

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



**October 5, 2020**

### **THE NOTE!**

What a beautiful morning – although a little chilly – it was still sunny and clear. The kids were “freezing”, so we went over how things will be if/when we have to start going into the parish center in the mornings – masks, staying with only their class, etc... They weren’t so cold after that ☺!

I’ve been asked about our morning prayers – I do send those to Kiley each morning and she posts them on our school Facebook page. It might be a great way to “share” your mornings with us and start your day with prayer.

We continue to pray for our farmers – hoping things are going well for everyone!



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

Monday: Cheer practice 5:30-7 in Parish Center

Tuesday: CC H Effingham 4:30

Wednesday: All-School Mass (3), School Board mtg. 6:00 in library

Thursday:

Friday: 3-5 Class Mass (4), Picture Day

Saturday: CC Sectionals

Sunday: Harvest Picnic Chicken Dinner Drive-thru at KC Hall beginning at 11:00 until gone, Big Drawing 2:00

Monday: NO SCHOOL

**ATTACHED/IN PACKET:** 2019-2020 Yearbooks, Porkburger sale flyer and sign up, Booster Club minutes, bus slips, Late stay statements, Picture Day reminders

- We have one **menu change** this week – Friday will be Pizza sticks instead of Pizza crunchers.
- The Booster Club is having a **Porkburger Sale next Friday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**. In the packet today you'll find a flier to share with others and a worker sign-up sheet and an order form for businesses. If there is a large number, we will deliver! Next week, there will be an order form for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to order porkburgers for lunch.
- Please be selling your **tractor raffle tickets** for the church picnic. I have a couple more packets if you need more. You can turn your money and stubs into the school or church anytime this week or in the offering this weekend.
- I've had several ask about **class pictures**. We heard back from Lifetouch and they are not doing class pictures due to COVID. I have asked Mindy Hartke to come in and take a class picture of each group on Friday. Everyone will receive this picture at no charge.
  - Keep selling those **trashbags!** Orders will be due on Tuesday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Only 2 weeks until the **end of the quarter!** Continue to encourage your kids to work hard.
- Thanks to all of you and your kids, we are sending a check to **DeQuincy Middle School** for \$807. That's a great thing for this small school to be able to do. Way to go Saints!
- If you haven't sent in your **parent-teacher conference slip** or contacted me, please do so. I start with the bigger families and work my way back, hoping to accommodate everyone's requests.
- Don't forget about **Stang Arts** next week on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms were sent home last week.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is busy planning activities for the "**Mission Party**" this year. Of course COVID does not allow for us to do our regular thing, so they are having to get creative – and they will make it a lot of fun for our kids! We are planning to have the **Halloween parade**, weather permitting. We cannot move it inside, so pray for favorable weather on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m. Parents won't be allowed to come in the building and help get kids ready, so try to do more simple costumes or teach your child how to get ready with someone else's help. I will be glad to help!



- Our first graders will be doing their **All-Saints** presentation on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> instead of Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> as the October calendar states. In order for family to be able to come and watch, we are moving the November K-2 class mass to Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup>

- grade class will come as well to help our 1<sup>st</sup> graders present their Saints. Thanks Mrs. Wendt for planning this and all the other teachers for making this work!
- As I mentioned, **indoor recess** will require the kids to wear masks. Please send your kids with coats (hoodies aren't coats), hats, gloves, or whatever they need to be outside as much as possible. I know we'll have to go in at times, but they need mask off time!
  - The JCJH **cross country** team is finishing up their season this week with a meet at home tomorrow and then sectionals on Saturday. Way to go runners: Elias, Shay, Adam, and Haley! GO EAGLES, GO SAINTS!
  - I know many of our kids are continuing to play on **travel sports teams**. If they play locally, I'd love to have schedules. I will do my best to come watch!
    - I am thrilled to share that we had our **biggest garage sale yet**, raising \$10,339.98! Thanks so much to everyone who played a role in its success!
  - There will be a meeting this **Thursday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the KC Hall** for anyone interested in helping with the future garage sales. It obviously takes a lot of help to create such an awesome fundraiser out of so much "stuff"! It is a great way to earn fair share hours while helping St. Thomas. Hope to see lots of new faces on Thursday!



I am thankful, as a parent and a principal, that our kids are introduced to service while they are at St. Thomas. Our hope is that they carry that through their lives, making a difference in the communities in which they decide to live and work.

