

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



November 23, 2020

THE NOTE!

When asked, “who killed a deer,” there were lots of hands, so congratulations to everyone who did. This week is my absolute favorite holiday. Although COVID-19 is trying to ruin it, the most important thing about Thanksgiving is being thankful for all we are blessed with. For me, that includes all of you and your kids. I still feel very blessed to work in this school with all of you supporting me and the teachers. It’s the best job in the world! Enjoy whatever time you get with family!

Mrs. Wendt and her husband welcomed baby boy, Ian, to their family yesterday. Please keep them all in your prayers!

COVID UPDATE: 9 quarantined – no positive cases.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: All-School Mass (7), K-2 will record their Thanksgiving program, NO EARLY DISMISSAL, Mass at St. Thomas 5:30

Thursday: Happy Thanksgiving! Mass at St. Thomas 7:30 a.m. and St. Marie 8:45 a.m.

Friday: Good luck Black Friday shoppers!

Saturday:

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Advent Calendar, St. Anthony High School Open House postcard (5th-8th), Stang Arts, Free Orthopedic Clinic flyer, SCRIP order form, bus slips

- We are including in your packet a SCRIP order form. If you are planning on giving any gift cards as gifts, fill out the form and we'll order them for you. The last day to place an order will be Monday, Dec. 14th. You can send the form and payment in with your student.
- Sarah Barthelme has St. Thomas socks for sale. The socks are \$9 each. The sizes are XS - kids shoe size 11-4, Small - Men's shoe size 4-8, and M/L - Men's shoe size 8-12. Text or call Sarah at (618) 553-6999, if they are interested. They would make good stocking stuffers and are a really good quality.
- I hate that we can't all come in to watch our K-2 Thanksgiving program. When we have it recorded, we will definitely get it out to everyone. Maybe it can be the entertainment at family Thanksgivings! I appreciate your patience and all the work our teachers are putting in to continue are traditions as best we can.
 - We, unfortunately, had to cancel the festivities for Saturday night for the euchre tournament and gun drawing. We will be drawing for the guns this afternoon and after we contact the winners, I will send out an email to let everyone know. Thanks so much to those who sold or purchased tickets. The Dow family will definitely benefit from our efforts. Keep them in your prayers as they navigate this tough situation with their son.
- We're starting to give checks for leggings or tight pants with no pockets if the shirt does not easily cover the behind. The girls have been spoken to and I've put it in the parent letter. I guess this is the next step.
 - We begin the Advent season of waiting this Sunday. Please use the calendar in your packets to share this season with your kids. Attending mass or church is very important, whether you attend in person or via some type of streaming. You are doing your kids a disservice if you aren't prioritizing their faith for them until they can do it themselves. Raising a Christian child is a commitment that should not be taken lightly.
- If anyone is interested, we have yearbooks from past years for sale. We have them from last year all the way back to 2015-2016. If you missed purchasing one, they are \$16.
 - Don't forget to check out the apparel order that was sent home last week. Orders are due by this Sunday, Nov. 29th at 11:59 p.m. <https://stthomasbooster2020.itemorder.com/>
- When we return after Thanksgiving, there are only 3 full weeks a couple of days until 2nd quarter ends. Encourage your kids to work hard and get their AR points. With so much happening, 2nd quarter usually sees some not doing as well and not reaching their AR goal.
- We were blessed to be able to celebrate my parents' 50th wedding anniversary yesterday. What a wonderful reminder of working together through the good and the bad. (Of course raising me was the good part) This year has been a constant reminder for us all that there is good and bad and that if we work together, like my mom and dad have, we will withstand any hardship. Try to find the best in whatever you do for Thanksgiving! COVID doesn't change the love of family and friends.



THANK YOU, LORD,
FOR AUTUMN DAYS,
FOR GRATEFUL HEARTS,
FOR PSALMS OF PRAISE —
THANK YOU, LORD,
FOR FOOD TO SHARE,
FOR FAMILY TIMES
OF FAITH AND PRAYER —
THANK YOU, LORD,
FOR ALL THESE THINGS,
AND EVERY JOY
THANKSGIVING BRINGS.

Happy Thanksgiving