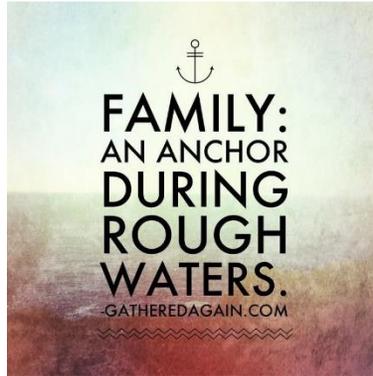


## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



August 31, 2020

### THE NOTE!

I am loving this cooler weather. I pray that all of you had a restful weekend. I want to try my best to reassure you that we are doing just fine. I am thankful that our two students and one teacher who have tested positive are not super sick and so far are doing well. All those quarantined are being troopers! I hate all of this as much as you do – all of my ideas, opinions, etc. run through my head constantly, but it boils down to following protocol as best we can and pushing through together! Hang together Saints!

I want you to be informed at all times, so the update is this:

2 positive students (1 in 4<sup>th</sup> and 1 in 5<sup>th</sup>), 1 positive staff member, 16 students are quarantined because of contact with one of our students or other people.

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

Monday: BB H Red Hill 4:30

Tuesday: DETERGENT ORDERS DUE, SB @ Martinsville 4:30, CC @ Paris Mayo 4:00, Orell Farley award presentation 5:00

Wednesday: All-School Mass (4<sup>th</sup>), BB H Cumberland 4:30, School Board 6:00

Thursday: SB H Hutsonville 4:30, CC @ T-Town Relays 4:30

Friday: K-2 Class Mass (2), Grandparent's Day Program 10:00 in church, BINGO

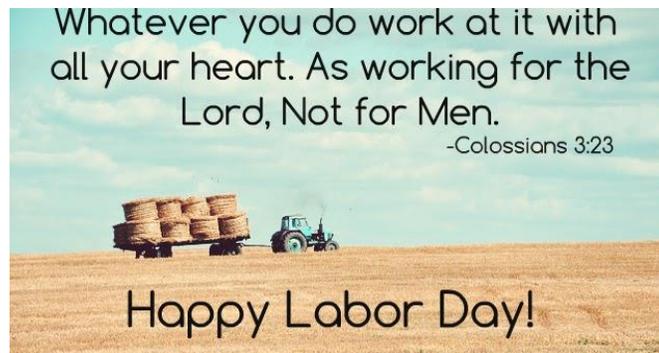
Saturday: Ste. Mary's Chicken Dinner 4-7 p.m.

Monday: NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY

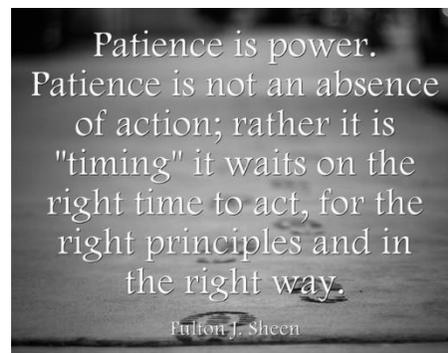
**ATTACHED/IN PACKET:** September Menu/Calendar, Garage Sale Flier (Please hang up at work or somewhere with high traffic), Garage Sale Volunteer letter/sign-up sheet, Book Fair volunteer sign-up

- Don't forget to turn in your **detergent order form tomorrow**. You can put them in your parent packet when you return it. Thanks!
  - We have one **menu change**: Wednesday of this week, the fruit will be strawberry cup instead of pineapple.
- We have our 1<sup>st</sup> **Bingo this Friday night!** I have a caller, cashier, and two other volunteers, but could use at least two more. Please let me know if you would like to help out. We will be able to leave up tables and chairs, which is a big help!
- Our **Garage Sale** is coming right up. You will find a flier on blue paper to hang up at work, a letter from our committee explaining things and the sign-up sheet to sign up to work. We are setting up Sunday evening and starting to accept donations on Monday in anticipation of a lot of donations. It's going to take a lot of help getting things put out.
  - **All-School masses** are going well. We miss having our families and parishioners there, but we are thankful that Father Dean live streams it on Facebook each time. Just a reminder that our young ladies of all ages are not to wear shorts to church. They can wear skirts/dresses, capris, leggings (with a long shirt) or pants. Boys have the option of dress pants or dress shorts. Thanks for following our dress code. I don't have to address much at all.
  - IF you missed Father's meetings last week regarding **1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation**, working towards Confirmation/1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist, he is offering ONE MORE chance at 4:00 this Wednesday. After that, you'll need to wait until after December. If you attended or will attend the 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation session, the next session is September 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 where Father Dean will speak about Confirmation.
  - I want to encourage all of our families to attend **church**. You can visit the web site to sign up for mass each week or ask Linda or Denise to add you to their email list so that you receive the reminder. If you're going to ballgames, Walmart, restaurants, family gatherings, etc., you should definitely be going to church!
  - Our kindergarten class will be presenting a program for **Grandparent's Day** this Friday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to their class mass at 8:30. Mrs. Wendt will be sending out details to those families this week. Lots of fun things planned for our most special grandparents!
  - Again, thanks to all of you for your input about **Friday**. My teachers are thrilled to have another day of face-to-face learning. I don't want to predict the future, and I pray we stay in school for the duration, but there is always that chance of remote learning like last year. I'm glad we'll be here Friday. So many of our kids have and are missing so much due to quarantine. Out of respect for our teachers and all they've done for our kids so far, I appreciate you making Friday work. Please let me know if you need to drop off before 7:30 a.m.
  - Similarly, the all-year calendar has an early dismissal day listed on **Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>** for Homecoming. We will plan to be in school all day due to no Homecoming. At this time, I'd like to go until 3:10 every day – no early dismissals this year.

- **Late stay** is going very well. I hope this is helping some families make the lack of afternoon busing more doable. Lori will send those “bills” home when she does other balances.
- If you run into **Shelah** Bergbower, please thank her for all she still does for our school. She and a couple of moms finished up our yearbook and she is teaching Art today. She also runs our library! What a great example of service she is for our kids.
- I applied for and we received the funding requested from the **Orell Farley Foundation**. I am thankful for the generosity and forethought of Mrs. Farley. Her dedication to our community and especially the youth is admirable! This money will be used for devices that our staff can easily take home and work from if the need for remote learning occurs.



I hope you all get some deserved time off Monday. Parenting is a full-time job. Many of you work other jobs, run households, and volunteer as well, making it all look easy. Thank you for instilling in your children a work ethic that is reflected in all they do here at school.



I've learned more about patience from my teachers this year than in all my years as principal! They are dealing with lots of changes to how they are comfortable teaching and are doing it with smiles. All of them show concern for Lori and me and want what is best for each other, all while teaching our kids! Thank you St. Thomas staff!

Good luck to all of our athletes this week! I'm so thankful they've been able to do what they love. Go Saints! Go Eagles!