

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



**March 4, 2024**

### **THE NOTE!**

What a beautiful weekend we had! I hope you all were able to get out and enjoy it. The temperatures are staying mild this week for the most part, so the beginning of track practice should be good. It will be a great time for our kids to practice the virtues of

Encouragement and Patience. Track is a large group, so I encouraged them this morning to do more listening – not as much talking. We have the best coaching staff in the area, so they can learn a lot! Let's Go, Saints!

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade VB team is moving on in Regionals after defeating Mattoon St. John's Saturday. They play Tuesday at 7:00 in Sigel vs. Sigel. Let's go, girls!



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

Monday: Track practice starts

Tuesday: 8<sup>th</sup> grade VB Regionals continue @ Sigel vs. Sigel 7:00

Wednesday: **K-2 Class Mass (2)**, School Board 6:00, Trivia Night 7:00

Thursday: 8<sup>th</sup> grade VB Regional Championship @ Sigel 6:00

Friday: **All-School Mass (K-1)**, End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Qt., **Stations of the Cross (6) 2:30**

Saturday: Family Life Center Breakfast in P.C., Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30 – TIME CHANGE – SPRING FORWARD

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

**ATTACHED/IN PACKET:** School Board mtg. agenda, JFL registration(grades 4-7), Meyers Twin Art registration, Book Fair worker sign-up, Lunch statements

- **Track parents** – Make sure you are on the **BAND app**. This is a great way for the coaches to communicate. I can send you an invite if you're not on there yet.
- Lots of people have been asking. We are still in session on the day of the eclipse, **April 8<sup>th</sup>**. I will know more this week if that is going to change. Mr. Sornberger

and the Board of Education are talking to EMA to determine what the best choice will be. I'll let you know as soon as I know.

- The teachers will be attending a **retreat in Springfield on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**. We will not be having school that day. The public school will be in session, but we will not. Thank you for understanding.
- I still have **musical tickets available!** As my daughter said, "It's really soon!!" You can buy tickets for Thursday-Sunday, March 21-24. They are presenting *Oklahoma!* this year.
- Nominations for **Distinguished Graduate/Exceptional Service** can be turned in to our office or the church office.
- **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/>.
- The Booster Club met this past Wednesday (Thank you, Ladies). Upcoming will be a **Joe's Pizza fundraiser** in late April. There will also be a **new apparel order** sent home at the end of the year with orders due during registration or the week after.
- **Upcoming fundraisers** for the school include detergent and trashbags to stock up for the summer!
- Just a reminder – after picking up students at the end of the day, please **turn right or west onto Washington Street**. It may not be the way you want to go, but you can turn at the next block. If you have someone else who picks up your kids, please pass this information along. We've almost had accidents several times!
- After punching the numbers, it looks like our 5<sup>th</sup> annual **Trivia Night** brought in \$55,000! Thanks so much to our committee and all who worked to make it a huge success. We have a wonderful community and surrounding communities who have been very generous to our school! If you have any suggestions for next year, please let me know. The committee will meet one last time this Wednesday to go over everything.

**Encouragement** continues as our virtue this month. We talk about it a lot and want our kids to be those cheerleaders for each other. They will never regret giving someone encouragement!

#### **Philippians 2:3-4**

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*



From Do Something Beautiful for God – The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

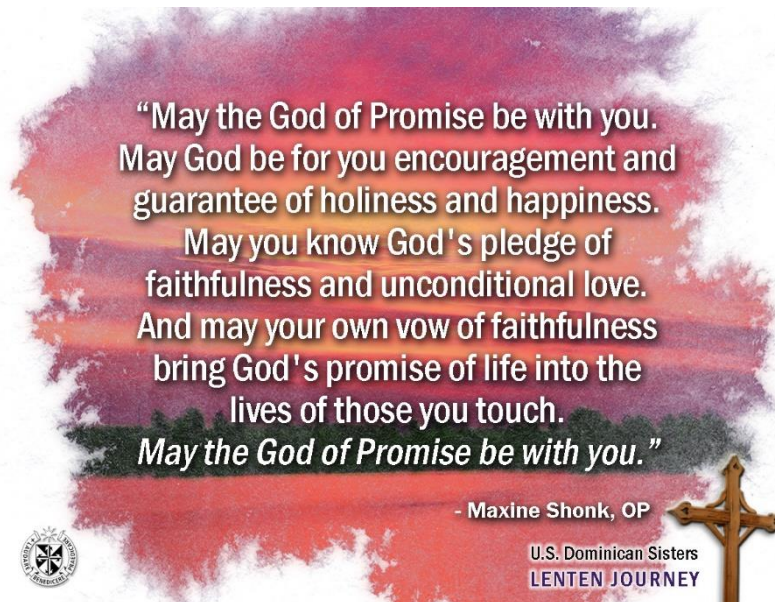
*God is Joy. Joy is prayer. Joy is a sign of generosity. When you are full of joy, you move faster and you want to go about doing good to everyone.*

*Joy is a sign of union with God – of God's presence.*



### **Prayers for Lent**

O Lord, you who let your body to be taken, broken and given away for the life of the world, we pray that you would take our own broken bodies—broken by sickness, sorrow, shame, age or abuse—and bless them so that they might be instruments of blessing to our neighbors. In your name. Amen.



Thank you for encouraging your kids through this Lenten season. Many of them talk about their promises and are working very hard. I'm so proud of them! Keep up the good work! This time of repentance is not only for the Catholic faith, but for all Christians to reflect on the passion of our Lord. I remind the kids often that we can endure our sacrifices if Jesus can endure what he did for us!