St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

October 13, 2026

THE NOTE!

Thanks to all of our families who played a role in another awesome **Harvest Picnic**. The weather was perfect and the food was sold out – Success! I know you all work hard for our school and our church, and it's appreciated!

I finally got some kids to dance with me at the picnic, so they got a little candy today! I love to dance, so I like to see kids who enjoy it too and are confident enough to do it!

A special shout out to 5th grader, Leah Weber, who took it upon herself to set up a face painting table at the picnic. What a talent she has – the kids loved it! Way to go, Leah and friends! You made the picnic even more fun for the kids!

Congratulations to our **Cross Country** team on a great season. They finished up at Sectionals on Saturday! Thanks to Coaches Dawn Meinhart, Linda Tharp and Jackie Schackmann. Our runners are learning from the best and made great improvements throughout the season!

Many of our **St. Thomas graduates** are doing great things at the high school. It was fun watching the volleyball team last night, even though they defeated my niece's team. This weekend, senior Haley Ochs placed 7th at the State golf tournament. The NCHS Ladies Tennis team also won the conference title this past week. We cheer for the other teams as they continue their seasons! Go Saints, Go Eagles!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

National School Lunch Week

Tuesday: *Clean Plate Club,* GB H St. Anthony 6:00

Wednesday: 3-4 Class Mass (4th in charge), *Quietest Class Donut Competition,* 1st Qt. Grade Cards coming home

Thursday: FCA 7:40, Honor Roll for 5th-8th in A.M., *Cafeteria Trivia,* PICTURE DAY, GB H Paris 6:00

Friday: All-School Mass (8th in charge), 1st Qt. AR party 2:30

Thank you, Lisa and Elaine, for providing a healthy and delicious lunch for our kids every day! Your smiling faces make lunchtime even better!

Saturday: Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

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

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Quarterly Financial/Fair Share Statements, P/T conference appointment times, School Board minutes

*If you have turned in your slip or emailed me, your time(s) for **Parent/Teacher conferences** is/are in your packets today. If you haven't done that, please do so. 100% participation is expected and appreciated.

*I'm thankful for the parents who have volunteered to be a part of our advisory **School Board:** Sharon Schackmann (President), Marissa Bower (Vice-President), Nikki Bierman (Secretary), Laura Weber, Leah Bolander, Matt Creadore, Jordan Roberts, Karli Burley and Michael Finley.

***Picture Day is Thursday**. Please make every effort to have your kids here. Class pictures are taken as well as their yearbook photo.

*If you have an athlete participating in 6th-8th basketball or cheer, make sure you are on the **BAND app**. 5th grade basketball and volleyball will be up next. The BAND app is our way to keep everything on schedule! Coaches will share an invitation to their BAND, so all parents can join. I can also do that, so let me know if you need an invite!

*If you are interested in purchasing **Basketball gear**, the link is below:

https://stthomasbasketball202627.itemorder.com/shop/home/

Store will be open until Oct. 22nd.

***Thank you to our Booster Club** for purchasing new 7/8 Basketball uniforms. The boys will be looking sharp on the court! Thanks, Coach Swick for getting those ordered!

*Just a reminder that there is **2:00 dismissal on Oct. 21st and 22nd** for Parent/Teacher conferences and then **no school on Friday, Oct. 23rd**.

*This is the **month of the Rosary**, so I have encouraged the kids to pray the Rosary whenever they can. Even if they can't pray it all, every decade prayed is important!

*There are lots of great things happening in our parish this month. The bulletin is always on the church web site. Oct. 28th will be Adoration as well as the 2nd annual **Rosary Walk**. Please invite family and friends to participate – it's a beautiful way to honor our blessed Mother during this month of the Rosary. Thanks to all who are planning this event.

*I've talked to the kids about making sure they start this **2nd quarter** working hard. I stressed this with our 5th-8th graders who are playing sports! Every grade counts!

*We have begun planning for **Trivia Night 2027**. If you or your family have something you would like to contribute to our live or silent auction, please let me know. Start getting your team of 8 together – registration will begin in November! We'd still love to get some new faces on our committee. Our next meeting is November 4th following the School Board meeting (approx. 7:00 p.m.) in the library.

Consideration is Love

It's the pause before you speak,
the thought before you act,
the softness that listens
instead of assuming.

It's choosing care over convenience,
patience over pride,
and presence over distraction.

Because to consider someone
is to love them — quietly,
and without condition.

— Dede Hawkins *Stardust Poetry*