

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



August 28, 2023

THE NOTE!

We all survived Heat Wave 2023! I was proud of our kids and the teachers – not much belly aching! I reminded the kids that some people didn't have air conditioning to go home to after working in the heat all day. This quieted any whining ☺!

I hope you all had a great weekend. I am always proud to see our kids do the things they are passionate about. Our baseball team came from behind to win Friday night!

Although I missed most of that game, I was so happy for our players and coaches. I watched a lot of kids play soccer on Saturday morning, and they did an awesome job. I'll be back out Thursday evening to watch the littles. Although the Newton Eagles didn't pull out a win, we saw a lot of great things happening. Lots of pride in our little town!

We continue this week with Baseball, Softball, Cross Country, and now we add JCJH girls' Basketball and Cheer practice into the mix. Teaching the kids to manage time and get good rest is so important. Eligibility will be starting soon.

Go Saints – Go Eagles!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: SB @ Mattoon 5:00 (w/B innings), Laundry Detergent Sale begins

Tuesday: CC and SB pictures at JCJH 9:00 (Mrs. Bierman will take athletes), SB H Martinsville 4:30; Orell Farley grant presentation 5:00

Wednesday: BB @ Cumberland 4:30, Cheer practice 5:30-7:30, SB @ Hutsonville 4:30, Bus Safety Drills 8:30

Thursday: CC @ T-Town Relays 4:30

Friday: All-School Mass (6), SB @ Paris Mayo 4:30, BB H Sacred Heart 4:00, VFB @ Paxton-Buckley-Loda 7:00

Saturday: CC @ Charleston 8:00, SB H Robinson 10:00, Father Paul's Installation Mass 4:30

CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER PAUL! WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS!

Sunday: Ste. Marie Picnic begins at 3:00

Monday: NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

- **SELL-SELL-SELL detergent** for our first fundraiser of the year. It begins today and the forms are due back the Tuesday after Labor Day. Thanks to Jason Kuhl and Susanne Schackmann for this opportunity.
 - If you plan to attend **Father Paul's installation** as our pastor, it is this Saturday at the 4:30 mass with Bishop Paprocki presiding. I will be giving the Bishop a tour of our school at 3:30. We are excited for him to see our school! IF you would like to attend the meal following mass, please RSVP via the email sent out a couple of week ago, or you can call Linda at the church.
- We are so blessed to have so many **parents and grandparents volunteering** at St. Thomas every day. If there is a day you cannot make it, just let me know and I'll try to help find a sub for you. Parents doing lunch duty, feel free to communicate amongst yourselves to ensure there are two there each day. Let me know if I can help. Thanks again for your service to our school!
- Just a reminder that all of the younger kids will be given **milk** for lunch unless we hear of an allergy or intolerance from parents or doctors. They can't just get water instead. We have a lot of picky eaters, and they have to have so much on their tray by state regulation. If they don't get milk, it gets harder to fill that tray without wasting a lot of food. Keep encouraging your kids to try new foods!
- **Congratulations to our Pre-K teachers**, Mrs. Bergbower and Mrs. Pilman. After their state visit last year, they have been designated the Gold Circle of Quality status! We knew we had the best, but it's great to see this recognized by the state!
- Sunday is the annual **Ste. Marie Pre-Labor Day Picnic**. Everything starts at 3:00 with a chicken dinner available in the parish center and lots of options outside as well. A Little SoCo (the band my daughters are in) will start at 6:00. Hope to see you there supporting our sister parish of St. Mary's.
- It was great to see everyone in their **polos** on Friday at church. Thanks to the parents for making that happen. We get lots of compliments on them from those who attend church with us.
- Next week we will start **class masses**. The first Wednesday is K-2, the second Wednesday is 3-5, and the third Wednesday is 6-8. These sometimes vary, so just watch the calendar – it's all on there. These masses require the kids to wear church clothes, but they don't have to wear their polos, although they can if they want to. On the calendar, the number in parentheses besides the mass is the grade in charge of the ministries at mass.

