

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

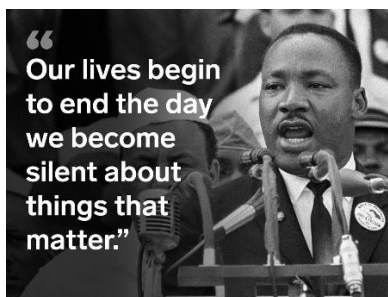


January 17, 2023

THE NOTE!

It's was a gloomy Monday, but it was nice to have the extra day to get some things caught up at home. I hope your kids had a great weekend. Busy week here, with games every night! Our teams are fun to watch! Go Saints!

THE SUN IS SHINING!!



I am thankful we can still talk about, teach, and share the things that really matter in our school every day.

We are gearing up for volleyball tournaments the next two Saturdays and Trivia night will be here before we know it. Let me know if you ever have any questions. I appreciate all the volunteers so far!

Lori's brother, Mike Yager, passed away Saturday night. The family was with him all day and he went peacefully after a brave fight with cancer. We keep their entire family in our prayers.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: NO SCHOOL, BB H Hutsonville 6:00 (St. Thomas Wins!)

Tuesday: VB H Altamont Lutheran 4:30 – C game follows, BB @ Teutopolis 4:00 – Bus leaving at 3:00, Stang Arts 'til 5:00

Wednesday: **3-5 Class Mass (4)**, BB H St. Joe 6:15

Thursday: Camp Ondessonk representative here (8:10 a.m.), VB H St. Anthony 5:00 (C game begins at 4:15)

Friday: **All-School Mass (6)**, Mini March for Life following mass, 100th Day Celebration, VB H Dieterich 4:00, BINGO (we will set up as soon as VB is over)

Saturday: 7th grade VB tournament 9:00, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

Sunday: Masses @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Tuition statements, tax information, 5th grade basketball and volleyball fee reminder, Pre-registration form

- * St. Thomas Church is hosting a **Wine/Beer Tasting this Saturday night** at the KC Hall. Lots of great food and fun for all.
- * As we continue to plan Trivia Night, we are still **in need of bottles of wine** for our Wine Pull. Feel free to leave them in the parish center or bring them to the office. Thanks!
- * On the Trivia Night worker sign up slips, I failed to put that we would like all workers to **report at 4:30** to go over instructions. The doors open at 5:00 for those playing. I hope that works for everyone. We could still use help with grading answers that evening and cleaning up on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. especially.
- * Gary and Joyce Johnson have generously offered to make pretzels for Trivia Night. If you can't be at the event, but would like to help and earn fair share hours, they **could use help making pretzels from 4-6 p.m.** on Feb. 11th in the school kitchen. Let me know if you can help out!
- * I have the workers I need for **Bingo** Friday night, but **still need a caller**. Anyone available? We will have to tear down since we have a volleyball tournament the next morning.
- * We are excited to celebrate the **100th day of school** this Friday. This is celebrated in the lower grades, but does mean we are over 1/2 way through the school year, so the big kids like it too! It's hard to believe we are already there!
- * We didn't have anyone available for **concessions** this evening due to the basketball game time being moved up. Thanks to the Buersters for coming in to work. If volleyball parents could just check in to make sure no extra help is needed, that would be great.
- * Don't forget that we need all hands on deck for **clean-up** after ballgames. It goes much quicker if we all help. Thanks!
 - * There is a **Pre-registration form** in all packets today. If you have a kindergarten student next year, please fill it out for them and return to the office. If you don't need the form, feel free to share it with another family you think might be interested.
- * I've had several questions about **pre-school** for next year. The screenings are usually in May. I will let everyone know when they put out the dates. You will call for an appointment at that time. When you go to the screening, you will be able to mark your preference for location. You can choose ROE/St. Thomas on the form. Feel free to mark morning or afternoon as well to help us when placing the kids. It's not a guarantee, but it will help.

- * People have been asking and I can answer, especially today, that we have a **healthy building**. We only have one student out sick today!
KNOCK ON WOOD!!
- * If your son or daughter is attending Stang Arts, you can **pick them up in the alley** on the East side of the building. The West parking lot will be full for volleyball and it might be safer.
- * We will send a flyer home about **Camp Ondessonk** after the speaker is here this week, but parents are welcome to come listen to the presentation as well.
- * After a busy week, this week, our 7th grade BB team begins **Regional play** next Monday, Jan. 23rd. They got the top seed! Go Saints!
- * If any parents are interested in helping with the creation of our **yearbook**, please let me know. Jennifer Hinterscher and Shelah Bergbower would love to have some help! We will be talking to the kids about it very soon. We usually keep it 5th grade and older.

Upcoming Dates:

Jan. 25th – Booster Club meeting @ KC Hall

Jan. 28th – 8th grade VB tournament

Jan. 30th-Feb. 3rd – Catholic School's Week (all students to Effingham on Feb. 1st for mass with Bishop Paprocki)

Feb. 3rd – 6-8 Valentine's Dance after school

Feb. 11 – Trivia Night

Feb. 20th – No School

Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday

April 19 – 6th and 7th to Springfield

