

St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

April 27, 2018



Dear STA Families,

The end of the school year will be here before we know it! Please make sure to review in the information below to understand what you will need to do by the end of the year, and what important dates you will need to be aware of for those last few weeks of school.

Also, please make sure to re-register for next year if you have not done so yet. Some of our classes are close to filling up, and we will be taking students on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. Re-register now and make sure your child has a spot for next year.

Next week will be the last week to order yearbooks! Make sure to place your order online by Monday, May 7. The yearbook is a great way for you and your child to remember all of the exciting things that have happened at STA during this school year.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Gallo

Important Dates

Yearbook Orders Due
– Tuesday, May 7

Music Concert –
Tuesday, May 7 (6:00
PM)

*STA Advisory Board
Meeting* –
Wednesday, May 16
(7:00-8:30 AM)

*Home and School
Association Meeting* –
Wednesday, May 16
(6:30-7:30 PM)

STA Parent Coffee –
Thursday, May 17
(7:45-8:45 AM)

*May
Crowning/Community
Celebration
(Empathy)* – Friday,
May 19 (8:10 AM)

Aspire Testing

All of our 3rd through 8th grade students have completed the Aspire test. The Aspire is the summative standardized assessment our school takes each year. It is run by the ACT. We anticipate receiving the results of this test over the summer, and we will distribute the results to families at the start of next school year.

Re-Register for 2018-19 – Now Online!

We currently have 253 students registered for next year. We encourage any family who has not yet re-registered for next year to do so ASAP. We are going to accept students until our classes fill, and your spot is not guaranteed until you complete registration. Some of our classes are already close to capacity, so it is important to do this soon. The online registration links are below:

[Re-Register for Pre-K](#)

[Re-Register for K-8](#)

We have had a lot of interest in our 5th grade for next year. We are currently planning on having two sections of 5th grade for next year based on the number of returning and new families.

The materials fee for families who have already re-registered will be due on May 31st. We will use the same process that we used for the registration fee to handle this payment. Families with ACH on their FACTS account will have the materials fee billed through FACTS and withdrawn on May 31. Families with invoice on FACTS will need to bring their materials fee payment to the school.

Reminders for the End of the Year

The end of the school year will be here before we know it. Below are a few reminders as the end of the year approaches:

- The last day of school for PK, K, and 8th grade is Monday, June 4. K will dismiss at 11:30 AM (after their Kindergarten Celebration) with NO extended care. PK and 8th grade will dismiss at their normal time and will have extended care.

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

AM and PM Parking Lot Duty

Assist the Pre-K and K students at lunch (11:00-12:00 daily)

Check for other opportunities on Track It Forward

- The last day for the rest of the school is Wednesday, June 6.
- The 8th grade graduation dinner is Friday, June 8 at Mount Carmel. The graduation service will be at 11:15 AM on Sunday, June 10 at the STA church.
- Families should plan on paying any remaining balance by Tuesday, May 15. Any family who has not paid off their balance by then will be excluded.
- All families need to complete their 20 service hours by Sunday, June 10, and log their hours on Track It Forward. You will not get credit for your service hours until they are logged on Track It Forward. Any family who does not complete their service hours will be fined \$15 for every service hour they did not complete.



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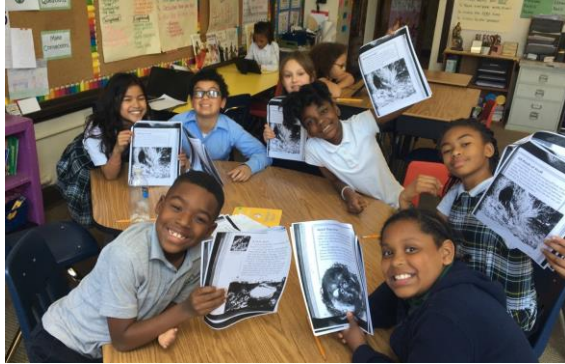
Sign-up for STA's Night at Shred415! Come Shred and have fun with parents, teachers, and friends from STA! It will be a heart-pounding, 60 min. interval training class! All fitness levels welcome! The class will take place on Wednesday, May 23rd at 4:00 pm at Shred's South Loop location: 1136 S. Delano Court West, Suite E202. With validation, parking is free for 2 hours. Limited, complimentary childcare available on location. Must sign-up for childcare at least one day in advance.

All reservations can be made on the STArry Night website: [STA Night at Shred 415](#) . \$30/person. All proceeds will directly support the playground fund.

Sign-up today before it sells out!

STA Music Concert

We will be holding our annual STA Music Concert on Tuesday, May 8 from 6:00-7:00 PM in the gym. Members from our STA Gospel Choir and students who take piano lessons with Mr. Jones will perform at the event. All STA families are welcome to attend.



7th Grade Parent Meeting

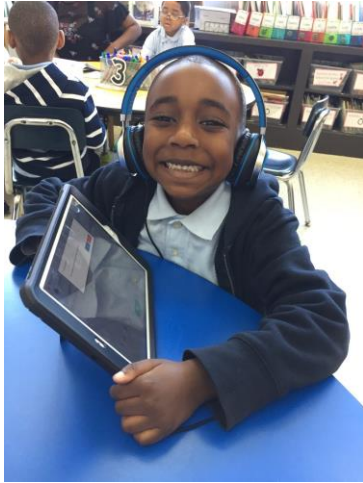
We had a 7th grade parent meeting to plan for 8th grade graduation on Tuesday. We will have another parent meeting on Tuesday, May 8 from 5:30-6:30 PM to finalize plans for graduation. All 7th grade parents should attend this meeting.

Financial Aid for 2018-19

Empower Illinois has begun notifying families about the status of the status their applications for tax credit scholarships. Families should make sure to check their email for communication from them, and to please let us know if you have been awarded a tax credit scholarship.

Families who have a Caritas scholarship will need to complete the FACTS financial aid application as soon as possible in order to be eligible to receive their Caritas award again next school year.

Families who received letters from STA regarding an STA scholarship need to make sure they turn in their scholarship acceptance form to the school by April 30. Our scholarship committee will meet again in early May. Any family interested in an STA scholarship must complete a FACTS financial aid application.



Summer Program 2018

The STA Summer Program run from June 20-July 27. There will be academic classes in the mornings, camp with We Got Game in the afternoons, and weekly field trips. I am attaching a flyer with more information to this newsletter.

Registration for the summer program is now available. Families can complete the link below in order to register:

[Summer Program Registration Form](#)

You will also need to pay the \$50 registration fee in the school office in order to finalize registering.

News for Home and School

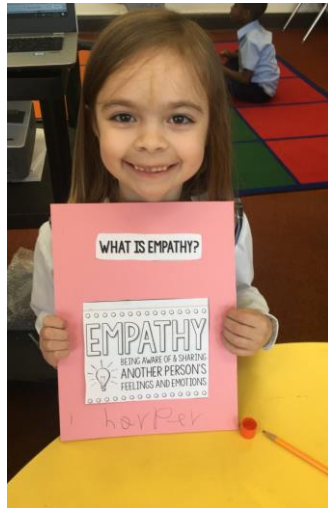
We currently have 73 families who have completed their service hours. HSA still needs a lot of help for their events for the rest of the year, especially for Field Day. Sign up on Track It Forward.

HSA Meeting: Please come to our **last** HSA meeting for this school year! **Wednesday 5/16/18 at 6:30 – 7:30pm** in the Parish Hall!! If you are interested in being a room parent, committee chair, committee person and or have a new event idea please come!! All are welcome!!

Coffee Klatch: Please come to our **last** parent coffee **Thursday 5/18/18 at 7:45 – 8:30am** in the Parish Hall. Mr. Gallo will be there to continue to hear ideas that will help make STA great next year!! All are welcome!!

It's that time of the year again!! STA School Supplies Sale!! Save money, time and sanity! Purchase your school supplies online today!! Please see attached flyer for details!

Login Track It Forward, "Click" Event Sign Up and scroll through and choose service hours! Remember to also login and submit any hours you have completed!!



General Notes

- There have been some students who have been coming to school in the morning with their breakfast. Please make sure your child eats breakfast before entering the building. Students can not eat breakfast in the classroom or hallway, and we will ask any student bringing breakfast with them in the morning to throw it away before going to their classroom.
- There will be school Mass on Tuesday at 8:30 AM. Mrs. Gough's 3rd grade class will lead the Mass.
- I will be out of the building all day Tuesday for a Big Shoulders Fund meeting and all day Thursday for a meeting for all principals in the Archdiocese of Chicago.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at tgallo@stapostleschool.com

