

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



March 18, 2024

The Note!

I told the kids about St. Patrick today. He was kidnapped by pirates at 16 and sold into slavery for 6 years of his life. After, he became a priest, he returned to Ireland where he was a missionary. He taught about Jesus using the shamrock as a guide – 3 leaves, 1 plant – just like the Trinity – Father, Son, Holy Spirit – all 1 God. The legend he is known for is driving out all the snakes from Ireland as they symbolized evil.



We also recognized our A and B Honor Roll from 3rd quarter. Most of the kids work very hard! It's great to give that some attention. One more quarter!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Detergent Sale begins, Track continues (Parent meeting at 4:50 in PC)

Tuesday: Track H 4:30

Wednesday: **6-8 Class Mass (7)**, Picture Day! Principal's Leadership Conference in Springfield 9-3

Thursday: 8th grade clean church 1:00, Track H 4:30, NCHS Musical, Oklahoma 7:00

Friday: **All-School Mass (4)**, Living Stations of the Cross (8) 10:30, NCHS Musical, Oklahoma 7:00, School Kits Paper orders due

Saturday: Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30, NCHS Musical, Oklahoma 7:00,

Sunday: Masses @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30, NCHS Musical, Oklahoma 2:00, St. Thomas CYO Living Stations 6:30

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Family Life Center Raffle Tickets, Detergent Order Forms (Due back after Easter Break)

- ♣ Thanks to Sarah Mason for organizing our **School Kits orders**. If you are sending in the paper order forms, they are due Friday. You can order online through March 31st.
- ♣ The **detergent fundraiser** forms are in your packet today. Remind family and friends to stock up before summer! Orders are due back Tuesday, April 2nd. Our next sale won't be until September.
- ♣ We are not going to have a **Booster Club** meeting this week. The next meeting is scheduled for April 24th. The Joe's fundraiser will begin after the trashbag sale.
- ♣ The NCHS production of **Oklahoma!** is this weekend. Let me know if you would like tickets. Shows are 7:00 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10. I may be a little biased, but it's going to be a great show!
- ♣ Brian Bierman is selling **raffle tickets** for a \$250 Hartrich Meats gift certificate to raise money for the Newton Family Life Center and the drawing will be held at the end of the KC Hall fish fry this Friday. You don't need to be present to win. Each family will get a sheet of tickets in their parent packet. If you want to buy some, just fill out your tickets and send in with your money by the end of the week. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Thanks for supporting this important ministry.
- ♣ **From Linda Hemrich:** After almost 20 years the time has come for me to hang up my athletic director hat at St. Thomas. This position has changed for me over the years as my daughters grew up, graduated from St. Thomas, and moved onto other exciting phases of their lives. I have transitioned from scheduling games/officials, attending home games, announcing line-ups, supervising tournaments, etc. to focusing on scheduling the past few years. This has been a very rewarding opportunity for me as I have met and worked with so many great AD's, parents, coaches, principals, officials, students/athletes, volunteers, and others too numerous to list. I will stay in contact with many of them.
 Thank you to all of you for all you have done to make this position and our athletic programs run as smoothly as they do. It is definitely a team effort, and I appreciate everyone who made contributions to the team throughout the years!
 St. Thomas absolutely deserves the first place trophy when it comes to team effort! I will miss wearing this hat, but it is time to hang it up and move on to my next phase in life. Thanks again for everything, and know that I am just across the parking lot if you need anything! Go Saints!
- ♣ If your son/daughter is filling a miter box for the **Missionary Childhood Association**, please send those in before we leave for break next week. Thanks to all who participated. Those who have brought them in have been very proud of their donation – I love to see that!
- ♣ Lori sent home **statements** last week. If you are experiencing a financial struggle, please feel free to reach out. Even small payments are better than nothing. I know Father Paul would feel the same way. You can contact him with concerns about tuition payments.

- ♣ The NCHS music program is having a **mattress fundraiser** this Saturday from 10-5 in the high school gymnasium. There is a large selection and all are on display. If you're in the market, stop by and check it out.
- ♣ For **parents of track athletes**, there is a parent meeting this evening at 4:50 in the parish center. Shasta will go over her expectations and you can sign up to drive to away meets. Thanks to all of our volunteers for getting the kids ready for their season. Each week I will check grades on Friday right after lunch. The subjects included are Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies and Religion. The grade must be at least a 69.5%. If your son/daughter has a D or F, they will receive a letter home. I need you to sign one of the two I send home and return it to me on Monday. For this week we used grade card grades. As soon as teachers feel there are enough grades in their subject to use 4th quarter grades, we will. Behavior is also a factor in whether or not participation in track will happen. My theory is if they can't behave and be respectful at school, they shouldn't be allowed to represent the school at sporting events. Thanks for helping with this. I'm looking forward to an awesome season! Go Saints!
- ♣ Just a reminder to **turn right** (west) out of our parking lot after parent pick-up. PLEASE share this with anyone who picks up your kids. Close calls and frustrated drivers!
- ♣ Notice the change in time for **Stations of the Cross** this week. Friday (Live Stations-8th grade) 10:30 a.m. They are headed to the musical!

