

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



September 29, 2025

THE NOTE!

What a beautiful weekend. Our farmers are in my thoughts and prayers. Lots of hours and hard work will hopefully be rewarded! Stay Safe!

Open House is this week! I hope that everyone will take a little time to stop by your kid'(s)' classroom and check out what they've been up to! It's been a great start, and I'm confident that all of the kids are learning and, most importantly, developing into hard working and kind Christian people! Thanks for partnering with St. Thomas to give your kids an amazing start!

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, Sept. 30th 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Good luck to our Lady Eagles Basketball players who open their season tonight at home vs. Charleston. Tip off at 6:00. We are thankful to JCJH for welcoming our girls to the team: Bailey Meinhart, Lyndsey Spiker, Audrey Earnest and Kinsley Kerner.



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

BOOK FAIR OPENS MONDAY AT LUNCH

Monday: GBB H Charleston 6:00

Tuesday: Open House 5:30-7:00

Wednesday: **K-2 Class Mass** (K/1 in charge), RtI mtg 3:10, CC @ Robinson Invite, School Board 6:00, Trivia Night committee 7:00

Thursday: FCA 7:40, GBB H Robinson 6:00, Health Department Bingo in PC 6:00

Friday: **All-School Mass** (2nd in charge), Eucharistic Adoration after mass until noon, VFB @ Paris 7:00

Saturday: Father Tomy is doing a Blessing of Pets at 10:30 in the parking lot, **Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30**

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

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Harvest Picnic Flyer, School Board agenda, Picture Order forms, Meyer Twins Art registration, P/T conference sign-up sheet

- ❖ Thank you to all who played a role in making the **Fall Garage Sale a success**. Tracey and the committee spend many hours planning and working alongside our parents and grandparents to create a nice shopping experience for all! \$8,970.44 was added to our technology/improvements account! Way to go, Saints! Proud to be a part of such a hard working family!
- ❖ After Wednesday night's School Board meeting, the **Trivia Night committee** will begin preparing for our biggest fundraiser of the year. If you are interested in being a part of this fun and exciting planning team, we'll begin at 7:00 in the library. Even if you want to be on a trivia team that night, you can help us plan!
- ❖ We would love to have more of the **detergent and trash bags** picked up today some time, but if you need to wait until Open House, we'll try to put it all down at the east end of the hallway. Thanks again for helping with these fundraisers.
- ❖ In your packets is a 1/2 sheet of paper where you should write all of your kids' names and then your preference for **Parent/Teacher conferences**. This is not optional, so please turn it back in as soon as possible, so I can begin putting together the schedules. St. Thomas has 100% attendance for conferences. If you have multiple children, I will work very hard to put all of your conferences together! That being said, if you have multiple children, turn in your request sooner than later!
- ❖ If you haven't read the monthly publication, **Jasper County: Seeds of Success**, you should! Jennifer Hinterscher, 8th grade parent, creates it each month and does an AWESOME job. September's issue included a neat article about St. Thomas mom, Tracey Bower. It has a great calendar of events for the county, which is great for those of us who aren't on social media. Your business can sponsor it or advertise in it as well. You can email jcseedsofsuccess@gmail.com for more information.
- ❖ **Cross Country** continues this week as they approach their sectionals next weekend. We're thankful that Lyndsey Spiker, Logan Vogt, Sam Frohning and Emalee Kistner have represented St. Thomas on the Jasper County team. Coach Dawn Meinhart and Coach Linda Tharp do a wonderful job! Glad we can have our kids included in such a great program!
- ❖ **Cheerleading practices** are in full swing for our 5th-8th grade young ladies. We can't wait to see them in action when games begin.
- ❖ 7th/8th **Boys' Basketball practices can begin Oct. 20th**. Moving into the gym very soon! Let's go, Saints!

- ❖ If you haven't been in the gym lately, the **new sports banners** are up. Thanks to Jody and Ben Colwell the updated banners for all sports look amazing! Thanks to Amy Hartrich and Judy McClure for their work in making it happen.
- ❖ The **book fair** will begin today at lunch. If kids bring money, they will be able to shop during lunch recess and before school for the rest of the week. If you'd rather be with them, the book fair will also be open during Open House. Thanks to Mrs. Shamhart and Mrs. Schreifels for taking care of this and to our parents for working! Our school benefits greatly with new books! I do encourage the kid to work for some of the money they spend. **DO NOT** feel obligated to give your kids money every day!
- ❖ Thanks to those 5th-8th graders who have signed up to **serve at masses** on the weekend. These kids have done an amazing job adjusting to a new priest and the addition of the bells. Proud of them! It's never too late to get on the rotation!
 - ❖ This week turns into October and that means a new virtue to focus on: **Generosity!** Teachers will be looking for ways our kids are showing this virtue. Generosity does not have to be about money. We can be generous with our time and with our talents. I am thankful that St. Thomas Dad, Jordan Hartigan shares his talent as a drummer with our band. There are so many examples of all of you being generous, so point that out to your kids. They are learning from the best!



I mentioned a prayer to the kids last week, that I say every morning. After we saw so much tragedy in our country, it seemed to really speak to me, so I thought I'd share it.

Dear God, I thank You for giving me a new day to start. I pray that You watch over me, my family, and everyone in need of Your grace. Protect us, guide us, and fill our hearts with Your peace. Forgive me for my weaknesses, and strengthen my faith in You.

Where there is faith, there is love.

Where there is love, there is peace.

Where there is peace, there is God.

And where God is, nothing is missing.

Lord, I place this day in Your hands. Your plan is always perfect, and Your lover never fails.

Have a great week! See everyone Tuesday night. Let me know if you need anything. Jill