

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



September 8, 2025

THE NOTE!

I enjoyed the beautiful Saturday watching 2nd-6th graders play soccer and then 5th-8th play JFL and cheer. Our kids are doing great things and their parents are working hard for them! Very proud principal!

8th grade night for our Baseball boys went very well. Our boys may not have gotten the win, but as their coach said, their attitudes and faces said otherwise. We experienced great sportsmanship from both sides and enjoyed the evening! Thanks to Maison, Bryar and Will for playing St. Thomas Baseball and representing our team well!

We wish our softball and baseball teams good luck as they begin regional play this week!



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Trash Bag orders sent home (due back Sept. 23rd), Cheer practice 'til 5, BB H Oblong 4:30

Tuesday: Detergent orders due, CC H 4:00, BB @ St. Joe 4:30

Wednesday: **3-4 Class Mass** (3rd in charge), Cheer practice 'til 5, SB Regionals @ Robinson 6:30

Thursday: Patriot Day, BB Regionals H vs. Altamont 6:00

Friday: **All-School Mass** (1st in charge)

Saturday: Fall Festival – Band marches (be here at 9:00), CC @ Shelbyville, **Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30**, JFL H Olney 5:30, VFB @ Casey 7:00

Sunday: **Masses @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30**, Bus Pull event @ Bishop Church grounds 12-6

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Marriage Encounter flier, Church Picnic flier, Cheer Camp flier, Mass Server form (5th-8th), Porkburger Sale flier, School Board minutes

- **Detergent orders** are due tomorrow, so do that last minute asking for a stock up! We will sell again late spring.
- **Trashbag orders** are coming home today. We're thankful to get these from local people, like our detergent. They are due back with money on Sept. 23rd.
- **Band parents:** 6th-8th will march this Saturday. IF your child plays a school sport and will miss, they should let Mrs. Boehl know as soon as possible. Please have kids here at 9:00 in khaki pants, polos (if they don't have one, let Mrs. Boehl know so she can give them one) black socks/band shoes. No hats or sunglasses.
It's going to be hot, so hydrate!
- Please fill out the **server form** in the packets (5th-8th grades only). Return as soon as possible. You can also call the church to sign your son or daughter up to serve, but please return the form.
- If you haven't signed up to **work the garage sale**, please do. We need lots more help! Even an hour here or there will help.
- If any 8th grade parents want to help work the **Porkburger Sale** on Friday, Sept. 26th, please let me know.
- I am thankful for our **School Board** parents and all their input at our first meeting. Our new officers are: President, Leah Bolander; Vice-President, Jeffrey Finley; Secretary, Sharon Schackmann. If you ever have something you'd like our board to discuss, you can contact any of the officers, other members or me.
Visitors are welcome as well.
- As you will see in our school board minutes, we discussed **school mass safety**. This has been in our minds and hearts since the shooting a few weeks ago in Minneapolis. We are locking church doors during all-school masses as encouraged by the diocese. I know this is something that stirs different opinions/ideas, but we are going to follow what our diocese recommends at this time. We continue to pray for all who were affected by the tragedy in Minnesota.
- If you need more tickets for the annual **Harvest Picnic raffle**, just let us know.
We have some in the school office.
- We are seeing several kids exhibiting **Self Control**, our virtue for the rest of this month. It's great to see them pausing and thinking before speaking and acting.
Now if only all adults in this world could do the same ☺!
- I reminded the kids this morning that we had **two new Saints** canonized by Pope Leo yesterday. Also, today is the **birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. I am so thankful to be able to share the awesomeness of our faith every day!
- **Personal plug:** Saturday night at the Fall Festival, A Little Southern Comfort, the band my daughters are in, will be playing at the Fall Festival. Bring the kids and do some dancing! Also, the fundraising event for the Ugandan village my daughter visited last summer is this Sunday from noon-6 at Bishop. Good food, drinks, music, and the new Bus Pull competition! It should be a lot of fun!
- I'm going to use this platform to reach as many as possible. Please add my nephew, Chase Zumbahlen, to your **prayers**. He was in a motorcycle accident and is fighting a tough battle right now. I know the power of prayer, so thank you in advance!

- We are happy to see the kids eating, whether they eat lunch here or bring their lunch. When packing lunches, please try to teach your kids to open what they bring. Also, just a reminder no soda in **lunchboxes** and maybe limit the candy as much as possible. One piece is fine, but not a full candy bar (unless they bring Mrs. Smith and me one ☺).
- We are hoping to receive the **backordered apparel** very soon. Thank you for your patience!
- The **lost and found table** is starting to collect some things. I know there are a couple of sweatshirts, so if you are missing something at home, have your kiddo check it.

Let me know if you need anything.

Jill

