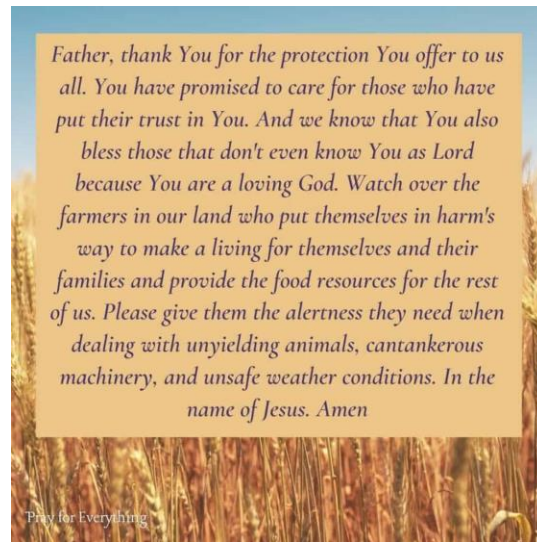


St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



We pray for a safe and bountiful harvest for all of our farming families.

September 18, 2023

THE NOTE!

What a beautiful weekend and day! It's so nice to have sun and less heat. I had the privilege of watching your kids play baseball, softball, and soccer this weekend. It really warms my heart to see them doing what they love, win or lose! I also loved being at the football game and having kids say hello and cheer for the Eagles. Some struggle to keep cheering through loss, but I appreciate those of you who continue to support the Newton

Eagles! Friday nights in the fall are my favorite, win or lose! And how 'bout those Marching Eagles! It was a great weekend!

Congratulations to the Lady Eagles Softball team – State bound on Friday! It was a heart-stopping win on Saturday. We are proud of all the players and coaches, especially Maleah and Kylie. Go Eagles!

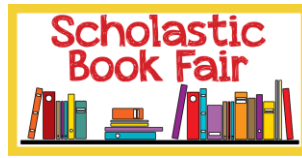
I'm excited for our **Open House tomorrow night**. I few new "additions" this year.

There will be some photo backdrops for the kids and/or parents. Also, in a couple of rooms, there will be opportunities for students and parents to enter drawings. Some of the prizes include A la Carte money for the older kids, and fun prizes for all. Parents can win Fair Share hours or SCRIP cards. Make your rounds to find out where to register to win! It's always great to have everyone in the building!



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

BOOK FAIR ALL WEEK – OPEN DURING OPEN HOUSE



Monday: Good luck JCJH Eagles Baseball in Regional Championship vs. Casey @ Casey 4:30, Cheer practice 5:30-7

Tuesday: CC @ Cumberland 4:00, Open House 5:30-7:00

Wednesday: **NO SCHOOL – Teacher's Institute**; Youth Choir 5:30

Thursday: Softball Pep Rally 2:15 @ JCJH (7th and 8th will walk), Cheer practice 3-5

Friday: **All-School Mass (7)**, SB @ State (Bloomington) vs. Monticello 2:00, FB H Olney 7:00 (HOPE cancer support game)

Saturday: State SB continues with a win on Friday - Noon, JFL H Red Hill, **Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30**

Sunday: Garage Sale Set-up 4:00, **Masses at St. Thomas 7:00 and 10:00, Mass at St. Mary's 8:30**



ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Trash Bag order forms, updated worker list for Garage Sale, Family Agreement to sign for those who didn't meet with one of the priests, 3rd-6th grade 4-H After-school Adventure flyer

- The Booster Club will be hosting a **porkburger sale** for lunch on Friday, Sept. 29th during the garage sale. We are looking for parents to grill, help the 8th graders wrap, and deliver. Let me know if you can help anytime from 9-1 that day. Thanks to Alan Buerster for letting us use his grill and to Kuhl's Trailer Sales for providing the grill fuel.
- The **garage sale** worker list looks great. Thanks to all who have volunteered. If you still would like to work, please let me know, but you can just show up and

work if you have a spare hour or so. Everyone who works should sign in and out for fair share purposes. Thanks again to Tracey and the committee for all the work they have and will put in!

- We are so proud of our baseball team and coaches. Their season ended sooner than they would have liked, but they handled it with grace! I was so proud to be a Saint on Saturday! **Baseball uniforms** should be washed and turned in to the office with the player's name on the bag.
- We have had lots of compliments on the kids' behavior in **church** (and the blue polos). They do a great job. One thing we'd love to see worked on when you attend church with them is making sure they are responding. When Father Paul says, "Peace be with you", we have several just standing silently. This is just one example. Please encourage them to always respond and be involved in the mass. I tell the older ones how much the younger ones look up to them. This is something we can address, but we need your help to enforce it as well.
- Don't forget when leaving the parking lot after parent pick up, to **turn Right** on Washington street. Thanks!
- Thursday our 7th and 8th graders will attend a **pep rally** for the JCJH Softball team headed to state. This team includes our own Maleah Miller and Kylie Bierman. Please encourage your 7th/8th grader to wear orange and blue.
- We will hopefully have detergent here very soon. Until then, please sell the **trash bags**. I know there are several people who have asked when we're selling them. Thanks for your efforts.

Let me know if you or your kids need anything.

Virtue: Optimism quotes I keep nearby that I thought I'd share:

"Don't wait for things to get better. Life will always be complicated. Learn to be happy right now, otherwise, you'll run out of time."

"Happy people build their inner world. Unhappy people blame their outer world."

