

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



August 8, 2022

It's hard to believe, but we are to that week that some dread, and some are so ready to see! Back to School we go! I am excited to get started, although I know it is a transition period for us all. We'll be easing in to what will be an awesome year! Some of you are sending your child to St. Thomas for the first time and some of you are sending yours to St. Thomas for their last first day. Please know I've been in your shoes and I, along with our amazing staff, will do our best to make whatever day it is for your kiddo a great one!

You'll notice by the calendar, that the busyness begins right away. Be patient with those around you as we navigate all of the hats we are wearing: parent, teacher, wife, husband, grandparent, athlete, coach, friend, bus driver, etc. I know we'll all work together to make this week and the weeks to come amazing! Let's Go Saints!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday (today): SB H Robinson 4:30

Parent meetings/Buddy Night (At least one parent should attend – hopefully both can. 2 fair share hours for whomever is here) No kids EXCEPT the Class of 2031-If you have a meeting before drop off for kindergarten, just bring them with you to that meeting!

Kindergarten	6:30-7:15 p.m.
1 st grade	6:00-6:20 p.m.
2 nd grade	6:10-6:30 p.m.
3 rd grade	5:45-6:05 p.m.
4 th grade	6:45-7:05 p.m.
5 th grade	6:30-6:50 p.m.
6 th grade	5:15-5:45 p.m. (Mrs. Vahling/Mr. Stork will join at 5:45 p.m.)
7 th grade	6:15-6:35 p.m.
8 th grade	5:55-6:15 p.m.

8th graders report to Parish Center by 6:00 p.m. (Softball girls as soon as possible)

Kindergarten students can be dropped off in the parish center beginning at 6:15 p.m. Parents can then head over to the classroom for meeting with teachers.

Mrs. Boehl, our new Art/Music/Band teacher, will be in the cafeteria to meet families.

Tuesday: SB H Lawrenceville 4:30

Wednesday: Teacher's Institute

Thursday: 1st Day of School (Drop off begins at 7:30), SB H Casey 4:30

Friday: All-School Mass (8th in charge), Cruise Night 5:30-?

Saturday: SB @ Altamont tournament 9:00, Family Life Center fundraiser at West End Event Center (see attached flier)

Sunday: 10th Annual Duck Race 11:00, Swim, Picnic (eat at 12:30)

ATTACHED: Flier for Family Life Center Fundraiser

- Our **Duck Race and Back to School Picnic** is this Sunday. If you want to bring a dessert to share that doesn't require utensils, please do so. We will have porkburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks provided.
- We have our first **all-school mass** on Friday. The 8th graders will be leading with the guitars providing music. Everyone is welcome to our masses. We do not all have polos yet, so if you don't, just wear church appropriate clothes:
 - Girls: dress pants, skirt, dress, capris
 - Boys: dress pants or dress shorts
 - All: No writing on shirts – 6th-8th must have sleeves
- Lori will be here this evening during parent meetings if you need to turn in any **forms/payments**. Also, if you have **bussing** questions, she can help.
- The **online apparel order** store ends this Sunday. Get your orders submitted by then and don't forget polos. If you are a new family, we will order your free shirts for you. If you still need to let Lori know which shirt you want, you could do so tonight or by email this week.
- I am going to attach the flier, but want to put a special plug in for this Saturday's **Family Life Center fundraiser** at the West End Center. There will be food trucks, drinks for purchase, and an awesome band ;) My two oldest girls have had so much fun with A Little Southern Comfort the past couple of years. They would love to see lots of you there – I need people to dance with. Kids are also welcome which is nice!
 - Our **softball** girls, Allie Hermann, Ava Earnest, Madison Keller, Grace Schumacher, and Maleah Miller, have started their season with some wins! They've worked really hard already on some really hot days.
Go JCJH Lady Eagles!
- **Baseball and Cross Country** continue their practices this week and will start games/meets next week. I'm so proud of all of our kids and thankful for the amazing adults who give their time to coach!
- If you have one going to our **Pre-K** this fall, the Open Houses are one week from tonight on August 15th. The A.M. class Open House is at 6:00 p.m. in the classroom and cafeteria. The P.M. class will be at 7:00 p.m. Bring your kiddo so

they can play in their classroom with Mrs. Pilman while Mrs. Bergbower talks to the parents. Pre-K's first day will be Aug. 17th!

- If you signed up for **duty on Thursday**, your first day is almost here. This is who I have:

Morning recess (be here at 7:30): Aubrey Bergbower, Katie Farley, Lacey Simpson, and Lanna Michl

Lunch recess (be here at 11:20): Katie Farley, Laura Weber, and Amy Schwengel

Let me know if this is not correct.

- **A la carte** will be offered at lunch for 3rd-5th grades. Unfortunately, like everything else, prices have gone up. So, your kiddos might want to bring 50 cents instead of 25 cents if they are wanting something extra. I will try to find some snacks for 25 cents, but it's tough.
- Just a reminder to fill out the **free/reduced lunch application** if you want me to see if you qualify. We are back to paying for lunches after two years of free lunch. Let me know if you need a copy.



I appreciate all of you sacrificing to send your kids to St. Thomas. I am so proud to be a part of this family. As such, if you need something, please let me know and I will help if and however I can. Get the kids to bed earlier and wake them up earlier the next couple of days to get them ready for Thursday. You may want to put their devices away a little bit too. Kids are resilient – they'll be just fine!

Please include all of our wonderful teachers in your prayers as they prepare and welcome your kiddos into our building. They put in a lot of time and effort and it shows!

Jill