

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



**October 23, 2023**

I hope this finds all of you tired from an awesome weekend spent with friends and family! The Scare on the Square seemed to be a success! We had a great weekend with a football win on Senior Night for Gus and his team, a grand champion Marching Eagles win for Lucy and the rest of the band, and my great-uncle getting the Honor Flight experience. God is Good!

One of the football moms said something this weekend that really resonated with me. "It's not about the sport or extra-curricular folks, it's about kids finding out who they are and giving them a safe place to participate in something bigger than themselves. Please encourage and support your kids to join school, church, and community activities." Sports has always been Gus's thing, but Gus has learned so much more than how to play a sport through the time he's spent with his dad, his grandpas, and his coaches. It is something special to watch. Make it about that, not about winning, advancing, getting attention, etc.

Lots going on this week here in our little school. Thanks to everyone who is making it all happen.

### **Dress-Up Days for Red Ribbon Week (Sponsored by Civics Club)**

Monday: Pay at least \$1 to wear your hat ALL day.

(Money raised will go to the Christmas Food Box Project)



Tuesday: Wear as much RED as you have. "Be REaDy to say no to drugs"

Wednesday: Wear your CROCS with some awesome SOCKS. (Must have the strap around the heel.) "Walk the walk and say no to drugs!"



Thursday: Wear Tie Dye "Don't get TIED up in Drugs!"



**Schedule for the Week:**  
(Practices for BB, GBB, Musical, and Cheer continue)

Monday: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> MAP testing

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Wednesday: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> MAP testing, K-3 Hearing Checks, Booster Club @ KC Hall 6:00

Thursday: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> MAP testing, Set up for Mission Party, No BB practice

Friday: All-School Mass (6), Mission Party (K-3 in the morning, 4-8 in the afternoon)

Saturday: Oblong Spooktacular Parade (Band be here 5:00), Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

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

**ATTACHED/IN PACKET:** Fundraiser Flyer, Booster Club agenda

- **Thanks to all of you for your dedication to Parent/Teacher Conferences.** I know there were several “conflicts” because I messed up, but you all handled it with patience. Thanks! Not many schools can say that 100% of their parents came to parent/teacher conferences. Proud to be a Saint!
- The musical, **Frozen, Jr.**, will be presented by 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders from JCJH and St. Thomas on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10. If you'd like tickets, let me know. We have several students participating. It will be an awesome show!
- We are looking for **help in the kitchen** on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-1. Let me know if you can help out.
- The St. Thomas Angels and the couples that attended the 50th (+) Anniversary Brunch on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, would like to **thank the St. Thomas School students** for the Anniversary cards that they made to share with the couples. It was a very kind and thoughtful gesture and was greatly appreciated. Thank you for thinking of them and adding a special touch to their celebration!
- Thank you to the **Newton Public Library** for the Story Walk they've set up around the scare. It's a lot of fun for our classes.
  - Helen Weber has updated the sign-up sheets with a few new dates for **basketball/volleyball door workers and concessions**. You can go back to the links and check it out. Let me know if you need any help or guidance.  
Thanks, Helen!
- We have changed our **Mission/Halloween schedule** a bit for this year. Sorry for any confusion. Mr. Stork and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have the Mission Party this Friday and it will start after church. On Halloween, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, we will have the Halloween parade at 1:15 and the classes will be having their parties that day. Then, on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, we will all go to mass for All-Saints' Day with our 1<sup>st</sup> graders dressed as their chosen Saint. Let me know if you have any questions.

- This weekend is the **Oblong Spooktacular Parade**. Students will have to take their instruments in cases on the bus. I will be hauling the drums. Students should arrive in uniform at St. Thomas at 5:00. We will leave at 5:15. We will have two buses take us over and one will head back to Newton right away. The other will be parked behind the elementary school. The parade begins at 7:00 and we don't know where we are in the order, but usually more towards the beginning. Once we pass you, please follow the band and pick your student up behind the grade school (the big old building when you first come into town). You will need to sign them out before taking them, so please follow behind us. Mrs. Boehl will be gone for a friend's wedding, so I will be with the band along with Jordan Hartigan, our percussion instructor. Drums will go back in my van and everyone else **MUST** take their instruments with them. Our bus will leave right away to head back to Newton if you want your student brought back to town. If you do not come to sign out your student, they will go back to Newton on the bus. Otherwise you will have time to head back and watch the rest of the parade. I will send a separate email to the band parents.

