

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



February 26, 2024

THE NOTE!

What an amazing weekend for St. Thomas! If you aren't feeling proud, you should be. Between our 5th and 6th basketball teams, our 7th volleyball team, and Trivia Night, everyone did some great things this weekend. THANK YOU!!

I do want to personally thank all of you who sent texts, talked to Gus or Ben and me after Gus finished his basketball season. They were a super fun and talented group of boys. As I watched our 5th graders win an exciting Hutsonville championship (thank you whoever caught that moment), I remembered when Gus started. Don't blink – enjoy all you can – don't take it too seriously – appreciate the coaches - and have fun! They will be seniors and playing their last games before you know it.

Thanks to our Trivia Night committee, our pretzel makers, our workers, set-up and clean-up committees, MC's, Barney Ochs, Gary and Joyce Johnson, etc....What a fun way to fundraise! If you attended or worked, let me know if you have any suggestions for improvement.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 7th grade VB regionals continue @ Martinsville vs. Sigel 4:30 (note change in time), following a win, the championship will be at approximately 6:00

Tuesday: 1st grade plays 2:20 in Parish Center, 5th grade fun practice after school 'til 5, 6th grade fun practice 5-6:30 (bring clean uniforms)

Wednesday: Booster Club 6:00 @ KC Hall

Thursday: Leap of Kindness Day! Cereal Box Dominoes 1:00

Friday: **All-School Mass (8)**, Stations of the Cross (5) 2:30

Saturday: 8th grade VB Regional @ Sigel vs. Mattoon St. John's 12:00

Sunday: St. Mary's Breakfast 8-noon

Monday: TRACK begins!

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Shriner's Flyer, Booster Club Agenda, Yearbook announcement (5-8 only), March Menu/Calendar, Mite Box explanation

- The kids were given a small **Mite box** and an explanation of it was provided and explained to them by their teachers as well as there is one in the packet. This is a small way to help the missions during Lent, but is optional. Let me know if you have any questions.
- Jennifer Hinterscher is getting started on the **2023-24 yearbook** this Saturday. Students in 5th-8th grades who want to help should come to the St. Thomas Library 9-11:30 or as long as you can help. Feel free to bring a snack. We will discuss the basics of working on the yearbook, start thinking about a cover/theme and make sure everyone can log onto the site. We'll also talk about the best days/times to meet throughout the rest of the school year. Let Mrs. Bierman or Mrs. Zuber know if you want to help.
 - Just a reminder to send in any nominations you might have for the **Distinguished Graduate and/or Exceptional Service awards**.
- The NCHS musical this year will be **OKLAHOMA!** If you would like tickets to see this amazing show, let me know. The dates are March 21-24.
- The **Family Life Center** is hosting a breakfast in the parish center on March 9th. If you would like to bring in baked goods, please sign up at church, or you can send in to school on the Friday before. Thanks!
- If you haven't been to the **Stations of the Cross**, our kids and teachers are doing an amazing job. 2:30 each Friday!

From "Do Something Beautiful for God – The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa"

"Sweetest Lord, make me appreciative of the dignity of my call and its many responsibilities. Never permit me to disgrace it by giving way to coldness, unkindness, or impatience."

Strength does
not come
from what
you can do.
It comes from
overcoming
the things you
thought you
couldn't.

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As we continue to focus on the virtue of **Encouragement**, I encouraged the kids this morning to find someone to encourage every day, maybe adding it to their Lenten goals. I also told them to encourage themselves. When our kids learn to use positive self-talk, they won't rely on compliments from others, making them much more resilient and happy. Very important skill for school, for sports, and for life! Too many times we expect teachers, coaches, and bosses to worry more about others' self-esteem rather than teaching the skills they need for success. Self-esteem starts with self!