

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



**April 22, 2024**

### **THE NOTE!**

What a great weekend! I hope you all took time to enjoy family and friends. I was FINALLY able to be at a track meet to see all of our kids on Friday, and it's a bunch. Thanks to our coaches for providing them the opportunity to learn and grow – I was so proud to see our 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders doing such an amazing job!

After the meet, I was lucky enough to get to watch 8<sup>th</sup> grader Alani Bergbower compete in the LTC All-Star basketball game, after she had competed in a track meet. It's been many months since she's played basketball, but she didn't miss a beat! We are proud that she was chosen and able to play with young ladies from schools all over the area.

Way to go, Alani!



Our St. Thomas Youth Choir sang at the 7:00 mass on Sunday! They were awesome. Thanks for sharing your talent with your church congregation!



### **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday: Garage Sale set-up, Track practice, Yearbook

Tuesday: Garage Sale set-up, Track @ T-Town 4:30

Wednesday: **No Mass**, Garage Sale set-up, Mrs. Bierman @ IDEA workshop in Champaign, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Farm field trip, CEO Trade Show at former Sunrise Center building 5-7 p.m., Booster Club 6:00 @ KC Hall

Thursday: Garage Sale begins 8:00, Limited Track Meet @ Charleston 4:30

Friday: **All-School Mass (3)**, Garage Sale continues, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Safety Day

Saturday: Garage Sale continues/closes, Prom mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

Sunday: Masses @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30

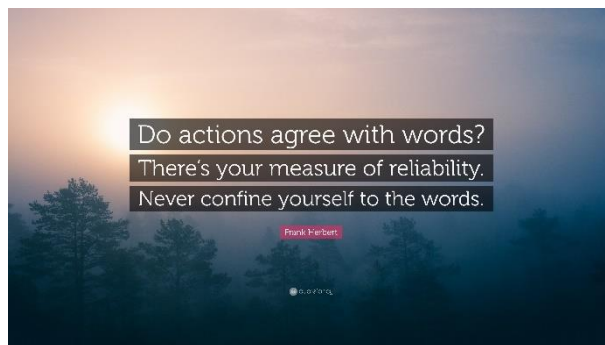
Monday: NO SCHOOL!

**ATTACHED/IN PACKET:** Daddy/Daughter Dance pics, Booster Club agenda, May menu/calendar, Sunrise Youth Soccer registration

- ❖ **Trash Bag orders** are due tomorrow. Maybe do one last check with family and friends.
- ❖ **Detergent** can be picked up starting today after school or tomorrow morning. It will be in the school, so let us know what works for you for pick-up. Lori always has it organized very well, so yours will be easy to find.
  - ❖ The Booster Club's **Joe's Pizza/Sauce Fundraiser** will be coming soon!
- ❖ As we near the end of the school year, we are reminded of **SURVIVOR DAY!** Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders get to lead their teams, including their Kindergarten buddies, to victory! It's a fun day! We do provide each team with a headband and a flag to designate their group. Jessica Beals has been doing this for several years and we are looking for someone who might be interested in taking that over. It does take some time (which can be fair share hours) to cut the material. Jessica would be glad to explain. Let me know if this is a job you'd like to take over in the future. Jessica will continue until someone else wants to do it.
  - ❖ We want to congratulate our 3<sup>5th</sup> graders whose **Soil and Water Conservation Posters** were chosen as runners-up: Kinsley Kerner, Audrey Earnest, and Dakota Milner. Congratulations, girls! Their posters are on display at the Peoples State Bank drive-thru if you'd like to see them.
- ❖ Just a reminder that we will not have school on **Monday, the 29<sup>th</sup>**. The unit will be in session, but our teachers are attending a retreat in Springfield. **DO NOT** put your kids on the bus when it goes by! ☺
- ❖ We have lots of **field trips** coming up. Please be on the lookout for instructions from teachers. Normally we like to have the kids in St. Thomas shirts, so they are easily recognized as part of our group. Thanks!
- ❖ You should have received an email from Jasper Unit #1 about **summer athletic camps** and how to register. Let me know if you didn't. There is something for all ages.
- ❖ Garage Sale is a great way for **8<sup>th</sup> graders** to get some volunteer hours if still needed.
- ❖ **MAP testing** is underway for 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades and 3<sup>rd</sup> will begin tomorrow. Thanks parents for ensuring a good night's sleep, breakfast, and encouragement. We do have to make up what we miss, so try to have good attendance this week!

- ❖ The **NCHS CEO CLASS** is having their Trade Show this Wednesday at the Unit Office, formerly the Sunrise Community Center from 5-7 p.m. Stop by and see what these young entrepreneurs have created. Thanks to our own Sheryl Brummer for all her work for this event and for the kids.
- ❖ Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade **Brain Games team** placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 30 teams, earning medals for the team. Way to go Tyler, Aaron, Kassie, and Avery!
  - ❖ <https://youtu.be/bwpg6CktyMw?si=cvDBMWZ7vPfuORuT>  
Video made at the Illinois March for Life – We are proud of students Audrey, Lauren and Oliver in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Levi in 6<sup>th</sup> grade who “marched for Life!”

**It is National Volunteer Week! St. Thomas wouldn't be what it is without the generosity of our volunteers. Thanks for giving your time to make our school great! I reminded the kids this morning to thank their parents for all they do for our school. You won't find that anywhere else! I appreciate you all and don't tell you enough!**



*“You are called to be holy where you are, wherever God has put you, right now.”*

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

I think this is a great reminder. No matter who we are, how old we are, what job we do, what our family make-up is, we are called to be holy – right where we are!