of our two full weeks this month, some good learning in as well!

We are seeing some sickness. If your son/daughter has a fever of 100 or higher, without fever reducing medicine, they should stay home. The rule is fever-free for 24 hours and that is 100 or higher. We ask that you not send your kids to school telling them that you will come and get them if they aren't feeling well. This has them complaining and coming to the office continually, because they want to go home. (Remember the story of the Boy Who Cried Wolf) We want you to send them if they are well. If they become sick, we'll know it and give you a call. We understand, as moms and dads, you try to get them to school if possible, especially if you need to be at work. We won't judge you if you send them and then they get sick. Don't give them an out before they even get here, though. Thanks!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Track until 5:00, Yearbook after school

Tuesday: Track @ St. Anthony Invitational 4:00

Wednesday: **6-8 Class Mass (8)**, Illinois March for Life in Springfield

Thursday: Track @ Cumberland 4:30

Friday: **All-School Mass (4)**, 6-8 End of Year Dance after school 'til 5:30

Saturday: Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30, Daddy/Daughter Dance 6:30-8:00

Sunday: Mass @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30, Set up for garage sale 4:00

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Tennis camp, Girl Scouts flyer, 5th grade letter from Health Department, Garage Sale workers' list attached only

- Keep selling those **trash bags!** The orders are due back on April 23. Detergent will be delivered Monday of next week. It will be in the building, so stop by and grab it starting Monday after school.
- It has been great hearing about how our students and staff are exhibiting our virtue of **Reliability**. Keep encouraging them at home! They're doing great!
- We are proud of our students who will be attending the **Illinois March for Life** on Wednesday in Springfield. So far, Oliver Ochs, Lauren Gier, Audrey Beals, and Levi Gier are attending. What a great way to share our church's beliefs.
- The Civics Club, under the leadership of Mr. Stork, have planned an **end of the year dance** for 6th-8th grades this Friday after school until 5:30. Students are welcomed to bring a guest from the public school as long as they introduce their guest to Mr. Stork and me. Please encourage your kids to attend as we get a professional DJ for the event. There will be concessions available for purchase. Entry is \$5 per person.
- Our **8th grade Brain Games team** is on to regionals this Wednesday. We are proud of their creativity and teamwork. They will be headed to Rend Lake along with a team from Jasper Unit #1. Good luck to Aaron Volk, Tyler Spiker, Avery Geier, and Kassie Pitcher.
- This weekend is the **Daddy/Daughter Dance**. Thanks to the moms who are making it all possible. Enjoy the evening, dads and daughters!
- The **garage sale** begins next week. **WE NEED MORE WORKERS!** This is a great way to get some fair share hours needed to finish up the year. It's also a great way for 8th graders to get some service hours. Most importantly, it's a great fundraiser for our school and we have to have help for it to be successful. I'm attaching the most updated worker list.



From “Do Something Beautiful for God-The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa”

“Serve God joyfully. Let there be no sadness in your life. The only true sorrow is sin.”

“Try not to judge people. If you judge others then you are not loving them. You cannot love at the same time. It isn't what someone may or may not have done, but what you have done that matters in God's eyes.”