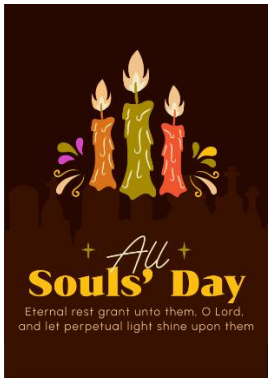
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

November 2, 2026

THE NOTE!

On this All-Soul's Day, we pray for our loved ones who have died and all souls in purgatory. Father Paul encouraged us at mass yesterday to visit the graves of our loved ones who have gone before us. Prayers for you all and your families.



I'm sure everyone had a busy, sugar-filled weekend. We're back to work here, excited for a Newton Eagle win last Friday and cheering them on this weekend too as they head to Johnston City. Good luck to our NCHS Volleyball team as they compete at the Sectional level Tuesday (and then Thursday)!

Our own St. Thomas Saints 8th grade basketball team begins their season tonight at Dieterich in a Round Robin tournament with Dieterich and St. Joe. Go Saints! Thanks to our coaches, Jess Swick and Kristie Finley, for all their time and effort!

7th and 8th grades both play on Thursday at Altamont!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: GB H Dieterich 6:00, 8BB @ Dieterich 5:00/6:15

Tuesday: K,2,4,8 Vision Checks, **Election Day**, GB H Lawrenceville 6:00

Wednesday: **All-School Mass** (4th in charge) – 1st graders dressed as Saints, RtI mtg. after school, School Board 6:00, Trivia Night 7:00

Thursday: FCA 7:40, 7th grade field trip to Oblong, GB @ Oblong 6:00, BB @ Altamont 6:00

Friday: **K-2 Class Mass** (K-1 in charge), Adoration 'til Noon

Saturday: GB H Marshall 9:00, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

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

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Wreath Order forms, Meyer Twins Art registration, Lunch statements

*Congratulations to our 8th graders and Mr. Allison for a **fun and successful Mission Party** Friday. Everyone did a great job and fun was had by all. Thank you for your donations that will go towards the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip this summer.

*Booster Club's **Wreath order fundraiser** form is in the packets today. Please sell as much as you can! Orders are due back by Monday, Nov. 16th with pick up on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd after school until 6:00 p.m.

*Don't forget **polos on Wednesday for All-School Mass**. Our **1st graders will be dressed as Saints**, sharing information about the Saint they chose at the end of mass. Thanks teachers and parents for making this a wonderful All-Saints celebration.

***1st graders** should report to their classroom as soon as they arrive at school on Wednesday to get ready for their All-Saints presentation.

*Thanks to our Booster Club, our 7th/8th Boys Basketball teams will be sporting **new uniforms** this year. They look sharp!

*As we begin the month of November, we continue to work towards being more **CONSIDERATE!** Here at school we try to respect people's feelings and time, by being on our best behavior and thinking before we ask for something, making sure it's the right time and place.

*Our **WCEA accreditation process** continues. We will be sending out survey links to all parents very soon. Please let me know if you have any questions. We need for 100%

of our families to participate. These will help us create goals for our future. The students and staff will also be surveyed. Thanks for your participation.

*__Thanks to Lea Creadore__ for heading the "You Play, I Pray" shirt fundraiser at Equip It. Our FCA received a nice donation from the profits.

*Don't forget to sign up to **work the door and/or the concessions stand** starting next week. All parents of athletes, 5th-8th, should sign up to help and all parents of 7th and 8th graders should sign up, whether your child plays sporst or not, as the money made helps pay for the 8th grade trip and graduation costs.

Door:

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Concessions:

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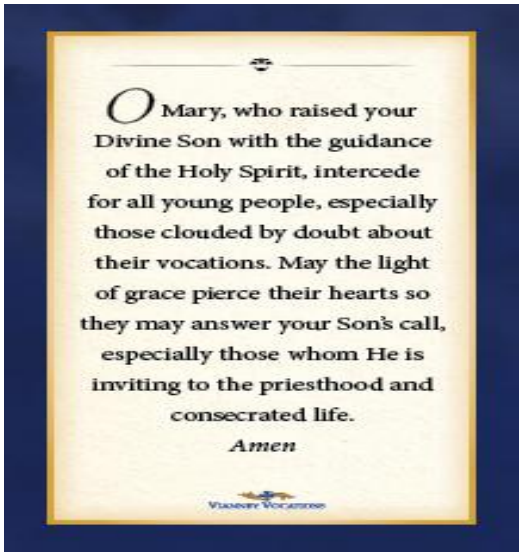
*This week the Catholic Church celebrates **National Vocations Week.** We pray for those whose vocation is: Holy Orders (priests), Consecrated Life (sisters), Married Life, or Single Life. I told the kids that my vocation is Married Life and my job is Principal. I asked them which was more important and sweetly one of the littles said Principal (I love it!). Our vocation is our most important blessing and we are called to it by God. So often we think only of priests and sisters when we think about vocations, which are so very important and needed, but we all have a vocation that has to be prayed about and worked for. Conversations about discernment, callings, etc. are important to have with our young people. Their prayer life and relationship with God is where it all begins.