

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



February 29, 2024

THE NOTE!

Happy Catholic School's Week. We are blessed to have St. Thomas School for our kids to attend, focusing on what is most important every day. We have lots of great things planned and I'm excited to share it with your kids!

All week please encourage your kids to earn some extra change and bring it in to support their class in competition to bring in the most change. The money collected will go to the Family Life Center and the winning class will get a pizza party!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: (Flannel Day) "*Warmed by the love of Jesus*", VB H Oblong 4:30

Tuesday: (Jersey/Team Shirt Day) "*We are Team Jesus*", 100th Day of School Celebrations, Clean up our building day, Cheer Camp at NCHS 4:00, 8th grade BB Regionals 7:15

Wednesday: (Wear Blue Polo/Church pants) "*Fed by the Holy Spirit*", **Mass with Bishop Paprocki @ St. Anthony 10:00**, Bring your lunch, All school to the movies to watch "Migration", 8th grade BB Regional Championship 6:00

Thursday: (Neon Day) "*With God, Our Futures are Bright!*", Jasper County Chamber of Commerce will greet the kids in the morning, Staff Luncheon hosted by Booster Club, VB @ West Salem 6:00 – C game 5:15

Friday: **All-School Mass (7) Candlemas**, 3rd Qt. Mid-terms come home, 8th grade vs. Staff VB match 2:00

Saturday: 7/8 VB tournament at Albion, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

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

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: February Calendar/Menu

- **Nominate a teacher for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award** – Do you know a Catholic school teacher who strives for academic excellence with a focus on the Catholic mission? Know a teacher who left a lasting impression on you or your child? Know a teacher who goes above and beyond for his or her students

and who lives authentically Catholic? Nominate that teacher for the diocesan wide St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award! Nominations are due by March 10. Go to <https://dio.org/schools/eas/>

- We have a slight **menu change** for tomorrow – the Cheesy Taco Rotini will have chicken in it instead of Beef. Everything else will be the same.
 - Congratulations to **Tiffany Keller** on her Eagle Award. This award was presented at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet on the 18th for all she does as a volunteer in our community. What a great example for our youth! Thanks, Tiffany!
- Don't forget to send your kid(s) with their **lunches for Wednesday**. Please consider what you send – we will be sitting on a gym floor, so make it easy. Don't forget a drink!
- The **Soup Supper** is quickly approaching –don't forget your baskets, cakes, Instant Winner and Country Store items, and desserts.
- Thanks to all who sent in their worker sign-up sheets for **Trivia Night**. I'm working on compiling those. We still need wine for the wine pull! We are down to 3 open tables! It's going to be a lot of fun!
- Mark you calendars for **Monday, April 29th**. The teachers and I will be headed to Springfield for a retreat hosted by the Diocese. Jasper Unit #1 is in session that day, but we will not be having school. Sorry for any inconvenience.
- This Friday we will celebrate **Candlemas**. Each student will have a candle that Father Paul will bless and they will bring them home for your family to use during prayers. Each class has created their own candle holder/ring for their candles. This video is a good explanation of this Purification of the Virgin Mary and Presentation of our Lord in the Temple as well as the significance of beeswax candles in our church history. Candlemas is always celebrated on Feb. 2nd which falls during Catholic School's Week this year.
<https://youtu.be/bWuZHyv-1Jg>
- It's hard to believe we are already looking at **mid-term of the 3rd quarter**. Those reports will come home Friday. If your student(s) aren't happy with where their grades are, it's a good reminder to really buckle down on studying.
- Just a reminder to fill out either the online survey sent out Friday from church or one of the cards in the pews to help the Finance and Pastoral Councils with the upcoming **Centennial Campaign** planning. One survey per parishioner. Your input is greatly appreciated.
 - As we transition into February, our virtue goes from **Patience to Encouragement**. Our focus is on being someone who encourages others. This can make all the difference in someone's day and life.
- I apologize that my January calendar had **tonight's volleyball** match as Away. It is a **home match** with Oblong. I will try to be more careful. Thanks for bringing it to my attention.
- Both Wednesday and Friday will be mass days. Please send your kiddos in their **blue polos**.

From 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory, “Just keep showing up for prayer and your other spiritual practices. Show up each day regardless of how you feel, or if it is convenient, or whether or not you think it is bearing any fruit. God’s ways are mysterious. He is at work in your soul like the roots of a mighty tree beneath the surface. Just because you don’t know what God is doing doesn’t mean He isn’t preparing you for what is next. Just show up and let Him work on you.

From Do Something Beautiful for God-The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa, “Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do, but how much love we put in that action.

