

St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

February 10,
2017



STA Families,

Thank you to everyone who came to our State of the School meeting last night. I hope everyone feels more informed about STA and is excited for the future of our school. Remember that you earned 1 service hour for attending this event.

Monday is the last day to get the biggest discount on the registration fee for next year. Register by 3:45 PM Monday and you will receive \$95 off your registration fee. We already have 70 students registered for next year. All students who are re-registered will receive a button saying "I'm In for 17-18".

The trimester ends this Friday. Please make sure your students are caught up on all of their assignments and look for information soon on signing up for conference times.

Finally, since Valentine's Day is on a Tuesday, we will NOT have an out-of-uniform day. Students will need to come in uniform that day because we will be going to Mass.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Gallo

Important Dates

*STA Home and
School Meeting –
Wednesday,
February 15 (6:30-
7:30 PM)*

*Parent Coffee
Klatch– Thursday,
February 16 (8:15-
9:00)*

*Spirit Day (5th and
8th grade lead
snacks) – Friday,
February 17*

*Trimester 2 Ends –
Friday, February 17*

*NO SCHOOL –
President's Day –
Monday, February
20*

Re-Register for the 2017-18 School Year

Monday is the last day to get the biggest discount!

Registration Date	Registration Fee	Savings
January 17 - February 13	\$100	\$95
February 14 - February 24	\$125	\$70
February 27 - March 13	\$150	\$45
March 14 - March 24	\$175	\$20
April 3 - August	\$195	\$0

We currently have 70 students registered for next year. This is ahead of our pace from last year. Remember that our goal is to have 200 students registered by March 24.

Re-register early to receive a discount and help our school best plan for next year.



Parking Lot Help

We are looking for more volunteers to help set up and take down cones and direct traffic before and after school. Please consider helping make sure our parking lot runs smoothly by helping during one of these times. You can earn service hours for volunteering your time in the parking lot. Talk to our Home and School representatives Kelli Wallace and Karen Brooks if you have questions about how to help.

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

AM and PM Parking Lot Duty – 1st Grade Parents Lead

Lunch Helpers – Daily throughout the year from 11:00-12:00

Field Trip Chaperones – Please contact your child's teacher if interested

Help Pre-K students pack-up for dismissal – Contact Mrs. Lendi or Mrs. Pruitt



Parent Coffee Thursday

The next parent coffee will be this Thursday from 8:15-9:00 AM in the parish hall. I will be at this coffee and be available to answer any questions you may have about our school. Come to this event to speak with me and to socialize with other STA parents.

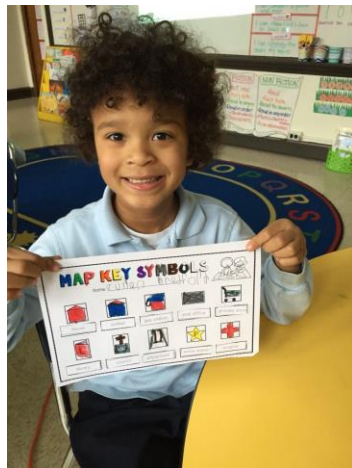
Remember that I am always available by appointment to meet. You can schedule a time to talk with me by emailing me at tgallo@stapostleschool.com or calling the school office. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with anything you may need to speak with me about, big or small.

Snow Days and the Last Day of School

We have been fortunate to have a mild winter this year (so far!) and have not had to use any of our snow days this year. We budget in 5 snow days a year in case there is an emergency cancelation of school. If we do not need to cancel school any day this year, we will move the last day of school up one week from June 9 to June 2. We will make a formal announcement about this once we get through winter, but please be prepared for the last day to move up.

Trimester Ends Friday

The second trimester ends Friday. All student work needs to be turned in by Friday in order for it to be reflected on their report card. On Friday, I will turn off the parent access to Fast Direct so that teachers can work on report cards and input the final grades. Report card conferences are on Friday, March 3. Please look for information on signing up for conferences in the coming week. Remember that there will be NO school on that day for conferences.



Open Houses and Tours at STA

Below is a message from Tareema Jean-Baptiste, who is coordinating admissions for our school:

Share your STA spirit!! Spread the word to friends, family, neighbors...etc about STA! School tours are every Wednesday and Friday at either 8:30am or 9:30am. There will be two open houses this year Jan. 31st from 5-7pm and March 16th from 5-7pm. To register for either a tour or open house please visit our website www.stapostleschool.com or email Tareema Jean-Baptiste tjeanbap@stapostleschool.com

General Reminders

- Home and School has organized a STA Chicago Wolves trip on April 15. Look for information on this in the attached flyer.
- We will be hosting members of the Big Shoulders Fund on Tuesday. They will be in the conference room for their executive board's retreat.
- The Book Fair begins on Sunday, February 26 and goes until Friday, March 3. This is an opportunity for parents to earn service hours.
- My graduate school classes have resumed this week. I will be leaving right before dismissal on Tuesdays to make it to my 4:00 PM class downtown. This class goes until May.
- Please remember that all families need to sign up on Track It Forward to log your service hours. Families who have not yet signed up should have received an email with login information. All families need to complete 20 service hours and log them on Track It Forward. Please contact Mr. Gallo if you need help with your Track It Forward account.
- We have an All-School Mass Tuesday. 4th grade will lead the Mass.
- We need some parent volunteers to help open student lunches from 11:00-12:00 daily. Please let Mr. Gallo or Mrs. Damico know if you are interested. This will count for service hours.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at tgallo@stapostleschool.com