

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



August 15, 2022

THE NOTE!

The first full week has begun and I'm excited to think about all the learning and fun that is going to happen! The kids seemed a little tired this morning, but I'm sure they are recovering from last week and the busy weekend! (I know I am :)

Thanks to everyone who made the weekend so awesome. Friday night we had a great time at the Cruise In in the Booster Club stand. One of our moms, Lea Creadore, played a big role in the event. We had lots of moms and dads helping in our booth. If you were able to attend the Family Life Center fundraiser Saturday night, you know that it was a lot of fun. My girls love seeing all of the kids running around and dancing. They had a lot of fun for a worthwhile cause!

I am always so thankful to be a part of the St. Thomas family – this weekend was another reminder of how lucky I am!

The Duck Race was well attended and a lot of fun. I'm not going to complain, but it was almost chilly getting out of the pool! I appreciate the help of the committee who worked together to make it a great day for all. Thank you for bringing your families and sharing that time together. The winners were:

1st place: Garrett Brummer

2nd place: Christine Hoppin

3rd place: Scott Hoppin

Blue Duck Winners (\$25 gift certificate): Donna Kuhl, Owen Webb, Becky Shamhart, and Raylie Wall



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:



BB (Baseball), SB (Softball), CC (Cross Country)

Monday: BB H T-Town 4:30, SB @ Cumberland 4:30, Pre-K Open Houses A.M. class 6:00, P.M. class 7:00

Tuesday: BB @ Palestine 4:30, SB @ Dieterich 4:30

Wednesday: Welcome Pre-K Students!

Thursday: SB H Marshall 4:30, CC H St. Anthony 4:30

Friday: All-School Mass (4), BB @ Sigel 4:30, SB JV H T-Town 4:30, NCHS Media Night

Saturday: SB @ Windsor/Stew-Stras 10:00/noon, St. Thomas mass 4:30

Sunday: St. Thomas masses 7:00/10:00, St. Mary's mass 8:30

- Today is the **Assumption of the Virgin Mary**. If it didn't fall on a Monday, it would be a Holy Day of Obligation, but because we went to church on the weekend, it isn't. Please schedule church into your busy lives. Not all of our families are Catholic, and not all attend St. Thomas, but spending time in prayer as a family is very important to you and your kids' well-being, no matter which church you go to or what faith you practice. One of my non-Catholic friends sent me this:

"There is a 0.0296% chance that your child will become a professional athlete. There is a 100% chance that your child will stand before Jesus. Get them to church."

I know that sports aren't the only reason people don't attend church, but replace sports with whatever other "activity" you choose. One of my jobs as the leader of our school is to help your kids get to heaven! Just like Saturday night, it is a lot more fun with the kids there! Let's work together to make it happen.

- The **Amazon wish lists** have been a great thing for our teachers and our school. Thanks to all of our generous donors. Some were anonymous, so thank you!
- Our **new railings** are on our new steps! Yippee! When you come to the school for any reason, come to Door #8 and ring the bell. You will hear a click when the door is unlocked. Thanks to Trevor Ochs, Barney Ochs, and the boys for all their hard work (even on a Sunday!).
- I am looking for someone to work in our **library on Friday afternoons** from 1:30-2:30 so that our 3rd and 4th grade teachers can get their break for the day. Let me know if you are interested.
- Just a review so that everyone is on the same page. If you are **dropping your kids off in the morning**, please stop by the gate on Washington St. and let

them out there. We don't want anyone stopping where the busses do because it slows down their route. IF you want to pull in the parking lot, you must enter from Washington St. Do not pull in the driveway off of Jourdan St. if busses are still dropping off.

- Everything went very smoothly at the **end of the day** last week. If you need to make any changes to your kids' after school plans, please do so by 2:30 p.m. the day of if possible. You can actually let Lori know anytime, even days before and she will write it down. We can't take your kids' word for it, so make sure to let the office know. If emailing, please include Lori and me in case one of us is out of the office.
 - I was thrilled to give out **virtues** this morning. The 8th grade class was recognized for the wonderful examples they are setting for the other students. They have been respectful and hard working. Two of our other students were also recognized for being helpful. When a teacher had her hands full, they ran over to offer their help. I am thankful for all of you who are teaching your kids those basic manners!
 - Our first **Bingo** will be Sept. 2nd. I still need a trained cashier and another volunteer or two. Let me know if you can help.
- **For our new families:** Please take out any notes/papers in the white packet that will be in your student's book bag, and return it tomorrow with your kids. If you want to put any communications for the office in the packet, we will check them. Thanks!
- I do send my **morning prayers** to Kiley Borgic to put on our school Facebook page. I hope many of you will make that part of your mornings – sharing prayer with all of us!
 - Laura Weber, Kristine Probst, and Bobbi Ochs will be meeting on Friday, September 2nd, at 9:30 a.m. in the meeting room of the gym to cut and staple raffle tickets for the **soup supper** on November 13. Come and join them for an easy way to get fair share hours! They will also be meeting Friday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m. at Kristine's house for a wine/pizza night while working on the tickets! Contact Kristine at 812-639-9855 for her address and come join the fun!

I'm excited to start this week! Lots going on, but all great things. Let's get our kids to bed at a good time and help them learn to manage their time with homework and activities. Thanks for all you do for your families!

Jill

