

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



October 10, 2023

THE NOTE!

It's hard to believe it's already the last week of the 1st quarter. Time flies when you're busy and having fun! I saw many of you throughout the long weekend. Many thanks to the well wishes after Gus's crowning. Someone told me I am now the Queen Mother, a label I share with Shasta Bennett. It was neat to see two St. Thomas graduates crowned and several included in the court. The picnic was a lot of fun. Thanks to all of our parents who serve on the pastoral council and the picnic committee. It was a success!



I encouraged the kids to work really hard this week to finish up their AR goal and to get their grades where they want them. **Grade cards** will go home Tuesday of next week.

We are proud of all of our cross country runners who have now finished their season. Great job Avery and Josie, who ran in the Sectional on Saturday against some big schools. Thanks for all your hard work throughout the season!



Continuing to pray for our farming families. You put in a lot of time and energy, and we hope you have a successful and safe harvest!

Girls' basketball is underway! Go Lady Eagles. Our 7/8 practice begins Monday. We are officially moving the sports indoors!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: Stang Arts 'til 5:00, GBB @ St. Anthony 6:00

Wednesday: **3-5 Class Mass (3)**, 5th grade Server Training following Rosary, Youth Choir 5:30

Thursday: K-1 to Pumpkin Patch (St. Thomas shirt and bring lunch), Cheer practice 'til 5:00, GBB @ Paris Mayo 6:00

Friday: **All-School Mass (3)**, Picture Day, End of 1st Qt., Day of Prayer w/each class spending time at Adoration – 2:00 Benediction, GBB H T-Town 6:00

Saturday: CC State @ Normal – Good luck to Brooke Gentry, JCJH student, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

Sunday: Masses @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30, 50th Anniversary Brunch following 10:00 mass – Congratulations to those couples!

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Picture Order forms, Sigel Dance flyer (7 -8), School Board minutes, Blessing of a Pet prayer, Pumpkin Carving Contest,

- ❖ Friday is **Fall Picture Day**. This is the picture that will go in the yearbook and the day we will take the class photo. Hopefully everyone is able to be here. Students do not have to wear their polo that day, but must have on church appropriate clothes.
- ❖ It is **National School Lunch Week**. We will recognize our amazing cooks tomorrow with a lunch they don't have to make! I'm very thankful for both of them and they genuinely care for our kids!
- ❖ **Trash Bags** arrived this morning, so starting tomorrow, you will be able to pick those up. Let us know when it works for you. Small orders we can send with the kids.
- ❖ Our **5th graders** will be trained on Wednesday to serve during masse. After they have trained, you can let Linda know if they are willing to serve on the weekends. She does a good job of pairing them with someone who is more experienced to get them started.
- ❖ Support our local Jasper County Chamber of Commerce by entering a pumpkin in their **pumpkin carving contest**. I've attached the flyer!
- ❖ Thanks to all who supported our parish in any way during the **picnic**. It was great to see so many there enjoying the good food, music, and games. We had most St. Thomas families represented in some way. Great job to our students who worked at the dinner and our CYO students who provided the games. I'm sure a lot of farmers had chicken!
- ❖ Last week we celebrated the feast day of **St. Francis of Assisi**, the patron saint of pets. In your packets, you'll find a blessing for pets, which might be fun to do as a family!

- ❖ I will be sending home your **P/T Conference times** today in the packets. I've highlighted your day/time. I tried my best to give you what you asked for, or close to it. Let me know if you have any questions.
- ❖ Our sympathies go out to the Ginder and Geier families who lost their Grandpa/Great-Grandpa, Wayne Stark. Our prayers are with your family.

