

## St. Thomas the Apostle Elementary School



**September 14, 2020**

### **THE NOTE!**

What a beautiful day we are having! So nice to see sunshine, yet no sweat! The kids seemed ready to go this morning. We are excited to welcome back many of our students who have been quarantined. One of our remote learners has returned also, so things are going well! I'm not a superstitious person, but 'knock on wood'!

Please keep in your prayers those who are still quarantining, and those who have the virus. We have 2 of our parents with it now, so we pray that they recover quickly and completely.



We are "adopting a school". In Louisiana, there are still so many with damage, no electricity, no phone service, etc. due to hurricane Laura. We are adopting DeQuincy Middle School in DeQuincy, LA. It took a while to connect with them due to the power/phone outages, but their principal, Mrs. Doyle emailed me this morning:

Thank you so much for reaching out to help us at DeQuincy Middle. At this time they are working to clean up and repair our school. The roof on the sixth grade hallway was ripped off and 6 classrooms were flooded. We were supposed to of started school the Monday before Hurricane Laura, but it was postponed. We have families in town that have lost their homes. There are some that still don't have electricity and parents that are out of work. We appreciate any help that your school feels lead to give.

Unfortunately, because of COVID and the election, we aren't seeing or hearing about the devastation as we normally would. Keep all affected in your prayers. Jeff Higgs, dad to 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Kylie, just returned from helping restore power in Louisiana with Norris Electric. Thanks, Jeff!

DeQuincy's school color is Red. They are the Tigers. I'd like our kids to wear red next Tuesday, Sept. 22nd and each to donate at least \$1 to send to DeQuincy. We'll get a picture of everyone in their red and send it as well. Again, very thankful for how our year has started. At least we are here with a roof over our heads and electricity!

St. Thomas is

“DOING THIS FOR DeQUINCY!”

Wear Red on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>!

Go Tigers! Go Saints!

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**



Monday: BB @ Oblong 4:30, SB @ Oblong 4:30, CC H Robinson 4:30

Tuesday: Cheer Practice 5:30-7:00

Wednesday: **All-School Mass (K-1)**, 1<sup>st</sup> Qt. Mid-term, **Open House 5:30-7:00**

Thursday: Stang Arts 3:15-5:15 (please pick up on east side of building), BB @ Sigel 4:30, SB @ Paris Mayo 4:30, CC @ T-Town 4:30

Friday: **6-8 Class Mass (8)**, BINGO

**ATTACHED/IN PACKET:** St. Thomas Church Picnic Raffle Tickets, Spirit and Pride flyer, Girl Scouts Flyer (K-5), School Board and Booster Club minutes

- Thanks to Mrs. Shamhart and Mrs. Schreifels for organizing our **book fair**. The kids get really excited (mostly for the junk, but still many for the books) to see it set up. Students will be allowed to go in and purchase things during their lunch recess. They will have to wear gloves while they look. Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to help with it. It will be open during our Open House on Wednesday evening as well.
- I am looking for someone to help Lisa in the **kitchen** on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This would count towards fair share hours. Let me know if you can help.
- **BINGO** is this Friday. We didn't have much of a turnout for our last one, so we'll see how this goes. It may determine if we continue to have them. I have a volunteer willing to be trained as a caller and three other volunteers. I still need a cashier, caller, and another worker. We will be able to leave up the tables/chairs again! Let me know!
  - There is a **Spirit and Pride** flyer in the packets offering some shirts/sweatshirts. This is just a courtesy that comes with our School Store fundraiser. No one should feel obligated to purchase, but feel free – all ordering is done through them.
- Each family has **tickets for our church picnic tractor raffle**. If you need more, just let us know and we'll send them home. Please support our parish by

selling tickets and turning money and stubs back in to church or school. Our parish does a lot to support our school.

- We are going to go ahead with our **Open House** this Wednesday from 5:30-7:00. We are not having a mass, but there is a Wednesday evening mass at 5:30 if your family would like to attend. We would ask that everyone wear masks and do your best to social distance when you come in. The Open House is not required, so don't feel obligated to come if wearing masks is a concern, but the young ones, especially, like to show off what they've been up to! Ms. Cowger will also have art work up in the cafeteria.
- We will have **apparel orders** ready for pick up on Wednesday evening as well. We will set up a few tables in the parish center so that you can grab your orders. Don't forget to check out the **book fair in the gym!**
- Just a thought from the **cafeteria**. The kids are doing very well, especially kindergarten, trying new foods. If your child brings his or her lunch, please pack things they can open themselves and only what they need. Those who bring their lunches get to sit down first and many of those kids struggle to eat everything packed before it's time to go out for recess. Also, this year, because we have 3 lunch periods instead of 2, Lori and I are in the cafeteria from 11:00-12:50. This isn't a great time to call us. We'll do our best to answer, but we're serving lunch as well this year, so it's hard to get away to answer the phone. Thanks for understanding!
- Wednesday marks **mid-term** of our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter already. Time flies when you're having fun! Continue to encourage the kids to work hard and do their best!
- We are finishing up our last week of regular season games for baseball and softball. 8<sup>th</sup> grade night was a lot of fun. Not a win, but Coach Fulton made it exciting with music and commentary and one of the umpires complimented our boys about their sportsmanship and hard work! It was a good night. Thanks Drew and Landen and thank you coaches!
- We have been blessed with various **donations** since before school even started. I am so thankful for our community, parishioners, families, and friends who continue to bless us with their generosity. Definitely thankful!

