

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



September 2, 2025

THE NOTE!

What a beautiful Labor Day weekend we had. The kids are pooped, which means they had a busy and fun weekend with their families! It was great seeing so many of you at the Ste. Marie Picnic.

We continue our 1st quarter with busy schedules, so any amount of time you can spend at home will be good. The days can seem too full sometimes, but just try to prioritize and find joy in them. If joy is hard to find, maybe the days are really too full.

I know with the shooting in Minnesota that the subject of safety during church is on our minds. The diocese will be putting out some suggestions/guidance in the near future. It's very important that we don't jump to big changes as we are in a house of God, and we want it available to all. Your kids ARE my #1 priority, so know that I will be working with members of the pastoral council and Father Tomy to do our best to ensure the safety of our kids, but also ensure that our church is welcoming to those who need it. I do know that we can try to prevent tragedy, but this world is scary and it can happen. We'll do our best to be prepared. I'll keep you updated.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: Title Testing (K-4), Cheer practice after school, SB H Martinsville 4:30

Wednesday: **K-2 Class Mass** (2nd grade in charge), Title Testing (K-4), BB @ Cumberland 4:30, School Board 6:00 in library

Thursday: FCA 7:40 or whenever they get here, CC @ Robinson 4:30, SB @ Hutsonville 5:00

Friday: **All-School Mass** (4th in charge), Kindergarten Grandparent's Day 9:15ish, Eucharistic Adoration begins at 10:00 'til noon. BB H Sacred Heart 4:15 – 8th grade night recognition 4:00

Saturday: SB @ Robinson 10:00, CC @ Charleston Invite 9:00, **Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30**, JFL H Casey 5:30

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

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Scoops for Supper Flyer, Garage Sale flyer/info/volunteer sign-up, Light of the World flyer, Myer Twins Art registration, Lunch statements, School Board agenda

- ❖ There is **lots of information** in the packets and/or attached today. Please make sure to check things out. Thanks to our families who share opportunities with us.
- ❖ The **garage sale is coming up**. This is a great time to get service hours for 8th graders as well as for parents to get fair share hours. Just write in your times if they don't match up with the choices. Thanks to Tracey Bower who will be spearheading this great fundraiser. Clean out those closets!
- ❖ Our **first school board meeting** is this Wednesday at 6:00 in the library. We welcome Matt Creadore, Marissa Bower, Jordan Roberts, Sharon Schackmann and Karli Burley to our board. We welcome back Leah Bolander, Jeffrey Finley, Nikki Bierman and Kelsie Green. Thanks to all of them for their willingness to serve and guide.
 - ❖ I NEED SOCCER SCHEDULES!
- ❖ On the September calendar, **Wednesday's baseball game** is listed as home. It's actually at Cumberland (Toledo American Legion park). Sorry for the confusion. This Friday we will be celebrating 8th grade night at 4:00. We are thankful to Maison Buerster, Bryar French and Will Hartrich to their dedication to the team and the school! Thanks to Alan Buerster and Tyler Frichtl for coaching and Jessica Burton for keeping our book! Teamwork makes the dream work!
- ❖ Last year Mrs. Zuber started **FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)** at St. Thomas. This is actually for ANY 5th-8th graders who want to come. The 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:40 is the time, the cafeteria is the place! If they ride a bus, they can just come in when their bus gets here. Students DO NOT have to be in a sport. My daughter is an FCA leader at NCHS and she doesn't play a sport. It's a great way for kids to hear how they can share their faith in their everyday lives.

THIS THURSDAY is the first meeting of this school year.
- ❖ Keep selling that **detergent**. Orders are due back one week from today! **Trashbag order forms** will go home next week in the packets.
- ❖ We are seeing some great examples of **Self Control** here at school. Way to go, Saints!
- ❖ Thanks to everyone who has purchased items from our **Amazon wish list**. I added some neat Bibles if anyone is interested in helping out.
- ❖ The monthly **lunch statements** are in the packets today. Just pay when you can. If you would like to apply for free/reduced lunch, I'm attaching the application. It never hurts to apply. I will let you know either way.
- ❖ The first Friday of each month brings **Eucharistic Adoration** at St. Thomas. Although this Friday will be delayed until 10:00 due to Grandparent's Day for Kindergarten, consider spending time in the presence of our Lord. Our kids all get to participate throughout the year. All are welcome.

- ❖ 1st-8th grade parents can check their students' grades on **TeacherEase**. If you need help with logging in, email Lori.
- ❖ Just a reminder – if your son or daughter has a fever of 100.1 or higher, they should not come to school and should be fever free for 24 hours before returning. If they have anything that is contagious, we trust all of you to do the right thing. If you aren't sure, we understand.

Our grandparents play a huge role at St. Thomas School. We are blessed! Happy Grandparent's Day to all of you! St. Thomas Saints love you all! I'm blessed to be adding myself to that group. My daughter, Eliza, and son-in-law, Blake, are expecting in March. Please keep them and baby Muska in your prayers!



Not sure if any of you are Andy Griffith parents, but we were. Found this gem! A little bit of Self Control in there!



When a hobo told Andy he should just let Opie "decide for himself" how he wanted to live... He had these words of Mayberry wisdom.

"No, I'm afraid it don't work that way. You can't let a young'n decide for himself. He'll grab at the first flashy thing with shiny ribbons on it. Then, when he finds out there's a hook in it, it's too late. Wrong ideas come packaged with so much glitter that it's hard to convince them that other things might be better in the long run. All a parent can do is say 'Wait' and 'Trust me' and try to keep temptation away."

Have a great week! I'm planning on Soccer and JFL Saturday – need some soccer details. Thanks,

Jill