

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



**October 2, 2023**

### **The Note!**

A new month – it's hard to believe it's October. We switch our focus to the virtue of Kindness. Robert Ingersall said, "We rise by lifting others." St.

Thomas has examples of this every day. Students, teachers, parents, grandparents, volunteers, are always doing for others and doing for our school. Thank you for your examples of kindness.

We continue to pray for anyone affected by the chemical spill near T-Town this weekend. Thanks to all the first responders and volunteers who worked for the safety of all.

It's going to be a busy week! Hang on and enjoy the ride!



Monday: Pajama Day, CC H LEIC meet 4:30, GBB @ Cumberland 6:00

Tuesday: 1<sup>st</sup> letter of Name dress-up day

Wednesday: No Dress-Up Day, **K-2 Class Mass (K-1)**, School Board 6:00, Trivia Night Committee mtg. 7:00

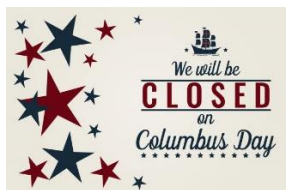
Thursday: Nerd Day, GBB H Red Hill 6:00, Mrs. Bierman gone for Deanery Principal meeting 11:30-2:00

Friday: Spirit Day, **All-School Mass (4)**, Early Dismissal 1:00, Homecoming Parade 2:30, Band stays after school

Saturday: CC Sectionals @ Taylorville 10:00, NCHS Band Classic 10-3, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:00

Sunday: Masses @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30, JFL H Championship, Harvest Picnic 4-7 p.m., Big Raffle drawing at 7:15

Monday: NO SCHOOL!!



**ATTACHED/IN PACKET:** School Board agenda, Parent/Teacher Conference sign-up, Menstrual Health Class flyer, Stang Arts registration

- ✓ If you didn't get your **trash bag orders** turned in today, please do tomorrow. There are still several piles of **detergent** buckets in the hallway. Let us know when you want to get them. We can set them on the porch if it's later in the evening. Thanks again for all your fundraising efforts.
- ✓ **Thanks** to our Booster Club and all the volunteers who helped with the porkburger sale on Friday. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders were awesome as well! Thanks to Alan Buerster for the grill and Kuhl's Trailer Sales for the fuel.
- ✓ Congratulations to Tracey Bower and our **Garage Sale** committee on another HUGE success! Our school profited over \$10,800! Thanks to all of the volunteers and those who donated to the sale. Special thanks to Terri Brewer who is phasing out as she will graduate her youngest this spring. She has been an integral part in making our sales more efficient each year for many years. You're the best, Terri!
- ✓ Friday, for **spirit day**, students can wear a t-shirt to mass with mass appropriate bottoms.
- ✓ **Marching Saints:** Friday they will stay after school, so please remember their uniform (polo, khaki pants, black socks/shoes) Once school is dismissed they will help set up for the picnic (8<sup>th</sup> graders can earn 1 hour of service time). Once we're set up for the picnic, they'll change and get ready for the band picture and then the parade. The parade will be just like the Fall Festival.
- ✓ Thanks to the **Cork N Pork** committee for designating St. Thomas School as one of the recipients of their generous donations. We received \$1000 toward our 1<sup>st</sup> grade locker project for next year. Thanks also to several of our families, parents and grandparents alike, for donating what was left of the project. It is completely funded! So proud and thankful to be a Saint!
- ✓ This Wednesday after the School Board meeting, we will have our first planning meeting for our biggest fundraiser, **Trivia Night**. We are more than happy to have some new help on this committee. If you'd like to get involved, we're meeting at 7:00 in the Library. Hope to see some new faces.
- ✓ There are still places to **volunteer at the picnic** on Sunday. Call or stop by church. All parishioners have been asked to bring a dessert for the meal. The committee is welcoming our kids to work in the dining room as well. BYOB and

come listen to A Little Southern Comfort while enjoying pretzels, popcorn, a chicken dinner, and more!

- ✓ April Wenthe-Ritz is hosting a **menstrual health class** on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. The flyer is in the parent packet with all of the details. I've heard from moms that this is an awesome class! Definitely worth it if you have a 10-17 year old.
- ✓ The sign up slip for **Parent/Teacher Conferences** is in the packet today. Please send these back as soon as possible. It's sometimes a puzzle putting it all together, but it usually works out pretty well! Make sure to put your kids' names/grades on the slip. Parents of 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders, please indicate if you want to meet with any of the other teachers besides the homeroom teacher.
- ✓ We have early out this Friday at 1:00. Then we have **two 4-day weeks**. October is going to fly by!
- ✓ **JCJH Jr. High basketball** has begun. Those Saints playing for the Lady Eagles are: Alani Bergbower, Maddy Brummer, Lauren Gier, Carlee Finn, Emma Schumacher, Bailey Meinhart, and Lyndsey Spiker. Good luck girls!
- ✓ Good luck to Avery Geier and Josie Vogt as they run in the sectional **Cross Country** meet at Taylorville on Saturday!
- ✓ This Thursday night will be the **JCHD Basket Bingo** in the parish center. Come out and support a great cause!



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*"Always remember, the crowd chose Barabbas, not Jesus. Not because they loved him, but because they hate the Truth."  
Anonymous*