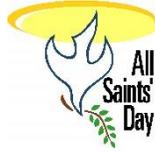


## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



**October 26, 2020**

### **THE NOTE!**

We had a chilly weekend starting Friday night with the Pulled Porked Nacho sale and Saturday with the Porkburger sale. Thanks to the families who volunteered. It's so nice to get to spend time with all of you for a good cause. The weather definitely affected our Pulled Pork sale, but we made over \$900 on the Porkburger Sale for Waylon Dow! Please try to sell the gun raffle tickets and let me know if you need more. This has the potential to be a great fundraiser to help their family. It takes a village!



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

Monday: Honor Roll presentation – Way to go 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Saints!

Tuesday: **Pajama Day** – “Staying Awake and Drug Free” – Make a donation to wear your PJs all day. All money collected will go to the ministerial association since they are not having a canned food drive.



Wednesday: **All-School Mass (8)**, Booster Club 6:00 @ KC Hall

Thursday: Mission parties in classrooms/Class parties, Halloween Parade 1:15 on the playground or in the parish center.



Friday: **K-2 and 8 class mass (1<sup>st</sup> graders – All Saints)**

**Attached/In Packet:** Class Pictures, November Menu/Calendar, Booster Club Agenda, A.M. Bus Slips

- Thanks to all of our parents/grandparents for **Parent-Teacher conferences**. It's because of your involvement that our kids understand the importance of school. I hope you all had a good weekend.
  - Because Lifetouch was not taking **class pictures** this year, I asked Mindy Hartke to come in and take ours. She did a great job and almost everyone should have one in their packets today. We are waiting on another print for 6<sup>th</sup> grade, so we'll send it when it comes in. If you see Mindy, thank her, it was a long morning for her.
- This is National **Red Ribbon Week** and our teachers will talk to the kids about the importance of staying drug free. This is not a pressing issue in our households overall, so although I don't want to ignore it, this is already a busy week for us. So, tomorrow, Tuesday, will be **Pajama Day**. "Stay Awake and Stay Drug Free!" If your son or daughter would like to bring in a donation, we will also use it as a way to help the Jasper County Ministerial Association fill their food baskets for Christmas. They are, unfortunately, not conducting food drives this year, so whatever you might have spent on sending in nonperishable food items, feel free to send with your kiddos tomorrow. Thanks!
- Thursday is going to be a really fun day for the kids. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade has worked very hard to not only make our environment festive, decorating the doors, but have created a way to have **mission party** in the classrooms with Google Meets. I've been very impressed with this class! **Donations** of package treats are welcomed that morning.
  - The **Halloween parade** is scheduled for 1:15 on the playground, weather permitting. IF it is raining at that time, we will pull the home bleachers and parents can sit (with masks) in the parish center. We will bring in one class at a time, allow families to take a picture, and then bring in the next group. **PRAY FOR NO RAIN AT 1:15!!**
- Friday morning our **1<sup>st</sup> graders** will be dressed as their chosen Saint and with the help of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will teach us a little bit about that Saint. This will happen at mass that morning.
- If you are headed to visit family or somewhere people would be willing to buy a **raffle ticket** or a packet of tickets, I have more and can send them home. Let me know!
- I was so proud of our kids this morning. 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders who made **A or B honor roll** were recognized. Those who did not make it were encouraged to work for it this quarter! It is also important to note that honor roll does not equal perfection. As long as the kids are doing their best and working hard with the talents God gave them, we are thrilled! It's also a good lesson in humility and graciousness. You made it, great. You didn't, congratulate those who did.

- I'm thankful for **Casey's** General Store. Not just because they feed my tea addiction daily, but because they donated free pizza slice certificates for us to use for birthdays. Also, a big thanks to **The Freeze**, who is always supportive of our school and gave us free dish/cone of ice cream certificates as well. We live in a generous community.

I have a calendar book of Mother Teresa quotes/teachings. The one for today says:

*"I think that the person who is attached to riches, who lives with the worry of riches, is actually very poor. If this person puts his money at the service of others, then he is rich, very rich."*

How very appropriate for all we've been doing and are doing to help others. It is exactly what we should be doing. Thanks to everyone helping out!

