

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



**January 11, 2021**

### **THE NOTE!**

Mother Teresa said, “Peace and war begin at home. If we truly want peace in the world, let us begin by loving one another in our own families. If we want to spread joy, we need for every family to have joy.”

I love this quote - it’s sometimes a challenge to be joyful and peaceful when we’re running households, but always a great goal to work towards!

I hope everyone had a great weekend. It’s feeling like winter. If you need anything, please let know. Have a great week!

### **Schedule for the Week:**

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: All-School Mass (2)

Thursday: 6-8 BB vs. Stew-Stras @ Sigel 5:00 and 6:00, **SPIRIT DAY!**

Friday: 3-5 Class Mass (4), Stang Arts registration due

Saturday: 6-8 BB vs. Sigel @ Sigel 10:00 and 11:00

Monday: NO SCHOOL, MLK, Jr. Day

**ATTACHED/IN PACKET:** School Board minutes, bus slips, basketball activity fee reminders, Stang Arts (return by this Friday), 8<sup>th</sup> graders’ form for high school registration, Late Stay balances

- We do have some \$5 Panera, Taco Bell, and Starbucks **SCRIP** cards if you are looking for a small gift for someone. We also have \$10 Walmart and Amazon. Email Lori if you’d like to buy any.
- If you aren’t earning rewards at **Casey’s**, you could start and help out our school. As you collect points, you can donate the money they are worth to our school. I was able to donate money to St. Thomas because of my tea addiction – good things come from drinking lots of tea!
- We have noticed all of the new **Apple/Smart watches** that Santa brought. Our kids are very blessed. Please talk to your son or daughter about how to wear it without looking at it constantly. Kids don’t need any help with distractions, so

the notifications on their watches aren't helping. I told the kids to figure out how to wear them without "using" them or no watches.

- The school board discussed **Snow Days** at our meeting last week. We have decided that if we are out of school due to snow/ice, it will remain a traditional snow day. No remote learning will happen that day – only sledding and hot cocoa!
- Since it has gotten colder and basketball practice has started, when you pick up your kid(s) from **late stay**, if we aren't on the playground, we are in the cafeteria. The best way to pick up is to drive around to the east side. We do snack at 4:00. If your kids are still there, they eat/drink. If we feed them, the charge is \$4 per child. Please make sure that all are picked up by 5:30.
- We continue to focus on the virtue of **Love**. Our K-4<sup>th</sup> graders are making cards for Operation Home Front's Valentine's packages they are sending out. Sending a little Love to our troops.
- On Thursday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, we are going to **wear green** in honor of Organ and Tissue Donation. What a wonderful example of Love, to donate the organs of a loved one to help others. If the kids will bring at least \$1 and wear as much green as they have, we will make a donation in Jessica Spiker's name to Donate Life America.
- Our junior high boys begin their league play this Thursday night. To cheer them on, since we can't all attend, let's wear our **St. Thomas gear on Thursday! Go Saints!** I'm thankful to our dads who are making basketball possible for our boys.
- We sent home information about an **Art contest** for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders before break. If someone wanted to participate they are due this Wednesday. I reminded the kids this morning. The monetary prizes are donated by the Peoples State Bank.
- Please help me in **welcoming** Jessica and Brian Burton and Derek French to our school family. Their son is in our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. We are excited to have them!

