

St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

February 16,
2018



Dear STA Families,

The second trimester ends on Friday. Starting Saturday, Fast Direct will be closed for parent viewing so that our teachers can input grades and prepare report cards. Please remember that parent-teacher conferences are coming up on Friday, March 2, and that there is no school that day. You will be receiving a link to sign up for conferences from your child's teacher.

Thank you to all of our families who attended our State of the School meeting on Tuesday evening. We have this meeting every year to be transparent and keep our families informed as to what is happening in our school. Any parent who attended the meeting can log one service hour for coming.

Finally, remember that there is no school Monday for President's Day. I hope all of you have a great long weekend, and see you Tuesday!

Mr. Gallo

Important Dates

***NO SCHOOL –
President's Day –
Monday, February
19***

***Aspire Interim 3
Assessment–
February 20-23***

***STA Advisory Board
Committee Meeting
– Wednesday,
February 21 (7:00-
8:00 AM)***

***Parent Coffee with
Mr. Gallo and Mrs.
Damico– Thursday,
February 22 (7:45-
8:45 AM)***

***African-American
History Program –
Thursday, February
22 (1:00 PM)***

Re-Register for 2018-19 – Now Online!

Thank you to all of our school families who re-registered for the 2019-19 school year! We are very glad to have you returning. If you registered online by February 9th, then you are eligible for the first registration fee discount of \$100 per child. This must be paid by Friday, 2/16 at 3:00 pm. If you have not re-registered yet, please do so today! Families who re-register between now and March 29th are eligible for the second registration fee discount of \$150 per child. Re-registering by March 29th also guarantees a spot for your child next year. The online registration links are below:

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

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

Some important notes on re-registration are below:

1. If your FACTS account currently uses ACH to pay, you will be billed the registration fee on FACTS. If your FACTS account uses invoice, you will need to come to the school to pay with check, cash, or a credit/debit card.
2. If you have multiple K-8 students, you only need to complete one re-registration form. If you have multiple Pre-K students, you must complete one form for each child. If you have both Pre-K and K-8 students, you must complete both forms.
3. If you are a currently family who has a child that will be new to the school, you must complete and submit an application for this new student. If the new child is accepted, you can then register them online.
4. RETURNING STUDENTS for the following grades need to submit to the office or scan and e-mail to admissions@stapostleschool.com the following documents:

Kindergarten: Current Immunization/Physical Exam Form;
Vision and Dental Exam

Grade 2: Current Dental Exam

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

Grade 6: Current Immunization/Physical Exam; Dental Exam

5. ALL STUDENTS WHO NEED TO TAKE MEDICATION during the school day must return the Medication Authorization Form.

All medical forms will be sent out digitally as an e-mail attachment. When they are completed, they can be scanned and e-mailed as an attachment to admissions@stapostleschool.com or turned in to the school office.

If you have any questions about re-registering, please contact Ms. Acton at macton@stapostleschool.com or Mrs. Perlut at cperlut@stapostleschool.com



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on Friday, March 2nd. We will have NO school that day because of conferences. Families will be able to sign up for conferences between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM that day. Please plan on having your conference on this day. Your child's teacher will send you a link for you to sign up for conferences online. Please remember that you can not receive your child's report card until you have a conference with their teacher.

STArry Night

We hope you've "saved the date" to attend STArry Night on April 14, 2018! We are accepting reservations now on our new STArry Night website: <http://bidpal.net/starry>. Make your reservation by March 29th to get the early bird discount on your tickets to STArry Night and the after-party at The Revival! On Friday, raffle tickets go on sale for a STArry Night Raffle! The winner of the raffle will save \$600 on this year's STA tuition. Each raffle ticket costs \$25 and can be purchased on the STArry Night website in the "Featured Items" section or in the school office. Tickets will be on sale until the night of the event when the winner is announced, but winner need not be present.

Remember, all of the money raised from STArry Night will go towards our new playground!



Financial Aid for 2018-19

Empower Illinois has not yet announced when they will open applications for their tax credit scholarships. They did say that they will give at least one week's notice before it opens applications for next year. Once I hear more information from them, I will share it with all of you.

Families can also apply for STA scholarships. You must apply through the financial aid application on FACTS. Make sure to complete all parts of the application in order to be eligible. Our

scholarship committee reviews all applications with the family's names removed and determines scholarship amounts to award. The scholarship committee will meet for the first time in early March.

Procedure for Canceling School Due to Weather

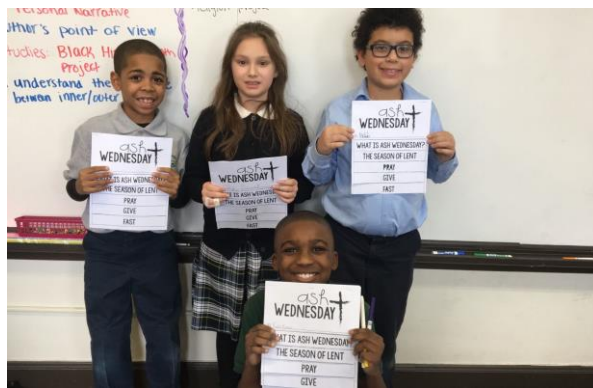
Please let me know if you did not receive the email communication or phone call announcing the canceling of school. We will use the same procedure in case we need to cancel school at any other point this year.

Since we did not have school today, we will now push our last day of school for 1-8 back one day. **1st through 8th grade will now end on Wednesday, June 6. Pre-K and K will still end on Monday, June 4.**

African-American History Program

We will be holding an assembly to celebrate African-American History Month on Thursday, February 22 at 1:00 PM in the gym. Each class has been assigned a famous African-American historical figure, and students from each class will present on why this person is important to African-American history. We will also have a few students perform a song on African-American history. All families are welcome to attend this program.

On Friday, our 8th grade will be attending the Archdiocese's African-American prayer service at Holy Name Cathedral. This is an annual trip that our 8th grade goes on.



Aspire Interim III Assessment

Our third through eighth graders will take their third Aspire interim assessment on Tuesday through Friday of next week. They

will be taking this assessment on computers. This assessment helps our teachers monitor student progress to help the teachers prepare students for the summative Aspire assessment in April.

Summer Program 2018

At the State of the School, we announced that we are planning on having our 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.

In order to help us plan staffing for the summer, we are asking any family interested in having their child attend the summer program to complete the following survey:

[Summer Program Interest Form](#)

Please complete this form by Friday, March 2.

Sunday Family Mass

Our next Sunday Mass will be on Sunday, February 24 at 8:30 AM. Our Kindergarten and 4th grade classes will lead the Mass, and our 2nd and 6th grade classes are responsible for hospitality after Mass. Members of the choir should attend this Mass. Any student who attends the Mass in their school uniform will get a NUT card.

News for Home and School

Saturday, February 24th from 6:30- 8:30pm: Father/Daughter Dance in STA Gym - Order form and money due TODAY 2/16/18 - No Tickets sold at door

\$25/couple, \$5 for each additional child

Next HSA meeting Wednesday 2/21/18 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

Next Parent Coffee Thursday 2/22/18 at 7:45am in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, February 28th - Friday, March 2nd

Book Fair in STA GYM STAGE

Saturday, March 10th, from 6:30- 8:30pm: Mother/Son Dance in STA Gym - Order Form and money due Friday 2/23/18 - No Tickets sold at door

\$25/couple, \$5 for each additional child

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!!

If you have any questions please

email homeandschool@stapostleschool.com

General Notes

- I will be out of the building after 12:30 PM Thursday to attend a Big Shoulders Fund meeting.
- We have a parent coffee with Mrs. Damico and me from 7:45-8:45 AM on Thursday in the parish hall. All families are welcome to attend.
- We will have an all-school Mass on Tuesday. Ms. Mattina's first grade class will lead the Mass.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at tgallo@stapostleschool.com