

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



October 24, 2022

THE NOTE!

It's hard to believe that we are having our Halloween Parade and Mission Party this Friday. Where has this month gone!? We continue to pray for our farming families. Stay safe as you finish your harvest. As always, if you need something, let me know!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 3rd, 5th, and 7th MAP testing, 6th graders start basketball practice, 7th GBB @ LEIC tournament at Cumberland 7:20

Tuesday: DETERGENT ORDERS DUE, Lori out of office – email me too with any changes, 3rd, 5th, 7th MAP testing, Benediction for all following day of Adoration 2:30, 8th GBB @ LEIC tournament @ Cumberland 7:20

Wednesday: St. Thomas BB parent meeting 5:30 in Parish Center, Booster Club 6:00 @ KC Hall, 7th LEIC championship 7:20 @ Cumberland

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Friday: **All-School Mass (6)**-8th grade no mass, K-3 to mission party 9:30-11, Halloween parade 1:15 on playground, 4-7 to mission party 1:30-2:30

Saturday: 1st Communion/Confirmation Retreat for 3rd graders 8-11 a.m. in PC, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30, Band marches in Oblong Spooktacular Parade-be here at 5:20

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

Make church a priority!

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Soup Supper flyer (please share/hang up at work), Booster Club agenda, Background check packets (for some)

- Just a reminder to send in \$5 per student or \$10 family maximum for the **mission party**. After a few expenses, the money raised goes to our CYO group headed to Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer in Huntingburg, IN. There is an inflatable obstacle course for all ages along with fun created by our 8th grade class.

- Please consider sending some **treats** for the cookie/cupcake walk at the mission party Friday. You can bring to the office or take over to the parish center. Just a reminder – **no peanuts/peanut butter.**
- Friday will be a crazy day, but we first start with mass, so everyone should be dressed for church. After lunch, students will have time to change into their **costumes.** Our 8th graders can help with costumes and then they will judge each class's costumes. One winner from each class will receive a small prize and there will be an overall grand prize. I want to thank you in advance for the work you will put in to making/buying/etc. your child(ren)'s costumes. It's always a lot of fun! Those who would like to be at the **parade** should gather on the playground at approximately 1:10 and we'll be out! Please talk to your child(ren)'s teachers if you have any concerns or questions about the costumes, etc. If you need to help them get ready, it's nice for the teacher to know.
- Lori will be gone **Tuesday**, so make sure to send any transportation changes to both of our emails. Surely I'll be able to manage??!! Say a prayer!
- Don't forget to turn in your **laundry detergent orders by tomorrow!**
- **6th graders** are invited to begin practicing basketball Monday-Wednesday this week. On Wednesday at least one parent of each player should be at a meeting with Coach Bergbower at 5:30 in the parish center.
- The **Trivia Night** committee has begun planning for our next one on Feb. 11th! We are looking for auction items. We love tickets to games/concerts/etc. and homemade items like woodworking, metal work, art, etc. We love a variety and we love new ideas! If you know of anyone who would be willing to contribute to this awesome fundraiser, send them our way or you could get a commitment from them and let us know! At the end of November, we will send out information for signing up teams and sponsorships. We have a committee, but all great successes take everyone!
- The annual **K-2 Thanksgiving program** will be Wednesday, Nov. 23rd at 1:15 p.m. Those students and their siblings will be able to go home with parents/grandparents following the program. Closer to time, just let Lori know which older siblings we'll need to send over.
- In some of your parent packets there is a **background check packet** to fill out and return. These have to be updated periodically and the diocese sent us a list. The name is on the packet. Thanks for your cooperation.
- We will be having a quick **Booster Club meeting** on Wednesday at 6:00 at the KC Hall. If any stand managers have any questions or concerns please plan to attend. Thanks!
- Please be sure NOT to drop your kids off along the highway. **Drop off** is along Washington St. or in the parking lot, entering from the south.
- No students should be "walking" or "crossing" and then being **picked up** nearby. If you are picking up your kiddos, please get in the parent pick-up line. It's the safest way to go!

- Our next **Bingo** is Friday, Nov. 4th. I have no volunteers, so let me know if you can help. Let's get this one covered. I might have a rebellion on my hands if we cancel again!
- The band will be marching in the **Oblong Spooktacular parade** along with all of the other bands from Jasper County. This year we are going to leave at 5:30. Students should be in the parish center at 5:20 dressed and ready to go. Hopefully this will allow families to attend church at 4:30 if you want. IF students want to wear long sleeves under their polos, it should be white. They can wear stocking hats or ear warmers if they want, but no coats. Remember black socks! The bus will be parked behind the elementary school if you want to follow the band afterwards, you'll need to sign your student out and they will take their instrument with them unless they are a drummer. The drums will be loaded back into my van. If your student is going to ride the bus home, please let me know and I can let you know when we leave Oblong, so you can be waiting when we get back. All student should plan to march. I realize some of our kids don't want to march, but please don't make up excuses for them. We all have to do things we don't want to at times!
- Thank you again for the 100% attendance at **Parent/Teacher conferences!** Our school and our kids thrive because you make their education a priority. Thanks also to our teachers for a long couple of days. It is worth it to meet with parents, letting our kids know that we are a team working to make them better students and better people!
- **Just a reminder** after this week and next, we have Nov. 8th (Election Day) and Nov. 11th (Veteran's Day) off.
- We will be selling **live greenery** again this year as a Booster Club fundraiser. More information to come!

Have a great week and please let me know if you need anything.
Go Saints-Go Lady Eagles!

{GIVE THANKS}

for each new morning
with its light
FOR REST AND SHELTER
OF THE NIGHT
for health and food
for love and friends
FOR EVERYTHING
THY GOODNESS SENDS

~ralph waldo emerson~



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