

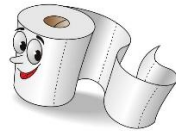
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



October 6, 2025

THE NOTE!

Hopefully everyone is recovering from an amazing weekend. It makes Mondays tough, but lots of blessings to thank God for. I teased the kids and said that our bathrooms at St. Thomas would be stocked with the toilet paper my kids cleaned up in our yard Sunday morning. We actually got TP'd twice in one night!? I'm sure it was a lot of fun, and I told one of the kids who asked if I was mad about it, "it is good clean fun – or at least the TP better be clean" ☺!



This **Homecoming Week** is full of fun and excitement. It's great to see all of the St. Thomas alumni representing NCHS in the Homecoming Court as well as on sports teams and in clubs! They continue to make us proud! We pray that they make some great memories this week!

Our community is also celebrating **National 4-H week**. Our families put a lot of time and energy into 4-H, so enjoy the week. Our littles will be doing a coloring contest and they will meet the Ambassadors Tuesday morning. Thanks to Katie Turkal for all her work with 4-H and for all she does in our school!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Mismatch Day, CC @ LEIC meet in Robinson 4:30

Tuesday: America Day (Wear Red, White and Blue), NCHS Soccer here for High 5's, Meyer Twins Art 'til 5:00

Wednesday: **3-4 Class Mass** (4th in charge), 4-H Ambassadors here for High 5's, K-3 Hearing Checks

Thursday: **PICTURE DAY**, NCHS Cross Country, Volleyball and Tennis here for High 5's, GBB H Red Hill 6:00

Friday: **All-School Mass** (5th in charge), NCHS Football and Cheer here for High 5's, 2nd-8th AR party 2:30, Early Dismissal 1:00 (Band stays after school), Homecoming Parade 2:30, Homecoming game vs. Robinson 7:00 (coronation before)

Saturday: CC @ Sectionals in Robinson, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

Sunday: **Masses @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30**, St. Thomas Harvest Picnic

Monday: **NO SCHOOL** – Columbus Day

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Lunch Statements, School Board minutes, Various 4-H flyers for after-school programs/various grades

*Friday is early dismissal at 1:00. 6th-8th will stay to march in the parade. **If you are making any changes to your end of day plans for Friday, Lori HAS to know by 10:45 Friday morning.** We are at lunch and will not have time for last minute changes. You can start letting her know today if you know! Thanks.

*Just a little reminder that after picking up kids in the parent pick-up line, you should exit to Washington Street and **turn RIGHT**. If the buses have left, you can exit out of the north exit as well.

*Our teachers and staff want to thank the **St. Thomas Angels group** for providing us a delicious supper last Tuesday before Open House. What an amazing example of service for us all!

*Next week you will receive your **parent/teacher slips** back in your packets with the specific times listed on them. I always make your day work and MOST OF THE TIME, I do pretty well with your other requests. Thanks to everyone who has already turned them in. If you haven't yet, please do so ASAP to ensure you get the date/time that is best for you.

*Our Marching Saints will be performing at the **Veteran's Day program** on Nov. 11th at 10:30 in the morning. Mrs. Boehl is hard at work teaching them the music. Please encourage your kids to practice and work at their new songs, so we can do our very best for our local veterans!

*Our air conditioners are now 12 years old and we are starting to see some with problems. Thanks to Paul Bierman, we have been helping them along, but our 3rd grade AC unit has died! Thanks to Brian Brummer for the loan! If anyone is interested in **donating a 12,000 BTU unit**, we would be very grateful. We continue to have issues with several of the units. Luckily, fall weather will hopefully be here soon, cooling things off! Let me know if your family would like to purchase a unit. Maybe they'll be on sale!?

*We will be starting the process of determining which kids will represent St. Thomas at the **Elks Hoop Shoot on Nov. 8th at Effingham High School**. Students who are 8 years old by April 1, 2026 and those who do not turn 14 before April 1, 2026 are able to compete. PLEASE let your kids know if you don't want them to participate. Maybe you

have something going on Nov. 8th or maybe you just don't want to go. I don't want to spend time having your son/daughter shoot if they can't go anyway. Thanks!

*We are looking for another volunteer to serve on our advisory **School Board**. If you think you would be interested, please let me know. We meet the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00 in the library. Meeting are usually no more than 45 minutes to an hour.

*The **Newton Public Library is looking for volunteers of 7th or 8th graders** on Monday, Oct. 13th (off for Columbus Day) starting at 9:00 a.m. Please let me know if your son or daughter would like to help them move some books. This is a great way to serve our community. Work as long as you can.

***Thanks to our Wade Volunteer Firefighters during Fire Prevention Week.** They provided coloring books for our younger kids and are present at our drills to help us make sure we are ready in case of an actual fire.

*If you'd like to help with our annual **St. Thomas Harvest Picnic**, you can:

- donate a basket for the basket stand
- donate individual bags of chips/juice pouches for the kids' games
- bring a dessert for the meal
- sign up to work in the gathering space at church

