

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



October 17, 2022

THE NOTE!

It was a beautiful weekend. This weather is why I love Illinois! This morning, though, a little harsh! I told the kids to layer up when the weather is crazy! We stay outside as long as we can!

The staff surprised me with flowers today – they are beautiful! I guess it was National Boss’s Day! I am their boss, but I love working WITH them every day. They all play a huge role in making our school work and it works very well! I’m thankful to be the “boss” at St. Thomas!

This week is our **parent/teacher conferences**. For the first time we are not having a morning option, but you guys have been awesome, and I have 100% scheduled. Thank you and let me know if you have any questions or concerns. The teachers are pretty busy, so make sure to limit your conference to the 15 minutes you are allotted. If you need more time, it can be scheduled later. Remember, **no school Friday!**



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Grade cards home, 7/8 BBB practice begins ‘til 5:30, GBB @ North Clay 6:00

Tuesday: AR party (2nd-8th) 2:20, GBB @ Flora 6:00

Wednesday: **6-8 Class Mass (7)**, P/T Conferences

Thursday: GBB @ Palestine 6:00, P/T Conferences

Friday: No School, BINGO, **Happy Birthday, Father Dean!**

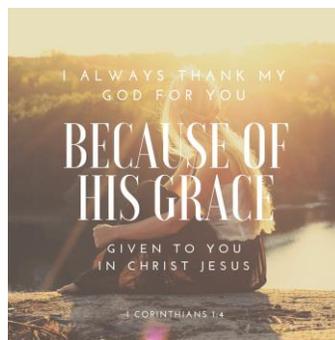
Saturday: GBB LEIC tourn. Hosted by Cumberland 8th @ 2:20/7th @ 3:40



ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Soup Supper tickets (if you didn't get at church this weekend), Soup Supper flyer/information/worker sign-up, P/T Conference slips/times, 4-H after school fishing adventure registration, 7/8 Concessions/Door workers sign-up, Mission Party Letter

- We are having **Bingo this Friday**, so please let me know if you can help out. I still need every position filled, but would love to have it!
- The **Soup Supper** is quickly approaching. Please look over the information in the packets. We all have to pitch in to make it a success. Thanks to the kitchen committee, the Booster Club, and all the stand managers for the time you put in. We will be looking for some new blood to help on the kitchen committee, so if you are willing, let them know.
- When you come for parent/teacher conferences, please check out the **lost and found table** at the entrance of door #8. Matt cleaned out the locker rooms, so there are some polos already and some khaki pants, along with a bunch of other "stuff". Take what is yours or what you "think" might be yours.
- We've been very proud of all of our athletes. As we begin a new quarter and basketball practice for the boys, please remind your kids that they have to be getting the **grades** to play. They usually rise to the occasion! They sometimes just need help managing their time.
- **Grade cards** are coming home today. You just need to sign and return the yellow envelope. You can keep the grade sheet.
- I will be doing **Honor Roll** tomorrow morning for 6th-8th grades. I will send the pictures to Kiley for Facebook.
- We have started planning **Trivia Night 2023**, which will be in February. We will be sending out registration and sponsorship information the end of November. We are now looking for live and silent auction items. If you know of someone with artistic ability or someone with season tickets, or someone who just wants to donate something, let us know. If you'd like to be a part of the committee, we are meeting after the school board meeting each month at 7:00 on the 1st Wednesday.
- If you turned a slip in for **parent/teacher conferences**, it will be back in your packets with day and time(s) highlighted for you. Let me know if something comes up. Thank you for making your child's education a priority.
- In order to raise money for our 8th grade trips and Civics Club activities, we ask our 7th and 8th grade parents and students to work in the **concessions stand** for basketball and volleyball games. The sign-up sheet is in the packets. Write your name in and send it back **AFTER** you put it on your calendar. (I only say that, because I usually forget to do that☺) I am thankful to have Helen Weber in charge of the concessions.
- The 3rd, 5th, and 7th graders will be **testing next week**. The MAP testing gives us an idea as to where they are starting and we will test again in the spring to see the growth! Make sure your 3rd, 5th, and/or 7th grader gets good rest each night and eats breakfast! Thanks!

- Mr. Stork and the 8th grade class is busy planning the **mission party** for next Friday. There is a letter included in your packets that explains everything that will go on next Friday. It is a fun day for everyone, raising money for the Catholic Heart Work Camp mission trip.
- I am having **supper for the teachers** on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. If someone would like to send a dessert for each night, just let me know. We won't need much, but sweets are always good!
- We are still focusing on the virtue of **Thankfulness**. The junior high kids took down tables and chairs this morning and some of the 7th grade boys helped me do some heavy lifting. The cheerleaders set up tables and chairs on Saturday. Matt is airing up the basketballs for tonight's practice and cleaning up the locker rooms. Lots to be thankful for!



Keep Beth and Craig, Addison and Avery Shamhart in your prayers at the passing of her mom, Tracy Huddleston. She was a great lady!

I've asked the teachers to work on basic manners and politeness. I see so many kids run into each other and not say "excuse me" or "I'm sorry". We have several who won't say thank you when given a compliment or simply make eye contact when asking for something. I'm afraid with their heads down in devices, they lose those basic skills. I know my kids have to be reminded! Let's all work on that at home. It will make them better for the future. Don't excuse it by saying, "they're shy". This is something we need to work together to change.