

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



**December 12, 2022**

### **THE NOTE!**

We are beginning our last full week before Christmas Break and our 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent. It's also the last full week for grades, so let's encourage the kids to work hard!

I was thrilled to see so many St. Thomas families uptown Saturday night, participating in the parade, and watching the parade. Our St. Thomas Church Youth Choir performed and I heard that they were all amazing! Thanks also to St. Thomas moms Lea Creadore and Tiffany Keller, who were on the planning committee for the event – Great job, ladies! Not to sound weird, but I was very proud of everyone!

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

Monday: Advent/Nativity discussion, BB H Sacred Heart 6:15

Tuesday:

Wednesday: 3-5 Class Mass (5), Christmas Program 7:00

Thursday: K-1 to movies, Advent Reconciliation 1:45, BB @ Oblong 6:00,  
Reconciliation service @ St. Thomas 6:30

Friday: All-School Mass (3), Bingo

Saturday: BB @ Pana Sacred Heart 10:00, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30, Pops Concert @  
NCHS 7:30

Sunday: Mass @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30, Pops Concert @  
NCHS 2:00

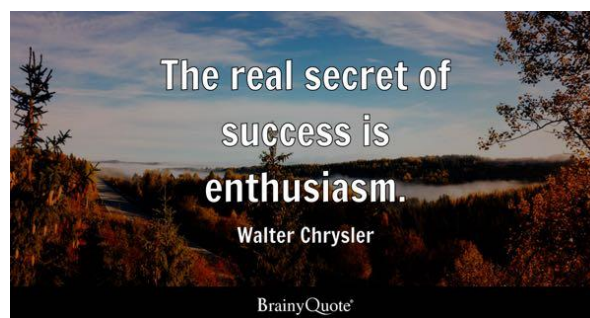
### **ATTACHED/IN PACKET: CEO Event flyer**

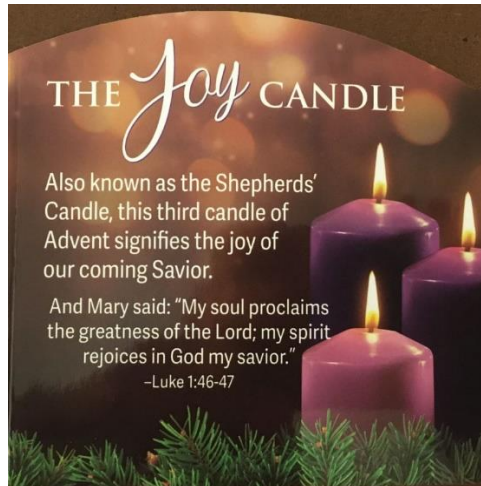
- ❖ Those who ordered **basketball gear** – it will be available at tonight's game.
  - ❖ The **Trivia Night** committee met last week. We've mailed out sponsorship/donation information to several businesses. Please let Lori or me know if you need any more information about sponsoring, donating, or playing! We are almost half way to our table limit. Everyone has something to offer Trivia Night – just let us know!
- ❖ I'm going to put a plug in for the **NCHS Chorus's Pops Concert** taking place this Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. This year's music theme is country. Several of our graduates are in the chorus and have solos. Our own Jeffrey Finley

is the director, and I will be in charge of the concessions stand ☺! Just as watching our high school athletes is a good example for our younger kids, so is watching these talented musicians! Hope to see you there!

- ❖ Our **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Brain Games teams** did great representing our school last Wednesday. 8<sup>th</sup> grade placed fourth and will go back in the spring. Thanks to Mrs. Vahling for taking them!
- ❖ Congratulations to our **Elks Hoop Shoot** representatives: Drayden Ochs, Maison Buerster, Carlee Finn, Emma Schumacher, and Beau Bennett. Thanks for representing our school!
- ❖ I need **Bingo** workers – all spots are open. Please consider helping out!
- ❖ To show support for our **NCHS CEO** group, we will not have Bingo on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. Please consider attending this fun event. The flyer is in the packet today! Our own Sheryl Brummer is the teacher for this group.
- ❖ I want to say a big thanks to our young ladies who are taking turns singing our **National Anthem** at our home basketball games. Brooke Bergbower, Anna Bierman, and Jennelle Hinterscher are doing an awesome job! What a great way to serve their school!
- ❖ Today is the last day to order **SCRIP** cards. You can still buy what we have on hand, but that might be more limited. 2:30 today is the deadline for orders!
- ❖ Don't forget our annual **Christmas program** this Wednesday at 7:00. K-8 will share their musical talent with us! Check out the lost and found while you're here that night!
- ❖ Thanks to our "America" dress up day in November, we were able to send almost \$250 to the **Veteran's Home** in Marion. Way to go, Saints!

I've told the kids that it is easy to show **enthusiasm**, December and January's virtue, when we are doing what we love, when things are going our way, or when we are getting our way. What we all need to work on is showing enthusiasm when it's hard. We may not always feel like it, but that's when our true character is revealed. We should always try to do what we do with enthusiasm, no matter what we are feeling in the moment.





This morning, as we did on Gaudete Sunday (yesterday), we lit the pink Joy candle. Some refer to it as the Shepherd's candle. It marks the halfway point to the birth of our Savior. Gaudete Sunday is meant to be a more light-hearted day as we are expected to rejoice because our Shepherd is drawing near. It also reminds us to prepare for his birth! Philippians 4:4-5 says, *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.*

We also added the 3 Magi to our Nativity. They were brave Gentiles sent by Herod, but did not return to Herod, knowing his plans to kill Jesus. Instead, they realized how special and important Jesus would be to our world and travelled on after warning Joseph and Mary. We can learn a lot from these Wise Men.



**Next week's dress-up days:**

Monday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>: Wear Red/Green

Tuesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Hats/Headbands

Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>: Christmas Socks

Thursday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Christmas Shirts/Sweaters

**Other Dates:**

Tuesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>: Pre-K Christmas Programs 10:00/2:00

Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>: All-School Mass (8)

Thursday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>: 2:00 Dismissal, Movies and Parties, AR party