

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



September 8, 2020

THE NOTE!

Hopefully this finds everyone having a great Tuesday after a long weekend. In the classroom I noticed tired eyes and some incomplete homework. All the good times can take a toll. Early to bed tonight may help!

Thanks to all of you who labor in any way. I brag on all of you to others. You are a hardworking group of parents! I hope you enjoyed yesterday! I know some had to work, so thank you especially.

We're starting to see our kids coming back! It's nice to see classes fill up again. I pray that our kids stay healthy!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: SB @ Effingham 4:00, CC @ St. Anthony 4:00

Wednesday: All-School Mass (5)

Thursday: SB H Lawrenceville 4:30, BB @ St. Anthony 4:30

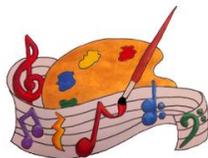
Friday: 3-5 Class Mass (3), BB H Altamont Lutheran 4:30 (8th grade night)

Saturday: Cheer practice 9-11 a.m. (5th-8th grade girls)



ATTACHED/IN PACKET: August Lunch statements, August Late Stay balances, Boxtop flier, School Board minutes, Stang Arts

WELCOME BACK MS. COWGER!!



COMING SOON: OPEN HOUSE, WEDNESDAY, 9/16 – Come anytime 5:30-7:30 to see what your kids have been up to!

- There is a flyer in the parent packet that explains the **Boxtops** program. Some products still have the cut out ones, but some do not. If you get the free app on your phone, you just scan your receipt and it adds it to your school's balance. If you need help, let me know. I have it on my phone. If it's easy for me, it's easy!
Thanks Sarah Mason for all your help!
- Yes, all of our kids will be receiving **free lunch!** This funding from the USDA began Sept. 1st. If your son or daughter ate last week Tuesday-Friday, we will not charge you for those days. However, all days in August were not included in this waiver. As long as the funding allows, this will remain through December. I'm excited for all of you to be able to eliminate that bill each month!
 - **Thanks to Garrett Finn** for his 3 years of service on our school board. Replacing Garrett will be Sarah Weiler. Our board includes President, Jenny Bierman; Vice President, Nikki Earnest; Secretary, Amy Hartrich; Beth Shamhart, April Holkenbrink, Ashley Ginder, Jason Pitcher, and Brian Bierman.
I appreciate their input and support!
- We are seeing some **dress code** violations. We are trying to address them discretely. 5th-8th graders should abide by the dress code. Shorts have to be fingertip length. Most athletic shorts are not long enough, unless bought bigger so they hang down more. If they wear tights or leggings, their shirt must cover their behind completely. Thanks for helping us out on this. We will start giving checks for violations.
- There will be a **cheer practice** on Saturday from 9-11 a.m. in the gym. The girls in 5th-8th are invited to this practice. They must bring masks and social distance. There will be no lifting of any kind. Thanks to Courtney Miller and Becca Finn for agreeing to sponsor our squad.
- There are a few students who don't have all of their **health requirements** fulfilled. If that applies to you, it will be in your packet. Please take care of these as soon as possible. I know appointments are hard to come by. Just keep us posted on progress.
- Our **book fair** will begin next week. The students will have time to check it out and time to purchase things at lunch. It will also be open during our Open House on the 16th!
- We honor our **8th grade baseball players** this Friday at our last home game. Landen Blake and Drew Earnest will be playing their final home game as St. Thomas Saints! Way to go boys!
 - Believe it or not, **mid-term** of the first quarter is already next week. Keep encouraging our kids to work hard!
- I'll be looking for **Bingo** workers again next week for the 18th. Let me know if you are willing to help out.

- If you are willing and able, St. Thomas church is always looking for **lectors and Eucharistic ministers**. Let Linda know if you'd like to help out.
- A big thanks to our **kindergarten** class and teachers for their program honoring their grandparents on Friday. Great job!



We are still focusing on the virtue of **Patience**. I know it is one that I have to work on every day! We celebrate our farmers for the patience it takes to wait for the right time, wait for the crops, wait for the rain, wait.....wait.....Thank you for all you do and for being examples of our virtue of PATIENCE!



I'm so thankful we are still chugging along! The kids continue to do well with everything. As we continue to pray each morning and throughout our days and attend church, please continue to sign up for church and make it a priority for your family. During this crazy time in our world, our kids need something positive to focus and rely on! We can't forget that our faith should be bigger than our fear!

