

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



October 13, 2020

THE NOTE!

Another nice weekend. Hopefully some of our youth were successful in their hunts! An extra day off is always nice. Please join me in sending up extra prayers for Mrs. Pitcher and her family at the passing of her dad, Jim Weber.

We congratulate our cross country teams. JCJH boys won the sectional and the girls earned 2nd place. Way to go Eagles!

I was glad I got to watch some soccer on Sunday. Several of our boys were playing on a hot, fall day. They did great!



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: All-School Mass (6), Cheer 5:30-7

Thursday: Stang Arts 3:15-5:15 (please pick up on the east side of the building)

Friday: 6-8 Class Mass (7), Booster Club Porkburger Sale, End of 1st Quarter.



ATTACHED/IN PACKET: School Board minutes, Porkburger order form for 6th-8th graders only, Parent/Teacher conference slips with times, Porkburger sale flyer, Bible verse reference page

- **Picture Day** went off without a hitch. The kids did great. We are always thankful for Mindy Hartke, but a special thanks for her coming in and taking our class photos. Everyone will receive one.

- We've **wrapped up all of the sports for now**. Our cheerleaders are practicing, and in November we are planning to get started on volleyball and basketball a little bit, but WHO REALLY KNOWS!! I appreciate your patience as we navigate this crazy time.
- I am so thankful for the **good health** of our kids overall. Allergies are here in full force, but we have only had 1-2 kids out each day. You guys are keeping your kids healthy – Way to Go!!
- Encourage the kids to finish this week strong, as it is the **end of the 1st quarter**. It's nice they get today off to maybe finish up those pesky AR points! You can do it, Saints!
- Whether you sold or bought tickets or picked up some chicken Sunday, **thank you for supporting our parish** for our picnic. Congratulations to the winners, Judy McClure won the grand prize, our own KELLY AND DOUG IFFERT won 2nd prize, and Jim Rauch, who has grandkids here, won 3rd prize. Happy for everyone!
- We are starting to see an uptick in **behavior issues**. I've seen several in my office?! Whether being mean, throwing rocks, or just showing disrespect to teachers and others, it seems 2020 is affecting us all and not necessarily in a good way. Please help the teachers and me by talking to your kids about that all-important Golden Rule. I'm a strong believer in election years making everyone more irritable and less tolerant. There's no way that doesn't rub off on our kids. Thanks for your support!
- Our Booster Club is having a **Porkburger Sale** this Friday starting at 11 a.m. Our 8th graders will be helping with this along with some parents and grandparents. Last week we put a volunteer sign up in the parent packet – feel free to let me know if you want to help. If your place of business wants to order several and it is close, we'd be happy to deliver. Just call the number on the flyer to place your order. Also, our 6th-8th graders will be allowed to order. Those forms are in the parent packet and need to be returned ASAP. Thanks!
 - In your packets are the slips you turned in to request times for **P/T conferences**. I've written down what your times are. If you have any questions or concerns, let me know. My process: I start with families with 3+ kids because it's harder to schedule that number of appointments in close proximity. Then I move onto 2 kid families, and end with 1 kid families. It works out pretty well. I do want to thank those families I contacted and who were willing to take the not-so-desirable times to get it to come together. Again, those conferences are not until Oct. 22nd/23rd
- I'm so thankful we are all able to attend **mass** together. Please encourage your kids to participate fully. I feel like the kids' enthusiasm is lacking a little bit, maybe because of all the changes. I know some are still not attending on the weekends, so every mass they are able to experience should be a blessing!
 - **Grade cards** will go home on Oct. 20th.
- I'm so thankful that, with the help of the teachers, we are able to offer the **late-stay program**. Just a reminder that all kids should be picked up by 5:30 or do

not plan to utilize the service. We are glad to help, but don't want to be taken advantage of either. Those of us covering usually have our own kids/schedules to maintain. Thanks!

- Just a reminder that the **1st graders' "Saints" mass** will be held on Friday, Oct. 30th during a K-2/8 mass. Family members are invited to attend that mass.
- Our **Mission party/Halloween parade** day will be Thursday, Oct. 29th. No masks (wish we could say that all the time) or weapons are allowed. We will plan to start the parade at 1:15 on the playground. It's always an exciting time!
- Father Dean provided us with a really awesome reference that I have included in your parent packets. This page offers bible verses to help you through almost all situations/feelings. I hope it is something you can all use!
- **Wednesday's late stay** will be in the parish center due to Stang Arts being in the cafeteria.



"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." **Mark 10:45**

