

# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



**May 6, 2024**

## **THE NOTE!**

**It was a great day to be a Saint on Saturday!** Our Saints Track team did a phenomenal job, with many getting their personal records and several qualifying for the state meet this weekend. We have 20 athletes headed to Peoria! Some qualified because of their time, throw, or jump was state qualifying, and some qualified because they were the Sectional Champion in their event on Saturday. Those include: Audrey Beals - High Jump, Maddie Brummer - Discus, Avery Geier - Mile, Brady Francis - Pole Vault, Dylan Earnest, Kaleb Iffert, Beau Bennet, Quincy Fulton - 4x100 Relay, Quincy Fulton - 200 and 100. Good luck at State, Saints!

Our 7th grade girls were 2nd place overall  
7th grade boys were 4th place overall  
8th grade girls were SECTIONAL CHAMPS!  
8th grade boys were 2nd place overall



Happy Mother's Day to all of you moms out there! You do so much for your families and it is all appreciated even if it is not voiced enough! We pray through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Mary, that you will continue to cherish your role as mother and raise your children in a faith-filled home. THANK YOU for all you do!

*Lord, please bless our mothers. Ease their worry for the families you entrust to them, guide them in times of doubt, and hold them close when they are overwhelmed by both joy and sorrow. May they know our deep gratitude for giving us life and love. In union with Mary, we ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.*

*From FaithND*



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

Monday: Happy Birthday, Mr. Stork, Track H 4:30 (8<sup>th</sup> grade recognition 4:10)

Tuesday: Meyer Twins Art 'til 5:00

Wednesday: 3-5 Class Mass (4), Happy Birthday, Matt, 1<sup>st</sup> grade to Terre Haute Children's Museum

Thursday: Kindergarten on walking field trip

Friday: All-School Mass (K-1), State Track Meet @ Peoria

Saturday: State Track Meet @ Peoria, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30, NCHS Graduation 7:00

Sunday: Masses at St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30, Happy Birthday, Mrs. Waldhoff, Happy Mother's Day!

**ATTACHED/IN PACKET:** School Board minutes, Yearbook reminders, final fee/tuition statements

- Mrs. Vahling and her class have been growing **plants** and now have some available if anyone is interested. She has beef steak tomatoes, yellow and red cherry tomatoes, "aroma" tomatoes and others, peppers (very small plants) too. Email her if you are interested: [janetvahling@stthomassaints.com](mailto:janetvahling@stthomassaints.com).
- Following St. Thomas 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation on May 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a prayer service and dedication of the stone and tree that have been placed at the southwest corner of the church yard **in memory of Jessica Spiker**. Everyone is welcome.
- **Survivor Day** is May 17<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for donations of Gatorade for the classes. The K-3 can use the smaller ones and the 4-8 like the regular ones. If anyone is interested in donating, please let me know. Don't forget to pack lunches and sunscreen!
- This Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be having their annual **Teacher Appreciation Car Wash** from 1-2:45 p.m. Thanks to Dirtbuster for donating the soap. If any parents or grandparents would be willing to supervise the students, please let me know.
- The pick-up date for our **Joe's Pizza fundraiser** will be Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> after school until 5:15 p.m. Make plans to pick up your orders. THANKS for a great sale!
- Don't forget to get me the **summer schedules**. Whatever your kiddo would like me to see them do, I'll do my best!
- Congratulations 8<sup>th</sup> graders Malorie Buerster and Maddie Brummer on being elected to the **NCHS Student Council** for their freshman year. Proud of you girls!
- We have three young ladies who have been sharing their vocal talents with the **OCC Children's Choir** this year. Congratulations to Emmalin Finley, Emma Hartrich, and Electa Meyer. Thank you for all your hard work.

- **Upcoming Dates/Times:**

May 10-11 State Track Meet @ Peoria

May 14 Pre-K graduations 10:00/2:00

May 15 All-School Graduation Mass/Grad. practice

May 15 Pre-K's Last Day

May 15 – K-8 Spring Concert

May 16 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Trip to St. Louis

May 16 Kindergarten Graduation 2:00

May 17 No Mass, Survivor Day – Bring Lunch

May 19 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation 11:00 following the 10:00 Mass

May 20 Park/Play Day – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – Bring lunch  
May 20 - Athletic Awards Night 6:00

- **Track families:** Please let teachers and the office know if you are planning to take any of your kids out Friday to head up to the state meet. Since we are ending the year, there may be tests that need to be done on Thursday. Thanks! Go Saints!
- Parents – please talk to your kids about their **social media** use. We have heard some not very positive things including inappropriate pictures being sent and not very nice words being used. I would encourage you to use some parental control if the platform has any. There are boys and girls making some very bad choices. They’ve all been taught about how **NOTHING** they send or put out there will ever actually disappear. I’m afraid Snapchat will be the death of some reputations.



From “Do Something Beautiful for God – The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa  
*“Bring prayer back into your family life and you will experience unity and a joyful love that will bind you together. Maybe there is suffering in your family, but praying together, sharing together, loving together will help you.*”

From Prayers and Promises for Teachers (God’s Reliability)  
*Every good action and every perfect gift is from God. These good gifts come down from the Creator of the sun, moon, and stars, who does not change like their shifting shadows.*  
*James 1:17*

