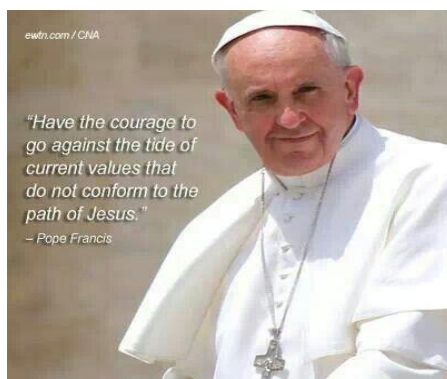


St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



September 5, 2023

THE NOTE!

I'm hoping everyone had an amazing 3-day weekend. The kids were excited on Friday to go camping, to attend the Ste. Marie Picnic, and just be with family and friends. Thank you for giving them those wonderful memory-making opportunities. I like to just be at home and Monday provided that opportunity!

We have a short, but busy week with the Fall Festival parade on Saturday. Hold on to your hats! If you need anything, let me know!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

JCJH Girls BB practice continues this week

Tuesday: SB H Effingham 4:30 (8th grade night), BB @ St. Joe 4:30 (Playing at Noble High School), CC @ St. Anthony 4:00

Wednesday: **K-2 Class Mass** (2nd in charge), Staff mtg. after school, School Board 6:00, SB H Charleston 4:30, Golf @ Paris Sectional 10:45 tee time

Thursday: BB H T-Town 4:30 (8th grade night), Cheer practice 3-5 p.m.

Friday: **All-School Mass** (4th in charge), Grandparent's Day program following mass, BB @ Altamont Lutheran 5:30, Newton Eagle FB @ Casey 7:00

Saturday: Fall Festival Parade 10:00 (Band arrive at 9:00), SB @ T-Town Regional 9:00, CC @ Shelbyville 9:00, JFL H Marshall



ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Garage Sale Worker Sign-up, Stang Arts Registration, 6th-8th grade Scouting flyers, School Board agenda

- If your student is absent or needs to leave early, please email Lori as well as the classroom teacher.
- We're going to make one adjustment to our **parent pick up procedures**. When you leave the parking lot after picking up, please ONLY turn right onto Washington Street. Lots of "almost accidents" with the high school kids dismissing then. Hopefully this small change will alleviate that.
- We will be needing help in the **cafeteria** from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Sept. 21, 22, 25, and 26. Please let me know if you'd like to get some fair share hours.
- The **first parade** of the year is this Saturday. Just a reminder that the kids should wear khaki pants with their polo and black shoes/socks. Students should arrive at 9:00.
- Thanks to Brummer's Cabinets for our beautiful new **storage cabinet** in the entryway of our parish center.
- Congratulations to Maleah Miller who is celebrating her **8th grade night** tonight vs. Effingham. The JCJH Lady Eagles are undefeated and a fun group to watch. Game time is 4:30. Our boys will celebrate their baseball 8th grade night this Thursday. Beau Bennett, Carter Barthelme and Quincy Fulton will be recognized along with their parents. Our 8th grade Cross Country runners are Avery Geier and Tyler Spiker. And, we can't forget our 8th grade golfer, Blaine Bergbower.
Proud of all of our 8th graders.
- Please sign up to work at the upcoming **garage sale**. Lots of opportunities for fair share hours.
 - If you didn't get your **detergent** order turned in today, please do so by tomorrow, so Lori can work on totals. Thanks!
- Next week, **trash bag order forms** will be in the parent packets. Also, Lori will have lunch statements next week. If you want to apply for reduced/free lunch, please let me know and I will send that application.
- If your son/daughter is auditioning for the junior high musical (7th/8th graders), Frozen, Jr., auditions are Monday, Sept. 11th at 4:00 in the high school auditorium. If you have a conflict with sports, please contact Mr. Finley at jfinley@jccu1.org.
- Thanks to our students who **served** at Father Paul's Installation Mass. I was proud of all of you!
- Please don't forget our **SCRIP** program. If you need a gift card or regularly shop or eat at certain places, consider buying SCRIP cards. We have a few families who purchase for places they buy or order from often. Also, consider getting the **Boxtops** App on your phone. It's super easy to scan your receipt to see if you have any Boxtops. It automatically applies it to our school. Let me know if you need any help with it.
 - If your **Marching Saint** is missing the parade due to a sporting event or otherwise, please send Mrs. Boehl an email AND have your son or daughter tell Mrs. Boehl in person. She will have an assignment for them to complete in place of the parade. Good luck to our softball team and cross country runners.

- Although he doesn't get much mention, we are so excited for Blaine Bergbower who will be playing in the **Golf Sectional tomorrow**. His dad/coach will be with him as he plays 18 holes with kids from all over the state. Go Saints Golf!!
- On Friday, we welcome the **Grandparents** of our kindergarten class. Following mass, the class will put on a program for their grandparents, read books and play outside. To all of our Grandparents – thanks for all you do for your children and grandchildren – St. Thomas has the best!
- If you are interested in participating as a minister of any kind at church, please contact Linda.
- **Mid-term** of the 1st quarter is already next week. We will be pulling eligibility this Friday and I will chat with any of the kids who have low grades, not just our athletes. If you do not have access to TeacherEase to keep an eye on your kids' grades, let Lori know. If your son or daughter is struggling, have them talk to a teacher, so we can get them some help.



The only social media site I belong to is Pinterest. Unfortunately, I have to put my phone in my room to avoid spending too much time on it. For the most part it is harmless, but it does suck time I should be spending with my family. I love quotes, and a couple I really liked this week were:

“The number of followers you have doesn’t make you more important. Hitler had millions. Jesus had 12.”

“The real things haven’t changed. It is still best to be honest and truthful, to make the most of what we have, to be happy with simple pleasures, and to have courage when things go wrong.” Laura Ingalls Wilder