

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church



October 31, 2022

THE NOTE!

Happy Halloween!

I hope everyone enjoyed the weekend. Sunday wasn't good for much, but I enjoyed my recliner ☺! I was proud of our Marching Saints Saturday at Oblong. They were well behaved and did their best! Thanks to all of our families who came to support the band. We have a full week and then a short one.

Tuesday is a Holy Day of Obligation, so we will be attending mass. I'm excited to see our 1st graders present their Saints. Everyone is welcome!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Spirit Day, 8th grade BB @ Dieterich 5:00/6:15, GBB H Dieterich 6:00

Tuesday: **All-Saints Day, All-School Mass (3)**, 1st graders present Saints, GBB H Lawrenceville 6:00

Holy Day Mass Options: 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. @ St. Mary's, 8:30 a.m. (All-School Mass) & 5:30 p.m. @ St. Thomas

Wednesday: School Board 6:00, Trivia Night committee mtg. 7:00 – in library

Thursday: BB H Altamont 6:00, GBB @ Oblong 6:00

Friday: **K-2 Class Mass (2)**, BINGO

Saturday: Congratulations 3rd graders! **1st Communion/Confirmation 11:00 @ Cathedral (arrive at 9:45 a.m.)**, GBB H Marshall 9:00

Next week: No School Tuesday or Friday!

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: School Board agenda, Live greenery order form, November Menu/Calendar, Shirt order information, Concessions/Door workers for junior high parents

- The **Mission Party and Halloween parade** were a huge success. Thanks to everyone who helped the day be great! Our 8th graders and Mr. Stork made it a lot of fun for the kids and by the end of the day I think everyone was exhausted. That means a lot of fun was had!

- We are offering another **apparel order** before Christmas if you are looking for gifts. Orders are to be done online and they will be back for Christmas. Get your order in by Monday, Nov. 21st.
- One week from today, Monday, Nov. 7th, we have a **special treat for lunch**. Eric and Anna Weber will be preparing porkburgers and hotdogs along with potatoes and green beans for our lunch. K-2 will have hotdogs and the rest will have a choice unless one runs out. We will also have a fruit that day as always.
Thanks, Webers, for what I'm sure will be a delicious meal!
- **Trivia Night** planning is underway. Please be on the look out for items for our silent and live auction. Let me know if you have something! If you want to be a part of the committee, our next meeting is this Wednesday at 7:00 in the library.
- The **Soup Supper** is coming right up! Remember that we will need themed baskets, pies, instant winner prizes, etc. Thanks to all of our stand managers, the Booster Club, and the kitchen committee for your hard work!
 - The **K-2 Thanksgiving program** will be Wednesday, Nov. 23rd at 1:15. Dismissal is at 2:00, so you can let the office know if you'd like your other kids to come over at the end. If you need/want your kids to go home on the bus, that is fine too.
- We're excited to be offering our **live wreath/swag/cross fundraiser** again this year. The order form is in the parent packet today. Thanks to Lindsey Hermann for organizing this for the Booster Club.
- We open our **home basketball** season Thursday night, hosting Altamont. All 7th and 8th parents were asked to sign up to work concessions and/or the door. Please put those dates on your calendar. There are some open spots if anyone could help fill those in. Everyone is expected to help with concessions whether you have an athlete or not. The money raised helps pay for 8th grade trip, Civics Club activities, and graduation.
- All parents are asked to help **clean up** after basketball games. There are 2 leaf blowers in the boys' bathroom to blow out the bleachers. Once we put the bleachers in, we can sweep. Whoever is working concessions can clean it up after halftime of the 8th grade game. We are so lucky to have families willing to do this so that our custodian does not have to be here.
- We do have **Election Day** (Tues. Nov. 8th) and **Veteran's Day** (Fri. Nov. 11th) off next week. I hope you will all be able to find daycare for your kiddos!
- Don't forget the **polos** tomorrow. Tuesday is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Catholic church. Please make it a priority for your family. K-2 will have a class mass on Friday.
- Keep our 3rd graders in your thoughts and prayers as they receive their **First Holy Communion and Confirmation** on Saturday at the Cathedral in Springfield. Our students include: Kyle Bierman, Emmalin Finley, Emalee Kistner, Kyle Meinhart, Will Mette, Joey Miller, Dominic Ochs, Jack Schumacher, Hank Weber, and Pete Weber. Also from our parish and St. Mary's are Emerson Schulte, Blake Frohning, and Scarlett Semple. New parishioner, Olivia Sornberger, will be celebrating her Confirmation. Congratulations to all!

- Mrs. Boehl and the **Marching Saints** did a great job on Saturday night at the Oblong Spooktacular parade. They were well behaved while waiting and represented our school well. Thanks to Mr. Boehl for helping chaperone! Thanks to Delane Frichtl for driving the bus for us!
- Parents of 5th-8th graders: Please continue to encourage your athletes to work hard in their classes. We don't want anyone to miss ballgames because of low grades. **Eligibility** is an IESA policy that we take very seriously. Ask for help when needed! Go Saints!
- We are having **Bingo this Friday**. I need workers! Please let me know if you can help! I still need all positions filled.



Pumpkin Prayer



**Cut off the top:
Lord, open my mind and fill me
with Your wisdom and guidance.**

**Scoop out the yuckies:
Lord, take out all my fussies and
frownies and fill me with Your love.**

**Carve out the eyes:
Lord, open my eyes to see all of the
beautiful things You have made.**

**Carve out the nose:
Lord, help me to be a sweet
fragrance for You.**

**Carve out the mouth:
Lord, help me to always speak
Your words of love and kindness.**

**Place in a candle:
Lord, let me be a light to others
For You have filled me with Your light.**