

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



**August 18, 2025**

### **THE NOTE!**

Hope everyone had a great weekend. It is our 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the year. This heat and all the busyness of the weekend makes for a tired Monday morning, but I encourage anyone acting fussy to put on a happy face and push through! Everyone is feeling about the same!

We had an awesome Duck Race! Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Lily Bierman; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kim Zuber; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Peg Mulvey. Gift Certificate winners: Wilson Beverlin, Lily Ochs and Linda Ochs.

Thanks to the committee for the planning and meal preparation. Everything was delicious! All of the desserts...Oh my were they yummy – I definitely didn't earn a Self-Control virtue yesterday at the dessert table. It was a hot day, but I was thankful for the fellowship and fun!

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

Monday: SB H Dieterich 4:30, BB @ T-Town 4:30

Tuesday: Headchecks, BB H Palestine 4:30

Wednesday: Booster Club 6:00 @ KC Hall

Thursday: SB @ Marshall 4:30, CC H 4:30

Friday: **All-School Mass (6<sup>th</sup> grade in charge) 8:30**, SB @ Oblong 4:30, NCHS Media Night

Saturday: SB H Windsor/SS 10:00, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30, JFL @ Marshall 5:30

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

**ATTACHED/IN PACKET:** Elks FREE Orthopedic Clinic, Safe Environment link (all new families and anyone who wants to volunteer should complete), American Legion Smoke Off/Kids' BBQ, Special Needs Fishing Derby flyer, Booster Club agenda, Harvest Picnic tickets

- ☀ If anyone finds **Jumbo (not large) book covers** at a good price, grab them please!
- ☀ A big thanks to Ryan Weber and Michael and Patrick Finley for taking care of the chemical and the application for the **Pizza Man parking lot**. We want to keep it presentable for the community.
- ☀ We do have one big item on our **Amazon Wish List** along with the smaller things. It is a ball cart for the basketballs. It's something we'll have to have, so if anyone is interested in helping out, we'd appreciate it. Families could go together to get it as well.  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/AD6I5LGUJGN4?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/AD6I5LGUJGN4?ref=wl_share)
- ☀ There are several flyers in the packet today. The **Legion's big BBQ cookoff** and event is coming up. There's live music, good food, etc. There's also an opportunity for kids to be a part of a cookoff as well. Check it out!
- ☀ The **Fishing Derby** is for special needs' kiddos, so please share with anyone you think might be interested.
- ☀ Just a reminder for **dress code**: K-4's only dress code would be wearing a polo for all-school mass, socks at all times, and backs on all shoes. We encourage tennis shoes because of all the time they spend on the playground. 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> needs to watch the length of their shorts and skirts and no cut-offs, even if you purchased them that way. I went over the page from the handbook with our 5<sup>th</sup> graders, since dress code is new and reminded them that they signed off on it, so if they don't follow it, it's a check. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> should know. Also, no denim for church unless it is BLACK – not gray or a washed out black – BLACK. We had several on Friday, but we need to choose something different for mass days. They can wear them any other day.
- ☀ Any new parents or if it has been more than 3 years since you've updated, please complete the **safe environment training**. It's attached. I don't need a certificate, because you will show up on my end as having completed it. You should not have pay for anything.
- ☀ The kids were all SO good when we had our first all-school **mass!** When you attend church on the weekends, it will make school masses easier if you encourage your kids to stand, sit and kneel when they should. They shouldn't stand on the kneelers. They should be genuflecting when they enter and exit the pew and crossing their arms when going up to communion. Also, try to have them go to the restroom before mass, so they don't have to walk out during mass. Sometimes emergencies happen, but sometimes, they are just bored. The older they get, the less they should be leaving mass at all.
- ☀ In the packets today is also a flyer for "**Pull together for Uganda**". Many of you know that my daughter, Lily, went to Uganda last summer. They are now raising money to help the village build a mill to help them cut out the city middleman when selling their grain. If you have any questions, please let me know. Teams of 6 pull a bus, winner is the fastest. There will be a raffle (you can buy tickets from me), beer garden, food and entertainment. I will be the MC for the afternoon. Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> (Sunday afternoon). I'll be glad to deliver your team's

registration for you, so you don't have to mail it. Thanks in advance! It should be a lot of fun!

- ☀️ We've completed **Day 5 of lunch in the cafeteria**. Just a couple of things that would help us here at school. Please have your kids sit on their bottoms and eat their meal at home sitting at a table. Show them to eat over their plate. If they have a little food drop on the floor or spill a little something, let them help you clean it up. Of course we would encourage asking them to try new foods also.

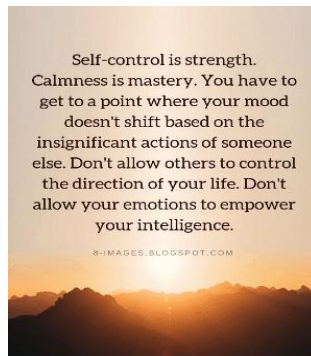
Overall, they are doing great!!

- ☀️ Just a reminder for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. **A la carte** at lunch is just for extra. You have to eat most of your lunch if you are going to purchase a la carte. We sell it before you eat, so make sure you know you're going to eat before you buy it! Items range from 25-75 cents.

- ☀️ We'd love to see some new faces at our **Booster Club meeting** on Wednesday at 6:00 at the KC Hall. If we need to vote on something, we need more than just the officers. Please think about joining this group! We all need to support our kids through Art, Music and Sports!

☀️ We are focusing on the virtue of Self-Control through September. We are focusing on taking a breath and thinking and praying before we speak or act. Thanks for encouraging this and demonstrating this at home as much as possible.

- ☀️ If you hadn't picked up your **Harvest Picnic raffle tickets** from church, they are in your packet today. You can return them in your packet as well if you want.



“You are raising a soul for the Kingdom, not a child for the world. This is why the road of Christian parenting is narrow and steep, but the eternal rewards are beyond what we can imagine.” Elizabeth Elliot

“I'd rather my kids be the ones who are average in school and sports but hold the door open for a teacher with too much in their hands. Comfort a crying classmate. Invite everyone to their table. I want my kids to be the kind kids above anything else. Because that's how they'll change the world.” Danielle Sherman-Lazar

“My kids don't need to see me a supermama. They need to see a mama who needs a super God.” Sarah Mae

Let me know if you need anything. Jill