St. Thomas School

School Board Agenda

October 7, 2026

6:00pm – St. Thomas Library

I. Opening Prayer – Mrs. Bierman
II. Call to Order – Mrs. Bierman
   a. **Board Members Present: Marissa Bower, Karli Burley, Matt Creadore, Michael Finley, Sharon Schackmann, Laura Weber**
   b. **Board Members Absent: Jordan Roberts, Leah Bolander, Nikki Bierman**
III. Recognition of Visitors-no visitors present.
IV. Additions to the Agenda-no additions to the agenda.
V. Approval of September minutes-no minutes to approve.
VI. Old Business
   a. Fundraisers
      i. Duck Race / Back to School Cookout- **money was given to the booster club. Total raised was a little over $3,000.**
      ii. Laundry Detergent- **totals are not available at this time.**
      iii. Trash bags- **Total raised was around $3,000.**
   b. Sports Update
      i. **Co-Op sports with Jasper County-There were two 8th grade girls on the State 4th place softball team. Cross Country also did well. We have two boys still running. Girls basketball has started recently.**
      ii. **As for St. Thomas Sports, baseball finished about two weeks ago. Cheerleaders have started practicing. Open gym for 7th and 8th grade basketball has started. 6th grade will start practicing soon. Cheer Coach- Amy Hartrich. Basketball- Jess Swick. 6th Grade- Mike Geier, 5th Grade- Jess Swick, Samantha Herdes.**
   c. Garage Sale
      i. **Raised over $8,000.**
   d. School Safety

i. **There has been new signage to indicate to turn right at dismissal to ensure student safety. The new sign was donated by Judy McClure.**
ii. **The landing under the door by the library was reinforced this summer.**

VII. New Business

a. WCEA- Western Catholic Education Association
   i. **This organization will be evaluating the school. We are in Phase 2 of the evaluation.**
   ii. **A survey to the parents will come home in late October/early November.**
   iii. **Staff and students will also take a survey in their classrooms.**
b. Mission Party
   i. **Discussions have started with the 8th grade class. Mr. Allison said that the 8th graders are excited.**
   ii. **Money from this goes to Catholic Heart Work Camp.**
c. Parent/Teacher Conferences
   i. **Responses have been coming in to be scheduled. Conferences are on October 21st and 22nd.**
d. School Pictures
   i. **School pictures are Thursday, October 15th.**
e. Trivia Night
   i. **Planning started October 7th. Trivia night will be February 13, 2027.**
f. Veteran's Day
   i. **St. Thomas is not in charge of the Veteran's Day program this year.**
g. Wreath Fundraiser
   i. **Booster club is doing this fundraiser. Order forms will be sent home soon.**
h. Curriculum
   i. **New religion curriculum this year is called Word of Life. It is directly connected to Formed, which is a subscription through the church.**
   ii. **Ruah Woods- Theology of the Body was also added this year. This will be fit in with the Word of Life curriculum.**

iii. **Mrs. Vahling is also teaching Speak the Faith, which teaches students how to defend our faith and to be able to speak with confidence about our faith.**

i. Election of Officers

i. **President: Sharon Schackmann, Vice President: Marissa Bower, Secretary: to be determined**

VIII. Father Pawel's Report

a. **Father Pawel would like to see 8th graders lead the Rosary. He would love to teach them the Rosary in other languages.**
b. **The Rosary Walk through the church will be happening on the 28th, and he encourages students to attend.**

IX. Finance Report

X. Positive Points

a. **Enrollment is at 197.**
b. **Mr. Allison has been a great addition to the staff. Mr. Stork is serving as his mentor.**
c. **First Quarter ended on Friday the 9th.**
d. **Field trips are starting soon.**
e. **Mission Party and Halloween Parade (1:15) are on Friday, October 30th.**
f. **All Saints Day Mass at school will be Wednesday, November 4th.**

XI. Closing Prayer – Father Pawel

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schackmann, School Board Secretary