

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



September 12, 2022

THE NOTE!

What a great weekend! I congratulated the softball team, cross country runners, JFL players, Band, and Civics Club on a great Saturday representing their team/school. I'm always proud to be their principal! I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful pre-fall day! It's a very busy week for all, so hold onto your hats! Let me know if you need anything at all.

Just one thing I wanted to share: My daughter is a freshman and a Marching Eagle Snare Drum player. She was telling us that for an entire two blocks, she kept hearing people cheering for her while she marched on Saturday and some asked to get their picture with her on the square. She said it was St. Thomas kids and families. The other kids around her were talking about how "popular" she was. She told them, "No, I just went to St. Thomas." Thank you all for being that extended family for our kids!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: BB H Beecher City 4:30 (8th grade night), Cheer practice begins 5:30-7 (any 5th-8th grade girl)

Tuesday: SB Regional Champ. @ T-Town vs. T-Town 4:30, Stang Arts 'til 5:00 (pick up in East alley)

Wednesday: **3-5 Class Mass (5)**, BB Regional @ St. Anthony 4:30, Youth Choir begins 5:30-6:45, Open House 5-6:30

Thursday: CC H T-Town 4:30

Friday: **All-School Mass (4)**, Mid-term, 6th-8th Back to School Dance after school 'til 5:30, BINGO

Saturday: SB Sectional 11:00 @ St. Elmo, BB Regional 10:00 @ Oblong

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: School Board minutes, Digital Safety letter (Jr. high only), Book Fair volunteer sign-up, 2021-2022 Yearbooks

- Our **school board** met Wednesday of last week. I am thankful for all of the members and those who have recently started their 3-year term. We also elected officers. If you ever have something you would like the board to discuss, let me or one of the members know:

President: Sara K. Bergbower, VB: Dennis Weber, Secretary: Leah Finley

Members: Aubrey Bergbower, Kiley Borgic, Matt Bower, Ashley Ginder, Ryan Probst, Beth Shamhart, Mrs. Bierman, Father Dean, and Father Paul

- Last week we sent home the sign-up to work the **garage sale**. Please keep sending those in. If you aren't sure when you can work, please show up when you have free time. Be sure to share the flyer and let family and friends know.
- We have **Bingo** this Friday night! Spread the word! Currently, I have Kelly Hinterscher as caller and Helen Weber as a volunteer. I still need a trained cashier and several volunteers. The tables and chairs can be left up after, so it won't be too late of a night. Let me know if you can help!
 - 6th grade Conservation Day has been set for Sept. 27th.
- We are excited that the **book fair** will be starting Wednesday and will run through next week. It will be open for the kids, but will also be open during Open House, so parents can help pick out books! Thanks to Mrs. Shamhart and Mrs. Schreifels for taking care of this!
- The Booster Club will be hosting a **porkburger sale** on Friday, Sept. 30th. The 6th-8th graders will be able to order for their lunch. That form will go home closer to time. If you are available to help with the sale, let me know.
- **Open House** is this Wednesday night! The kids are always excited to show their parents/grandparents their room, desk, art work, etc. I changed the time to 5-6:30 since the soccer program rescheduled games for that night. Now, our baseball regional game is that night as well. I can't win! Please make every effort to come by with the family. It's important that school is made the priority when possible.
- The **apparel order** will arrive today. We will hopefully start sending them home tomorrow. That means this Friday, everyone should be wearing a blue polo for church. YAY!
- Thanks to Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Geier and the kindergarten class for a wonderful **Grandparent's Day**. It was such a blessing to have everyone together. One grandparent told me that they just don't get time to sit and read together very often – they're always watching ballgames or something. Glad everyone got that precious time together. I hope everyone had a moment to spend with grandparents this weekend. I know I miss mine very much and am thankful for my kids' relationships with our parents.
- The **6th-8th grade Back to School Dance** is this Friday after school until 5:30. They will dance until 5:15 and then set up for Bingo. The entry is \$5 and the concessions will be open. Students are allowed to bring a guest from another school as long as they are in 6th-8th grades. They must introduce their guest to me or Mr. Stork upon arrival.
- Next Wednesday is a **Teacher's Institute**. I know the middle of the week is not ideal. Hopefully everyone can find someone to watch the kids!
- Luckily Kiley got it changed, but my original prayer said this is the last week of the quarter. Friday is only **MID-TERM!** I'm losing my mind. So, Monday of next week, those mid-term reports will come home. Your kiddos should be 1/2 way to their AR goal!

- Hopefully everyone is taking advantage of **TeacherEase** (not kindergarten) and keeping an eye on your kids' grades and any behavior that is logged. Let Lori know if you have any trouble getting on to see that information.
- Our first **Stang Arts** is tomorrow. When picking up your student, please park in the east alley (Pizza Man side). In addition, a pep talk about good behavior, patience, etc. might be helpful. There are a lot of littles attending!
- There is a **lost and found** table when entering the building. You might take a second to check it out when you come in for Open House.
- The **yearbook** from last year is in the packets if you ordered one. They look awesome. Thanks to the kids who helped (shown in yearbook), Jennifer Hinterscher, and Shelah Bergbower for all their hard work!
- 3rd, 5th, and 7th graders will be doing **MAP testing** in October and April this year. Although test scores don't say it all, it will be nice to see improvement from fall to spring. More information will come closer to time.
- Tonight is our **8th grade baseball** players last home game as a St. Thomas Saint. Hopefully they will continue to play on the same field as Newton Eagles. We will honor them and their parents at 4:15 before the game. I want to thank Jason Fulton for announcing the game and making it special for our boys. Those 8th graders are Gavin Meinhart, Grady Michl, and Jarrett Pitcher. We appreciate their dedication to their school.

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:12



Thought some of you could relate! 😊