

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



September 9, 2024

The NOTE!

God outdid himself this weekend! I hope you all enjoyed some time outside with family and friends! The kids were chilly this morning, but ready to go!

Congratulations to our JCJH Cross Country team! The girls placed 1st at the Charleston Invitational! All of our athletes are doing a great job representing our schools and their families. Sometimes we win and sometimes we don't. That's okay! Good luck to the JCJH softball team as they finish up regular season this week and begin regionals on Saturday. We are excited to honor our 4-8th grade baseball players and their parents on Friday before the game. **Thanks, Dylan, Elijah, Brooks, and Griffin!**



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Trash Bag order forms coming home in packets, SB H Casey 4:30, Angels mtg. in Parish Center 6:30

Tuesday: **Detergent Orders Due**, CC H St. Anthony 4:30, BB H St. Joe 4:30, 1st Cheer practice 5-6:30

Wednesday: Patriot Day, **3-4 Class Mass** (3rd in charge), Title testing

Thursday: Title testing, BB @ T-Town 4:30, SB H Windsor 4:30

Friday: **All-School Mass** (K-1 in charge), BB H Alt. Lutheran 4:00 (8th grade night), VFB H Casey 7:00

Saturday: Fall Festival (Band marching in parade 10:00/be here at 9:00), SB @ Charleston Regional 9:30, CC @ Shelbyville Invite 9:00 (bus time 6:00), JFL H Robinson, Marching Eagles @ Monticello, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

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

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Garage Sale information/Volunteer Sign-up, St. Thomas Picnic Raffle tickets/letter, Porkburger Sale flyer, Trash Bag order forms

- 🍁 The **Fall Garage Sale** is quickly approaching. You'll find information, a flyer, and a sign-up sheet in the packet today. Please write in your name where you can work (including times if they are different than the shifts listed). Thanks in advance to our committee and all who help. This is a great way for our **8th graders** to get hours as well!
- 🍁 The Booster Club will be hosting a **Porkburger Sale** on the Friday of the Garage Sale, Sept. 27th. We are looking for some help from parents to grill and help wrap/sell. Please let me know if you're available. There is a flyer in the parent packet today and attached to the email. Please share with anyone you think might want it. We will deliver to businesses, so pass it along! Thanks!
- 🍁 We have some extra yearbooks from 2023-2024. If you'd like to purchase one or another one, they are \$16.
- 🍁 Our first **FCA** meeting was well attended and it is going to be a great addition to St. Thomas. I'm so thankful that Mrs. Zuber has volunteered to lead this group! The next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 19th at 7:40 in the cafeteria.
- 🍁 Thanks to all of our **grandparents** who attended the Kindergarten's program for you. It was a great day and I was glad to meet some I hadn't and visit with those I already knew. Thanks to our teachers and kiddos for an awesome performance!
- 🍁 I hope by now most of you have heard our song, "Trading My Sorrows", and your kids have shown you the actions. The kindergarteners performed it Friday for Grandparent's Day and did an awesome job. Here's the link:
<https://youtu.be/YRcoJeQuCo?si=1FdvRqG3rRISA8xE>
- 🍁 **OCIA(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Will begin on September 25th with Mass at St. Mary's Church in Ste. Marie at 6:00 pm.** If you or someone you know is interested in entering into the sacramental life of the Church, please call 618-783-8741(St Thomas) **or** 618-455-3155(St. Mary).
- 🍁 We had another close call during parent pick-up last week. All those leaving the parking lot after pick-up, **must turn RIGHT!** Do not turn back towards the square – no matter where you're headed. You can go around the block after turning right. I would hate to see someone hurt or a vehicle damaged!
- 🍁 Please have your **pre-orders for Eric Ode books** turned in by Thursday. It will be neat to have those already autographed! We will be reading his books and getting ready for his visit by reading his books and doing coloring pages. I know the kids will love it. Thanks to Ginger Robins for giving us this opportunity.

- 🍁 The **band** will be marching in the Fall Festival parade on Saturday. Band students should arrive at 9:00 with khaki pants, band polos, black socks/shoes and belt if needed. After finishing the parade, students will walk back to the parish center. Our **Civics Club** will be cleaning up the parade route immediately after the parade, so those students can stay. Please remind your kids to be on their best behavior as they are wearing a St. Thomas uniform.
- 🍁 If your 6th-8th grader is in Cross Country or Softball, please email Mrs. Boehl if they are not planning to march on Saturday. Everyone else should be there unless they have talked to Mrs. Boehl.
- 🍁 I'm putting a plug in for my oldest daughter, Eliza. She will be selling her homemade rosaries at the Fall Festival. She started making them to send with Lily to Africa and has continued to make them. There are a variety of colors/styles. They are beautiful. If you're looking for a gift, or like me, can't have enough rosaries, check hers out on the square.



- 🍁 We were blessed to receive a donation from the **Maxine Spitler foundation** and now we have been granted a donation from the **Orell Farley foundation** as well. We truly are blessed to have these donations to help us fund the constant changes in technology. These were forward-thinking individuals with the best interest of our youth in their hearts!
- 🍁 Don't forget to do the necessary **Safe Environment training** if you are a new parent/grandparent. I will include the link in the email today.
- 🍁 We are so thankful to the families who have included St. Thomas School as a **memorial** when they've lost a loved one. Our school is maintained by the generosity of parishioners and other families.

We are still focusing on the virtue of **Honesty**

For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

1 Peter 3:10-12