

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



**November 7, 2022**

### **THE NOTE!**

Hope none of you blew away this weekend! What a beautiful morning! (although those in shorts and t-shirts were shivering) It's a crazy week, so hold onto your hats.

Encourage your kids to work hard the three days we do have. Because we don't attend school on Veteran's Day, we will have a dress-up day on Thursday (see the note) and the money collected will go to the Veteran's hospital in Marion. **We are thankful for all of our veterans!** There is an opportunity to recognize any veterans in your families in the packet. Please have your kids color the paper and if you could fill it out and send it back by Wednesday/Thursday, we will have them displayed at our home ballgame and for the Soup Supper on Sunday.

**Congratulations to our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders** who received their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and were Confirmed into our Catholic faith on Saturday. They did a wonderful job. It was a great day and it was wonderful to have all of our families at the Cathedral. I was honored to be there on their big day. Thank you families for making the day special.



We continue to focus on the virtue of **Thankfulness**. I was so thankful to those who stepped up and worked Bingo for us on Friday night. I know it's not something we love to do after a work week. I was also thankful for the basketball team setting up for Bingo and the junior high kids putting it all away this morning. We truly are blessed at St. Thomas because we are service-minded! What a great example you all are for your kids!

**Thanks to Eric and Anna Weber** for our "cook out" lunch today. What a treat! The kids will have hotdogs and porkburgers off the smoker, green beans, potato casserole and fruit. We appreciate the Webers sharing their talents with us today!

We keep Mr. Stork and his wife in our prayers as they finish their drive back from California. His daughter and son-in-law, a marine, as well as their granddaughter will soon be moving home, so they are bringing the car and some of their belongings back to Illinois. Godspeed!

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: GBB @ Casey 6:00, BB @ Stew-Stras 6:00

Tuesday: NO SCHOOL



Wednesday: **All-School Mass (7)**, Youth Choir 5:30

Thursday: America Day – Pay \$1 and wear all the red, white, and blue you can (one winner per class), GBB H Altamont 6:00, BB H St. Anthony 6:00

Friday: NO SCHOOL



Saturday: Server's training at church 9:00 a.m., GBB H Olney 10:00, St. Thomas Mass 4:30

Sunday: SOUP SUPPER 10:30-2:30 – Drawing at 3:00, St. Thomas Masses 7:00/10:00, St. Mary's Mass 8:30

**ATTACHED/IN PACKET:** Lunch account information, Soup Supper worker list, 6-8 Basketball fees, Veteran Info Paper, School Board minutes, Door Worker/Concessions list

- \* Thanks to all of our families who sent in their money for the **mission party**. We were able to donate \$695 to the mission trip account at church. Way to go Saints!
- \* The **Trivia Night committee** is working hard to find awesome auction items for our biggest fundraiser. If you have something to donate or know of someone who might, please let us know. Be creative-we can combine smaller donations to make something awesome!
  - \* This weekend is our annual **Soup Supper**. Don't forget to bring in your pies/cakes/baskets/Instant Winner prizes, etc. The worker list is attached/in packet today. Make sure to be there to work your shift. Thanks in advance to all who work to make this a great fundraiser for our school and church. Don't forget to sell your **raffle tickets** – if you need more, let us know!
- \* It is time to have the kids shoot to determine who will represent St. Thomas at the annual **Elks Hoop Shoot** in Effingham on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the high school gym. Students must turn 8 on or before April 1, 2023 and cannot turn 14

before April 1, 2023. A few things that I know are going on that day are Breakfast with Santa in our parish center, the Christmas parade that night, and the JV/Varsity Boys' Basketball teams are @ Flora at 3:00 p.m. I am not trying to discourage anyone, but it does take time to have the kids shoot, so if you DON'T want your son or daughter to try to win a spot for that day because you won't be able to attend, please tell them. Next week I will start using recess times to have each group shoot. I can send a boy and girl from 8/9 year olds, 10/11 year olds, and 13/14 year olds.

- \* Don't forget to sell those **live wreaths, swags, and crosses**. Orders are due Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> so we can get them back to enjoy longer!
- \* Our **Christmas apparel order** is due online by Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. Hopefully you'll be able to find some Christmas presents!
- \* Because we are not in school on Veteran's Day, we will be honoring them on Thursday with "**America Day**". Students should wear as much red, white, and blue as they can. If they would each donate at least \$1, St. Thomas will make a donation to the Veteran's hospital in Marion. In your packets you will also find a slip to fill out about a **veteran or veterans in your family, past or present**. We plan to have a display in the parish center for our ballgame Thursday night and for the Soup Supper on Sunday, so please return them Wednesday or Thursday! At our home ballgame on Thursday night, there will be a donation jar for fans to contribute to our efforts, and we will recognize any of the veterans present.
- \* Lori is sending home **basketball fee** reminders for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and **lunch account statements** for everyone.
- \* The updated **Soup Supper workers' list** and **BB/VB door and concessions list** are attached to the email. Please put your shift/dates on your calendar.
- \* Our first home basketball game went very well. **Thanks** to those who worked, coached, played, sang, and cheered for our teams.
  - \* **Wednesday** is all-school Mass, so don't forget polos!
- \* If you would like to purchase **basketball gear**, please go to the link below. This Sunday is the deadline so we can get them back quickly since the season has already started.

<https://stthomasbasketball2022.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

