

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



August 25, 2025

THE NOTE!

What a beautiful weekend and morning! The kids like to say they're "cold", but they'll know real cold soon enough. I love to see them layering with sweatshirts in the morning that can be taken off later. Layers are good! I hope you all had a wonderful weekend – I know ours was busy, but awesome! Let's keep this weather coming!



Our athletes and coaches have been super busy. We continue this week with something every day! Congratulations Chloe Holsapple, JCJH Cross Country runner, who broke the course record last week! All of our athletes are doing a great job! Thanks to the awesome people who are coaching our kids! May God bless all of our athletes with good health, helping them share their talents for His glory!

Go Saints, Go Eagles!



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Detergent order forms coming home, SB H Charleston 4:30, BB @ Red Hill 4:30

Tuesday: Server Training/Review, CC/SB Pictures @ JCJH, CC H 4:30, SB H T-Town 4:30

Wednesday: Bus Safety Drills 8:30

Thursday: SB H Flora 4:30, BB @ Casey 4:30

Friday: **All-School Mass** (5th in charge), SB @ Cumberland 4:30, BB H Dieterich 4:00, VFB H Civic Memorial 7:00

Saturday: CC @ Cumberland Invite, SB @ Mattoon 10:00, **Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30**

Sunday: **Masses @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30**, St. Mary's Pre-Labor Day Picnic

Monday: NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Booster Club minutes, Detergent Order Forms, September calendar/menu, Baseball fee reminders (if needed), Health Dept. notifications (if needed)

- St. Thomas has **so much to be thankful for**. Thanks to the families who purchased balls for our playground, Band-Aids, paper and the ball cart for our basketball team! Our teachers have been blessed with the generosity of the Booster Club, anonymous families and the Baptist church just since school started! THANK YOU!
- We will begin **St. Thomas Cheer** next week. Mrs. Smith and I will ask about interest at lunch today, so you may want to talk with your daughter about it. Cheer is for girls in 5th-8th grades. Jennifer Hinterscher will be coaching again this year.
- Just another reminder that **denim pants are not allowed for church**. If they are DARK black, like dress pants, it will work, but not the faded black/grey. Thank you for your cooperation.
- The **apparel order is here** (thanks Amy Hartrich for picking it up). We will send them home tomorrow (Tuesday) unless you tell us differently. We know that the polos are not here yet, so continue to send your kids in nice church shirts as you have been doing. Thanks again to Tiffany Keller who works with Designs Unlimited on the apparel choices.
- If you need more **raffle tickets for our church picnic**, please let us know. We can send them home with your kiddos!
- I have raffle tickets available for the **Pulling for Uganda event**. They are \$5/each or 5 for \$20. They have lots of great prizes! If you want to put a 3 men/3 women team together for the bus pull, let me know!

- I encourage all of our families to head down to **St. Mary's Pre-Labor Day Picnic** on Sunday. They have lots of fun for the kids and for adults. It's always a delicious meal, and A Little Southern Comfort will be the entertainment. My girls love to see St. Thomas families! I'll see you there!
- If you signed up to **volunteer**, but are no longer going to be able to fulfill that commitment, just shoot me an email. I'm attaching what/who I have on the volunteer list. Sometimes people ask where we need help, so it's good for me to know where the holes are. Thanks to all of our parents who have been on playground duty in the morning and at lunch. I'm thankful that our kids have watchful and caring eyes on them.
- Thanks to those who came to our **Booster Club** meeting. We'd love to see more parents get involved! The next meeting is Sept. 24th @ 6:00 @ the KC Hall.
- 5th-8th graders will start the review/learning process for **being a mass server** tomorrow with Father Tomy as one big group. He plans to meet with each class separately as well. Please encourage strongly that your kids become servers at mass. Once they have been trained, you can call Linda at church and put them on the schedule. Linda does a great job of putting them with someone experienced the first several times. It was never a choice before, so let's encourage them to overcome their fear and serve their church!
- During prayer in the mornings, I give all of us a moment of **personal prayer** time before finishing up –whatever is in our hearts or on our minds. Talk with your kids about what they could pray for in that short time. We don't want to weigh our kids down with adult drama, but just praying for a family member to have a good day or praying for themselves to be a good friend are things I would encourage. Maybe try letting everyone at supper prayer at home say something/someone they want to pray for to get them in the practice.

Have a great week!

Jill

5 Things Jesus Did Not Say

1. Follow Your Heart

Jesus said, "Follow me."

2. Be True to Yourself

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny himself."

3. Believe in Yourself

Jesus said, "Believe in me."

4. Live Your Truth

Jesus said, "I am the Truth."

5. As Long As You Are Happy

*Jesus said, "What will it profit a man if he gains the world and loses his soul."
Not whatever makes you happy, but what makes you holy.*