

St. Thomas School



December 3, 2018

THE NOTE!

I hope this finds everyone healthy. We are hearing a lot of coughing-the first sound of winter ☺! We “lit” our first Advent candle this morning and talked about preparing for the birth of Jesus. It’s hard to wait for good things to come, but we are encouraged to keep HOPE in our hearts.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 5th-8th BB practice ‘til 5:30, 5th-8th VB practice 5:30-7:30 (at least one parent should come in for VB parent meeting at 7:30)

Tuesday: BB practice ‘til 5:30, VB practice TBA

Wednesday: **K-2 Class Mass** (K-1 in charge), BB practice ‘til 5:30, VB practice TBA, Trivia Night committee mtg. 6:00

Thursday: BB game at Altamont Lutheran RESECHEDULED For Dec. 20th – same time. BB practice ‘til 5:30, VB practice TBA, After-School Adventure 3:45-5:30

Friday: **All-School Mass** (3rd in charge), BB practice ‘til 5:30, VB practice TBA, BINGO, Holy Day vigil mass at St. Thomas 5:30

Saturday: Art Camp (Day 2) 9-noon, Breakfast w/ Santa in the Parish Center

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: After School Adventure registration – due online or call to sign up, SCRIP order form, Lunch balances through Nov. 30th



- **Bingo** is this Friday night. I need a cashier and two more workers. Please let me know if you can help!
 - We have a couple of **pans left from the mission party treats** that were brought in – one is a cupcake holder and one is a stainless steel cookie sheet. Let us know if you are missing one.
- **Advent** has begun and I hope that many of you are finding the calendar helpful. The kids are great at participating and sharing during our activities. We will be learning about a few of the saints during advent as well. Thanks to our teachers for the activities and lessons throughout this season.
- This Saturday does mark the **feast of the Immaculate Conception** – that Mary was chosen by God at her conception to remain free from original sin so that she would be the perfect mother for his son, Jesus. This is a holy day of obligation. To fulfill this obligation, mass will be offered Friday evening at 5:30 at St. Thomas and 7:00 at St. Mary's, as well as 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning at St. Thomas.
- We are still looking for anyone who would like to donate to the **Trivia Night** and really want to see many of you competing. Remember, if you sign up a table, whether you play or not, you will earn 5 Fair Share hours.
 - I will be **out of the office on Wednesday** to attend an Administrator's Academy in Robinson.
- The 5th/6th and 7th/8th games at **Altamont Lutheran** this Thursday are being rescheduled for Dec. 20th. Their 7th grade girls' basketball team is headed to state and the kids want to go and support them. We pray that they have a successful run at state.
- The state was here on Friday to check our lunch program and all that goes into that. I want to **thank Lisa, Jill and Dawn** for all they did to make it a smooth visit. We passed!
- **Volleyball practices** are beginning tonight, so our gym is busy, busy! Thanks to our coaches for all their hard work. Please be patient as we try to work out a schedule that everyone can work around.
- We have included a **SCRIP** card order form in the packets. There are more to choose from online that you can write in on the order form as well. The last day to send in an order to ensure its delivery before we leave for Christmas break is

Dec. 17th. That will be the last order we place until Jan. 7th. Thanks for all who buy SCRIP cards and help out our school!

- Our **lost and found** is growing. If your son or daughter has misplaced something have them check in the office. We will have a “display” at the Christmas program.
- Next Wednesday will mark the deadline to bring in **non-perishable food items** for our drive. Our goal is 1 ton of food. Although the classes are competing with each other, the goal is a school-wide goal. Thanks for your generosity! Thanks to Civics Club and Mr. Stork for organizing this worthwhile charity!
- The **wreaths** made by each class look awesome! They will be on display at church starting this weekend. You can purchase tickets to try to win them. We will draw for the winner at the Christmas concert.
- Your kids’ teachers have either asked for items or money to help each class make a child in Jasper County have a little happier Christmas. If those could be brought in by Friday, we can get those delivered. Thanks again!



December 1st marked the beginning of the “new year” in our church. As we make resolutions at the beginning of the calendar year, I will be encouraging the kids to make some “prayer resolutions”. Please encourage the kids to remember their prayers in the morning at meal times and at night. As my kids get older I tend to “assume” they are saying prayers, but I know many times they forget. I try to remind them that prayers are just having a conversation with God. We can pray any time!

Our virtue for December is EMPATHY. “Walking a mile in someone else’s shoes”. Thanks to Isabella E. for creating a presentation that explains the virtue to the kids.

