

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



December 18, 2023

THE NOTE!

Wind, Wind go away!! It was nice to get some rain this weekend. Hopefully no one had plans ruined because of it. The kids look cozy in their PJ's today. This is going to be a busy and crazy week, but it's a lot of fun too!

We added our Rose Candle of Joy and several ornaments to our Jesse Tree this morning.

We also went over the final Purple Candle and the possibility that some add a white Christ candle in the middle on Christmas morning. They are always excited to share what they do at home. We talked about all that would be added to our Nativity and we will leave it up for them to see when they return in January.

If you didn't get to see the Frozen, Jr. musical, you truly missed out! The talent from all of the cast was unbelievable and our Saints were AWESOME! I'm thankful that they all decided to share their talents with our community.

I pray that you all have a very merry Christmas! You all bless me many times over throughout the year and I hope that your time with family and at church will make your holidays very special. The kids are more than excited and I'm thankful that we are able to share the true meaning of Christmas at St. Thomas.



Schedule for the Week:

Monday: Christmas or Other Pajamas, BB H Red Hill 6:00

Tuesday: Red & Green Day, 6th BB vs. Discovery Christian 6:00

Wednesday: Christmas Headbands/Hats, **6-8 Class Mass (7)**, Youth Choir in Parish Center 5:30, Volleyball Parent Mtg. 5:30 in Band Room

Thursday: Ugly Sweaters/Christmas Shirts, BB H Clay City 6:15 (C game 5:15), Movies in the afternoon (Students may bring a snack for themselves and water) Students are able to choose which room they go to.

Friday: Christmas Socks, **All-School Mass (K-1)**, End of 2nd Qt., Early Dismissal 2:00, No P.M. Pre-K, 6th-8th Winter Dance 6-8 p.m.

Saturday: Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30, Mass @ St. Mary's 6:00

Sunday: Mass @ St. Thomas 7:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30, NO 10:00 mass @ St. Thomas

Christmas Eve masses: 4:00 @ St. Thomas, 7:00 @ St. Mary's, Midnight @ St. Thomas

Christmas Day mass: 8:30 @ St. Thomas

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: January Menu/Calendar, Pre-Registration form for 24-25 kindergarten or other NEW students

- The **apparel order** should arrive sometime today. If you want to pick yours up, just email Lori or me or it will come home with your kids on Tuesday. Everything is in clear bags. Some grandparents ordered – are they Christmas presents?
- Just a reminder that there is **early dismissal** on Friday at 2:00. No afternoon Pre-K class.
- The **end of the quarter** is Friday as well. We come back on Thursday, Jan. 4th and grade cards will go home Jan. 5th.
- One of our moms let me know about a cool way to recognize all of these delivery drivers who are working so hard right now. If you get a delivery from Amazon, you can go on and search “**Thank/Tip my Driver**” and whoever delivered your package will be “tipped”. Nice idea!
- Don't forget that there will be a **Booster Club** meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 3rd to discuss the soup supper. We need all stand managers and kitchen committee members to attend.
- Please continue to spread the word about our **Trivia Night**. It's going to be here before we know it. It is a lot of fun and raises money to pay for the aides in our classrooms.
- The **Pre-registration note** in the packets is for NEW students only. This form should only include next year's kindergarteners or any other new students. Feel free to share with family and/or friends.

- We are so thankful for the great **communication** we can offer our families. Please know that I encourage my teachers not to answer work emails on the weekends. Teachers need their time with family and away from school. Of course it is up to them. Thank you for understanding if they do not reply until Monday.
- Travis and Amy Schwengel, St. Thomas parents, are active missionaries in our community, in surrounding communities and in nearby states. They participate in **Street Outreach Ministry**. There is one family in particular that could use clothes for their young kids. Any extra sweatshirts or other warm clothes could be used as well. If you would like to contact Amy, she would be glad to give you more information. What wonderful examples of being the hands and feet of Christ. Amy can be reached at kingdommindedchurchfamily@gmail.com.
- There is a **bug going around**. If your child says they feel like they might be sick, assess them before sending them. We don't want anyone to deal with sickness over the Christmas weekend. Better to stay home and get well, than to spread it around here.
- Again, today is a great example of **everyone needing a coat**. The wind chill is around 20 degrees. When I spoke to some of the kids, they just grin and laugh at me. We kept them in today and will continue to if it's too cold. I've contacted several schools and they all have harsher policies than we do. We want the kids to stay healthy. Whether everyone agrees or not, it is the rule. Thanks for helping me out with this.

