

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



**October 16, 2023**

### **THE NOTE!**

It definitely feels like fall today. I would love some sunshine – maybe tomorrow. This is a big week with Parent-Teacher Conferences and Friday off. We are starting a new quarter today and I encouraged all the kids to start with their best effort. Every grade counts! We will have our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter AR party this afternoon. Several are very proud of their accomplishments and so are we! I plan to recognize Honor Roll on Thursday morning. Grade cards come home tomorrow.

There are so many things that are lasts for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. I try to recognize those things. If there is anything you ever want me to bring attention to that I might not know about, let me know. As my son begins his final week of Newton Football, it's hitting home for all of us once again!



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

Monday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Qt. begins today, 1<sup>st</sup> Qt. AR Party 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 2:30, 7/8 BB practice starts today, GBB H Martinsville 6:00

Tuesday: 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> to Ballard Nature Center and The Cross, GBB H Flora 6:00

Wednesday: **6-8 Class Mass (8)**, P/T Conferences 4-8 p.m.

Thursday: GBB H Palestine 6:00, P/T Conferences 4-8 p.m.

Friday: **NO SCHOOL**, Last home FB game of the year

Saturday: LEIC GBB tournament begins @ Hutsonville (7<sup>th</sup> plays at 11:40 and 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00), Civics Club Cookout, Scare on the Square, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

Sunday: Mass @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30

Oct. 23-27: MAP testing for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grades AND Red Ribbon Week

**ATTACHED/IN PACKETS:** Mission Party letter from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Door Workers/Concessions Workers sign-up sheets (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> only), MAP testing letter (3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> only)



- Father Paul did a wonderful job training our **5<sup>th</sup> graders to serve at masses**. If your 5<sup>th</sup> grader feels ready to serve at masses on the weekends, please call Linda at church, 618-783-8741. Some of the kids asked about serving at St. Mary's. Feel free to call and talk to Denise, 618-455-3155. It's exciting to get them started in this important ministry.
- I am definitely thankful and blessed to be the principal at St. Thomas always, but when scheduling **conferences**, I am reminded once again. 100% of you have scheduled a time to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s). Thank you for making it a priority. You should have received a slip or, for some, an email confirming your time(s) for parent/teacher conferences this week. If you need to double check, feel free to call in or email Lori or me.
- It's that time again. The **Elks Hoop Shoot** will take place on Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at Effingham High School. We can send a boy and a girl from the 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13 year old age groups. The category is based on their age on April 1, 2024. Please talk to your son or daughter about this. If you can't or don't want to attend on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, please tell your students NOT to compete in our competition to see who gets to go. There is no reward for winning at St. Thomas except moving on to Effingham. It takes time to have them all shoot, so I don't want to waste time.  
Thanks in advance!
- Please plan on picking up your **trash bags** if you haven't already. If you have to wait until you come for conferences that will be fine. Thanks again for selling!
- In the packet you will find **sign-up sheets for concession stand and door workers** for the basketball and volleyball seasons. All parents of 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders who play basketball or volleyball are expected to help out since the money raised goes to help all of our kids. The door money helps pay for officials, band, music, art, and one of our aides. The concessions money pays for graduation supplies each year as well as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip. You can write your name, email and phone number on the paper OR you can follow the links below to sign up on a Google doc. Just hold down the control key and click on the links below.

**Door Workers:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1t4uCGw89lhOvsPM-WQ3Uhm4N5I8ExFTxozWhme4oEkM/edit?usp=sharing>

### Concessions Workers:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/195QFnrbymWs5BIhN4LHWRUcLccaMfgoB8SA64y5QJ90/edit?usp=sharing>

- As we see our basketball season approaching, just a friendly reminder that all families are asked to help **clean up after games**. For those new to athletics, we blow/sweep out the bleachers, push them in, and sweep the floor. The concessions workers clean up in there. This is a great way to show our kids that working together gets things done more quickly and that helping out is important to our school. Thanks in advance!
- Next week will begin **MAP testing for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grades**. They test each day in the morning. Please make sure that they get good rest, eat a good breakfast, and bring a water bottle if they wish. We will provide a snack each day.
- If you're a boss at work, it's our day. My staff got me a very nice gift, but the best gift is working with all of them! **Happy Boss's Day!**
- If you received a letter that one of your kids was **missing a physical, eye exam, dental exam, or shots**, please get those turned in or let us know that the appointment is scheduled.

Let me know if you need anything. Have a great week!

Jill

