

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



September 28, 2020

THE NOTE!

I hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful weekend and was able to get out of bed on this gloomy, rainy morning. We finished up softball season this weekend with an exciting game. Not the outcome the girls wished for, but lots to be proud of! The garage sale is this week, so pray that it is a huge success. I'm thankful for the committee and all the volunteers who make it happen. Remind family and friends to come shop!



I don't want to jinx us, but we are COVID and QUARANTINE free at the moment! Let's keep doing our best to stay healthy! It's great to have our kids here where they learn the best and where they can be around their friends.



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: CC H Cumberland 4:30, Garage Sale Set-up

Tuesday: 'Merica Day – Wear as much Red, White, and Blue for DeQuincy Middle School, Garage Sale Set-up

Wednesday: All-School Mass (2), Cheer 5:30-7, Garage Sale Set-up

Thursday: Garage Sale Opens – 8:00 a.m.

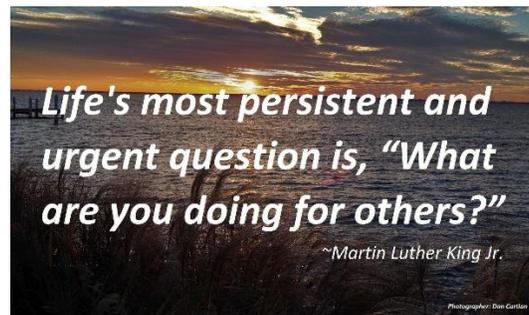
Friday: K-2 Class Mass (K-2), CC @ Marshall 4:30, Garage Sale continues, NO BINGO

Saturday: Garage Sale 8-10, Clean-up Crew!

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Trashbag fundraiser, Stang Arts, Picture forms, Bus Slips, Pro-Life Chain Event flyer, October menu/calendar

- We were excited to learn that three of our students placed in the **Catholic Daughters of America's Education Contest** from last school year. Congratulations Megan Hartrich, Gracie Smithenry, and Alex Gier.
- A big thanks to **Craig Shamhart and FS** for the donation of water bottles. When kids forget theirs, now we have something to give them!
- Just a reminder that you can send in items for the **Oblong Christian Home** until Friday. Laura Weber and Krista Buerster will be delivering on Monday of next week. Thank you for your generosity.
- Speaking of generosity, we have already, with only one dress-up day, raised around **\$600 for DeQuincy Middle School**. WOW!! We will have our final dress-up day tomorrow. **'Merica Day'** (chosen by our 8th grade class) will have the kids wearing as much Red, White, and Blue and possible. I told the kids this morning that they can bring \$1 for the fundraiser, but if you've already donated, don't worry about it for tomorrow. I'm thrilled to be able to help DeQuincy!
- We had a few **samples** from our gear order that are still left: Youth large black basketball shorts-\$24, Youth medium royal blue pullover \$35, Youth XL royal blue hoodie \$27, and a black youth large dry fit hoodie \$45. First come, first serve – let me know if you'd like to purchase!
- I hope you are selling those **tractor tickets**. If you need more, let me know!
- We are **so thankful** to everyone who has donated to our office needs. We are stocked up on band-aids, clippers, and blue tape! You guys are awesome!
- Next week I'll be sending home the sign up for **parent/teacher conferences**. They aren't until Oct. 22/23, but I do want to continue our record of 100% participation. Taking an active role in our kids' education is a big part of why they are hardworking and successful students at NCHS.
- If your child(ren) ride the bus in the morning, please encourage them to sit facing forward with their masks on to try to avoid a potential quarantine. I would love to see our kids only sitting with their siblings or by themselves if it is possible.
- Please be mindful of the **weather**. Send jackets if needed. We plan to be outside as much as possible to give the kids mask-free recesses!
- If your 3rd grader is preparing for **Confirmation/1st Eucharist** with Father Dean, the final meetings are this week: Tuesday 6:30-8:00 or Thursday 4:30-6:00 in church with Father.
- Our **trashbag fundraiser** begins today! Order forms and payment are due Oct. 13th after our long weekend. Good luck!
- **October** isn't a very busy month for our big kids overall – encourage them to be finishing up AR points and working hard to get grades up before volleyball and basketball start.
- Our virtue for October and November is **Service**. Our kids already do a lot to help those in need, but try to encourage it at home as well. One of the greatest things we can teach our kids is to always ask, how can I help?

- Our annual **Mission Party** will have to be a little different this year, but Mr. Stork and our 8th graders are going to plan something for the kids to make it fun! We will still have our Halloween parade.
- If you plan to shop at the **garage sale**, please wear a mask and social distance as best you can.
- Just a reminder that **drop off** is 7:30 and late stay **pick-up** is by 5:30. Days get long for us if it's any earlier/later. Thanks!
- When packing **lunches** for the littles, please be mindful that they only have 15-20 minutes to eat. Some of the kids have a ton of food and we have to move them out to get ready and sanitize for the next group. Thanks!



I receive a text message devotional every morning from a friend who has faced unfathomable tragedy in his life. One way he finds peace is to share this devotion each day. The pastor who sends it to him does a great job of hitting the nail on the head.

Today it said,

If you look around, you're going to notice that you may not have the same gifts, talents, or opportunities as other people, and that can be frustrating – if you think being a success is being somebody else. When you understand that a successful life is being who God made you to be, then you will be amazed at the things God will do through you.

Have a great week! Let me know if you need anything!

Jill