

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



**March 11, 2024**

### **THE NOTE!**

I hope this finds all of you awake and not suffering from “time change exhaustion”! It is National Napping Day, so if you can find a place, go for it! I think the kids are definitely feeling it! Starting a new quarter on a Monday after a Spring forward is not fair!



I did encourage everyone, especially our track team members, to start the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter strong and do their best on every assignment, encouraging each other by example to put their best effort forward! I want them all to feel success at the end of the year!



It was great to watch the K-5 girls who were playing basketball on Saturday. I had gone earlier in the year and could really see improvement. I'm thankful that Jess Swick and her staff offered this to help our young ladies develop their skills and discover a love for the sport!



### **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

#### ***\*Scholastic Book Fair All Week\****

Monday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Qt. AR Party, Track practice continues

Tuesday: Grade cards home, Meyers Twin Art after school 'til 5:00, 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation  
Parent Mtg. 6:30 in church

Wednesday: **3-5 Class Mass (3)**

Thursday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Qt. Honor Roll, Pi Day Celebration 12:30, **Lenten Reconciliation 1:45**

Friday: **NO SCHOOL**

Saturday: Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

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

Monday: Detergent Sale Begins, WEAR GREEN!

**ATTACHED/IN PACKET:** Booster Club minutes/School Board minutes, School Kitz order forms, Spring Picture order forms, Account Balances, Reconciliation guidance for kids

- Today we celebrate everyone who got all of their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter **AR points** with popsicles and extra play time. Hopefully everyone (2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) has a good start on a book for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.
- We are again offering the **School Kits**. The order forms are in your packets. You can also order online – that link will be on our Facebook page and our Website. You can also send in a check and we'll order it for you. Either way, they will be available at registration in July.
- Just a reminder that we now have three **Mondays off in April**. April 1<sup>st</sup> for Easter, April 8<sup>th</sup> for the Eclipse, and April 29<sup>th</sup> for our teacher retreat.
- I failed to add it to the March calendar, but **Spring picture day** is Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. There will not be a class picture and the fall pictures are the ones that will appear in the yearbook. However, everyone gets their picture taken.
- I still have tickets available for **OKLAHOMA!** March 21-24. Let me know if you need some!
- The **Book Fair** is in full swing! We only have 4 days this week, so hopefully the kids are asking to do some extra chores to earn some book fair money. Thanks to Mrs. Shamhart and Mrs. Schreifels for organizing the book fair and to all of our volunteers who cover it at lunch.
  - If you have nominations for **Distinguished Graduate or Exceptional Service Awards**, those are due April 5<sup>th</sup> to the school or church office. Thanks!
- This Thursday we will be celebrating **Pi Day!** I appreciate all that Mrs. Schreifels does to make it fun for our junior high and for offering extra credit for extras. We will both be receiving pies in our face beginning at 12:30! Happy Pi Day – 3.14!
- We will be starting our final fundraisers for the year. Next Monday we will begin the **Detergent fundraiser** – time to stock up for summer! That will be due back the Tuesday after Easter – ask friends and family if they'd like to try it!
- We have the official **last day of school as Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**. Unless we would have a snow day, this is what our schedule would look like:
  - Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – All-School Graduation Mass 8:30 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation practice following, Spring Concert 6:00
  - Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten graduation 2:00 – Last Academic Day for all
  - Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – No Mass, Survivor Day – Bring Lunch

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Graduation - 10:00 mass w/awards and diplomas following  
Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School, Park/Play Day – Bring Lunch (No kindergarten), Athletics Awards 6:00 (all 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> sports)

- The **first track meet** is next week! Thanks to our coaches and parent volunteers for all they are doing to make it work with a large number of athletes this year. We will be in charge of the field events at home track meets, so make sure, if you have a kiddo out for track, that you volunteer to help. The one on April 8<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.
- If you or someone you know is looking to replace a bed, now is the time! Jasper Co Unit 1 Music Program is excited to announce they will be hosting a **one-day Mattress Fundraiser** on Saturday March 23, 2024, from 10am to 5pm at Newton HS gym. There will be 25+ different styles of beds on display for customers to try. The beds are new, brand name, made to order, available in all sizes, and cost up to 50% less than suggested retail. In addition to beds, there will also be premium pillows, luxury sheets, and even adjustable power bases! Ben and I got one last year and we are very happy with it.
- We are having **Reconciliation** on Thursday. Parents are welcomed to attend, we just ask that you wait until the kids are finished.

