

St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

February 2,
2018



Dear STA Families,

Thank you to everyone for a successful 2018 Catholic Schools Week! This was a wonderful week celebrating our school, getting ready for the 2018-19 school year, and having fun with our students.

Please remember that we have our annual State of the School meeting on Tuesday at 6:00 PM in the gym. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this important event. We will be providing updates on current school initiatives, share a school financial report, and discuss future plans for the school.

Finally, we have started re-registration for next year, and it is now online! The links to re-register are below. Make sure to re-register by February 9 to save \$95 on your registration fee.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Gallo

Important Dates

State of the School Meeting – Tuesday, February 6 (6:00-7:00 PM)

Re-Registration Help Session – Tuesday, February 6 (3-6 PM)

Community Celebration (Good Judgement) – Friday, February 9

Last Day for Early Re-Registration Discount – Friday, February 9

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, February 14

Trimester 2 Ends – Friday, February 16

Re-Register for 2018-19 – Now Online!

We are excited to announce that re-registration for the 2018-19 school year can now be done online! The links to re-register are below:

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

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

Some important notes on re-registration are below:

1. You must complete this form by 11:59 PM on Friday, February 9 to get the \$95 discount.
2. We will be hold a help session for families that need assistance on Tuesday from 3:00-6:00 PM in the conference room.
3. If your FACTS account currently uses ACH to pay, you will be billed the registration fee on FACTS and the transaction will happen on Monday, February 12. If your FACTS account uses invoice, you will need to come to the school to pay with check, cash, or a credit/debit card.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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

Grade 6: Current Immunization/Physical Exam; 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

7. 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



2018-19 Tuition and Fees

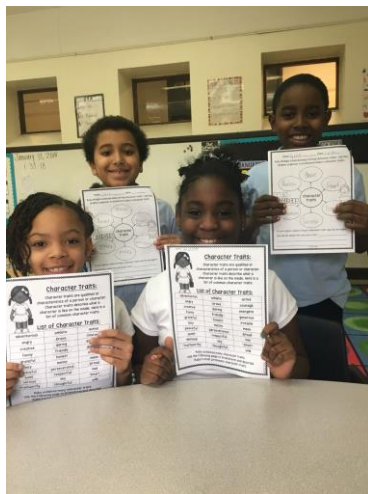
Below are the tuition and fees for the 2018-19 school year

Number of Children	K-8 th Grade	Pre-K
1	\$5,975	\$6,500
2	\$10,675	\$12,850
3+	\$15,575	\$19,050

We also will be providing a discount to returning families who register early. A breakdown of these discounts is below (please note that all fees are per child):

Registration Date	Registration Fee (per child)
By February 9	\$100
February 9-March 29	\$150
After March 29	\$195

Families who register early will also need to pay their materials fee by May 31st. We will have open enrollment through March 29, meaning that we will guarantee your spot if you register by then. After that, we will finalize classrooms and cap class sizes. Make sure to register by March 29 to guarantee your spot for next year. We will be providing some more information on re-registering at the returning family open house on Sunday, January 28.



Tax Credit Scholarship Applications

Empower Illinois is still trying to work out the technical issue that caused their website to crash when applications opened on Wednesday. They reported that 24,000 people tried to apply in the first few minutes, and this caused the server crash. We will share any information with you once we get it, and we will be holding another help sessions for anyone that needs assistance with the application.

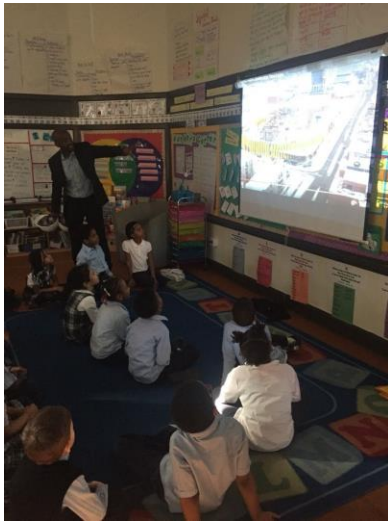
Families who applied for tax credit scholarships through Big Shoulders should hear from them by the end of the day Monday.

Websites for the Big Shoulders and Empower Illinois SGO are below:

- www.empowerillinois.org
- www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org

Catholic Schools Week 2018

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Catholic Schools Week 2018 a success! We had a Sunday Family Mass, launched re-registration for next year, wrote thank you cards for people who support our school, held an open house for new families, participated in the 2nd annual STA Olympics, ate a fun lunch sponsored by Home and School, and held buddy activities. It was a busy week, and wonderful opportunity to celebrate our school.



Procedure for Canceling School Due to Weather

Winter is here, and with it brings the possibility of inclement weather that could force us to cancel school. We will use our School Messenger system (which what we use for these messages) to reach you. This system can send you an email, text message, and phone call. You can also check our website and Facebook page for more information. We will do our best to communicate this decision as soon as possible, but be prepared for the possibility of this happening early in the morning if there is a large amount of snow overnight.

Any snow days will push our last day of school back. The last day of school is currently scheduled for June 5. It will be pushed back one day for each snow day we take during the year.

Intent to Return Forms

If you have not turned in your intent to return form, please do so ASAP! This information is extremely important for us as we plan our budget and classrooms for next year. For those families that have not submitted your form, we will still take them! A copy of the form is attached, and you can submit them to the school office. We also have copies in the school office for you to take to complete. Your child will get a NUT card if you turn in the form.



State of the School

Please remember that our State of the School meeting will be Tuesday, February 6 at 6:00 PM in the gym. All families should plan on attending this important meeting. Mrs. Damico and I will update families on the financial state of the school, discuss future plans for the school, and provide update on new initiatives currently going on at STA. Any family who attends will earn 1 service hour.

Summer School 2018

Families have begun inquiring about when we will start summer school this year. We determine the start of summer school based on when the school year ends, and the conclusion of the school year is based on whether we need to take any snow days. Therefore, we do not finalize the start of summer school until later on the winter. We will have more information on summer school at our State of the School meeting.

7th Grade Parent Meeting

We will have a 7th grade parent meeting to plan the 8th grade awards dinner on Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30 PM. All 7th grade parents should plan on attending this meeting so that we can prepare for the awards dinner.

News for Home and School

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

Look for flyers in your child's backpacks soon!
\$25/couple, \$5 for each additional child
see order form attached

Tuesday, February 28th - Friday, March 2nd

Book Fair in Parish Hall

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

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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

- We have our next Community Celebration on Friday. We will be focusing on the virtue of good judgement.
- We will have an all-school Mass on Tuesday. Ms. Beckert's first grade class will lead this Mass.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at tgallo@stapostleschool.com

