

St. Thomas School



November 13, 2018

THE NOTE!

Hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend. The Veteran's Day program was beautiful and it was great to see several of our families. We have 2 short weeks ahead, so we need to encourage our kids to work hard and stay focused. Lots of luck to our hunters – may your buck fever be cured and/or your freezers filled!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: Cheer practice 'til 5:30, GBB Home Sigel, BBB @ 7th grade Dieterich tournament 5:00 & 6:15

Wednesday: 3-5 Class Mass (4th in charge)

Thursday: Cheer practice 'til 5:30, BBB @ St. Peter 6:00, Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday: NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conferences, Bingo

Saturday: BBB @ Olney Shootout 10:15

Sunday: 6th-8th Confirmation practice 11:00 at St. Mary's (candidate and sponsor)

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: School pictures, Booster Club agenda, Apparel order form

- **Congratulations to Amy Ochs Tarr** on her election to the office of Jasper County Clerk. She and her family have worked very hard!
- Thanks to our teachers and the families who attended, for a wonderful **K-3 Family Night!** For those who purchased from the book fair, thank you for allowing each of our classrooms and the library to receive new books.
- **Thanks** to our moms who came in over the lunch periods to work the book fair and to Mrs. Schreifels and Mrs. Shamhart for the planning and leadership!
- We are busy planning our new fundraiser, a fun **Trivia Night on Feb. 2nd**. We are looking for auction items that will draw in the crowd. We have been given a beautiful new bicycle, 4 Illini tickets and Cardinals tickets so far. Each class is creating a basket with your help as well. If you or a group of families would like to donate something, please let me know. The more we have, the better the results.
- We have **Bingo** this Friday night! Doors open at 6:00, volunteers need to be here at 5:45. I **still need a cashier, a caller and one more volunteer**. I have Lisa Rauch, Anne Kuhl and Helen Weber so far. PLEASE let me know if you can help.

- Don't forget about the 2-day **Art Camp** for 5th-8th graders on December 2nd and 9th. Sign up soon!
- There is an extra **SCRIP order form** in the packets today. These are a few of the holiday cards they are offering. Some we already have, but there are some smaller denominations offered. Feel free to use that form and make copies and share.
- Everyone should get their **pictures today** and each student gets a class picture for free. If you are missing one, please let us know. **Retakes** are already Tuesday, the 20th. If you need a form, please let us know and we will send it home.
- Lots of good stuff on the **apparel order** for Christmas! Just a few notes – we are getting sample sizes of a few things, so if you have questions about sizes, I will let you know when those are here. Also, the dress (last item) does have a hood.
- We have started trying to **MAKE A CHANGE!** The classes are competing to see who can bring in the most 'change' by Nov. 21st. This money will be donated to help fund research to find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. With 3 of our students dealing with the disease every day, it is a cause close to our hearts! Have your kids do some extra chores to earn some change. Thanks!
- Everyone is signed up for **parent/teacher conferences**. Please let me know if you need reminded of your time(s). Each slot is 15 minutes, so please respect that to keep everyone on schedule. I am so grateful that you make it a priority to meet with your kids' teachers!
- You will see the final **door worker/concessions worker list in the packet today for 6th-8th parents**. If you didn't sign up, you were assigned a date. If you can't work the date, please try to find someone to cover or let Helen Weber know. Everyone who is sending their child to Space Camp is expected to help out since the concessions money pays for a large part of that trip. Thanks to Helen for organizing!
- Just a reminder to those who pick up their son/daughter in the **parent pick-up line...if Mrs. Pitcher is crossing students, do not advance the line. Wait until she is back on the sidewalk. Also, do not be on your cell phones at any point while in line. The fines for cell phones in a school zone are high. Thanks!**
- Next week will be our **K-2 Thanksgiving program** in the parish center at 1:15 on Wednesday. We will have cookies and punch following with all families leaving by 2:00 for bus/dismissal purposes. If you plan to attend and want to take your other kids home with you, please let us know in the office any time.
- We are not going to have a **Booster Club** meeting this week as the calendar shows. If anyone from that group needs anything, feel free to email! The next meeting will be January 23rd. The Soup Supper chairpeople will be asked to attend.

