

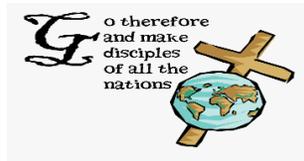
## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



**November 2, 2020**

### **THE NOTE!**

What a great Halloween/Mission celebration here last week. Thanks to everyone who did something to make it a success. The donations were generous, the costumes were amazing, and, as always, your support is appreciated. We raised over \$700 for the missions! Way to go Saints!



If you weren't able to attend the Halloween parade last week, you missed some amazing costumes. Our costume winners were:

K - Electa Meyer, 1 – Emalee Kistner, 2 – Jace Cochran, 3 – Abbie Ginder, 4 – Drew Iffert, 5 – Lauren Gier, Curtis Weber, and Oliver Ochs, 6 – Kinli Michl and Gavin Meinhart, 7 – Alex Gier, Kody Bergbower, Wade Ochs, Wyatt Ochs, and Adam Weber

Grand Prize: Claire Schackmann – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

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

Monday: Cheer 5:30-7

Tuesday: No School; Election Day.

Wednesday: All-School Mass (4), School Board 6:00, Trivia Night meeting 7:00, Cheer 5:30-7

Thursday:

Friday: Spirit Day – GO SAINTS/EAGLES!! Show some school/community spirit!

Saturday: Cheer Practice 9-3

**Attached/In Packet:** Late Stay Balances, Bus Slips, Booster Club Live Pine fundraiser information, School Board agenda

- We are going to have a **Trivia Night** meeting this Wednesday following School Board in the library. If anyone is interested in helping out on that committee,

join us at 7:00. There's no way of knowing if we'll get to have it, but we're going to discuss some options.

- Our **Booster Club** is conducting a fundraiser, selling live wreaths, etc. The information is included in your packets. With the uncertainty of future fundraisers, we thought this would be one people might like. Thanks for helping sell and making it a success!
- As I sent all of the pictures to be put on **Facebook** after our Halloween parade, I was once again reminded of how much I appreciate Kiley Borgic doing that for our school. I love that so many of our family members can see and share what great things are happening at St. Thomas! Thanks, Kiley!
- Just a reminder that **we will not do the 2:10 early dismissal days** this year before Thanksgiving and Christmas break. I feel like it just causes more work for parents. We will plan on having late stay on those days like usual.
- **Thank you** for freezing through our Halloween parade for us. I was so thankful that we didn't have to go in the gym.
- With the colder weather moving in, **please send coats** and whatever else you'd like your kids to wear to school each day. We will be outside as much as possible to allow mask breaks. If our parents/grandparents who do lunch duty and our teachers who do recess/P.E. are willing to stay outside, we will.
  - I may not make some kids very happy, but I'm really close to not allowing **leggings** at all in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. I understand that they are the style, but the shirts we wear with them HAVE to be long enough to cover our bottoms, even when our arms are raised, and they can't be skin tight shirts that hug their bottoms. I realize that some girls are still little, so this seems ridiculous, but it is the dress code, so I can't allow that for any 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Thanks for helping me out with this. If we all work together, maybe we can leave them as a possibility.
    - You will probably hear talk of other schools taking **more time off** after Thanksgiving/Christmas breaks. The fear is that families will gather or travel and bring COVID into our schools. My plan is to follow our calendar and see how it goes. Our families are staying healthy so far and being here is better for everyone involved. I appreciate everything our kids and teachers are doing to keep the kids safe. If you have questions, input, etc. please email me. Our school board will be discussing it Wednesday at our meeting as well.
- **Thank you** for your generosity on our Pajama Day last week. We raised a little over \$350 to give to the Jasper County Ministerial Association to help with Christmas food baskets. 2
- Our **1<sup>st</sup> graders and 8<sup>th</sup> graders** did a great job working together to bring some of our saints to us on Friday at church. I didn't know how cute saints really are. ☺ On this All Souls Day, we keep all of our family and friend who have passed away in our special prayers.
- We are working on **contact days for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> basketball and volleyball**. Most likely volleyball will be in the mornings and basketball after school. As of right now, basketball is limited to drills and individual work, no scrimmaging.

Masks will be required of both sports. Contact days may begin as early as next week. Go Saints!

- As of right now, we are working on a recorded **Christmas concert**. I'll keep you posted, but we will not be able to have our normal one ☹!
- Thanks to our dads/former students/current students who helped Dan take out and store our **air conditioners**. It's sad to see them go because that means winter!
- The Booster Club will be having another **apparel sale** before Christmas for potential gifts. We will send those home soon. We have the following St. Thomas gear for sale from our last order:
  - Youth Large Black DriFit Sweatshirt - \$40
  - Youth XL Blue Sweatshirt - \$22
  - Youth Medium Blue Windbreaker Pullover - \$30
  - Youth Large Black Boys Shorts - \$19
- We also have **trash bags** left over that were extra given to us by our salesman from this year and past years:
  - 5 boxes 13 gallon (70 per box) \$12.00
  - 2 boxes 30 gallon (25 per box) \$10.00
  - 1 box 39 gallon lawn and leaf (30 per box) \$15.00
  - 5 rolls 39 gallon (old yellow ones) \$12.00Email if you are interested in any of our extras!

Thanks to our great examples of our virtue of **Service** right here in our community!



Philippians 2:4 - "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

