

St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

February 9,
2018



Dear STA Families,

Happy Snow Day! I know our students were excited for a surprise day off of school due to the weather. I hope everyone is staying safe and warm during this snow storm.

Today is the last day to get the biggest discount on your re-registration fee for 2018-19! Make sure to complete your re-registration form online by 11:59 PM tonight in order to save \$95 per child on your registration fee.

Finally, the weather this week altered our school calendar. We will now have our State of the School meeting this Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 PM. All families should plan on attending this important meeting. We also will have our community celebration on the virtue of good judgement Tuesday at 8:10 AM. Lent also begins Wednesday as we celebrate Ash Wednesday with an all-school Mass at 8:30 AM.

Mr. Gallo

Important Dates

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

*Community
Celebration (Good
Judgement) –
Tuesday, February
13 (8:10 AM)*

*State of the School
Meeting – Tuesday,
February 13 (6:00-
7:00 PM)*

*Ash Wednesday –
Wednesday,
February 14*

*Trimester 2 Ends –
Friday, February 16*

Re-Register for 2018-19 – Now Online!

Today is the last day to get the biggest discounts for next school year! 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. Due to the snow, families with invoice on their account have until 3:30 PM Monday to make their \$100 registration fee payment at the school.
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

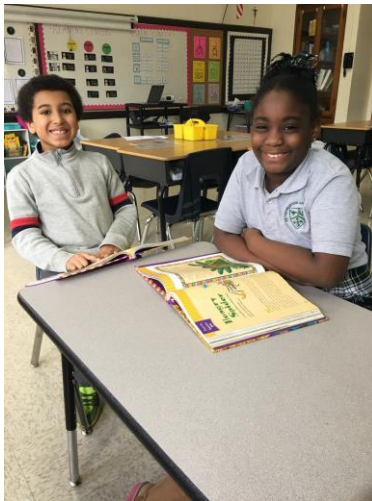
Assist the Pre-K and K students at lunch (11:00-12:00 daily)

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

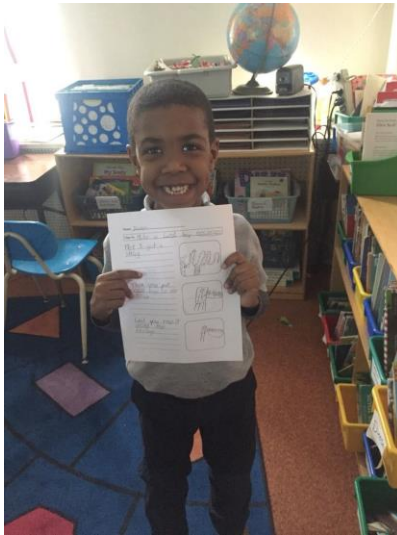
Below are the tuition and fees for the 2018-19 school year

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.



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.

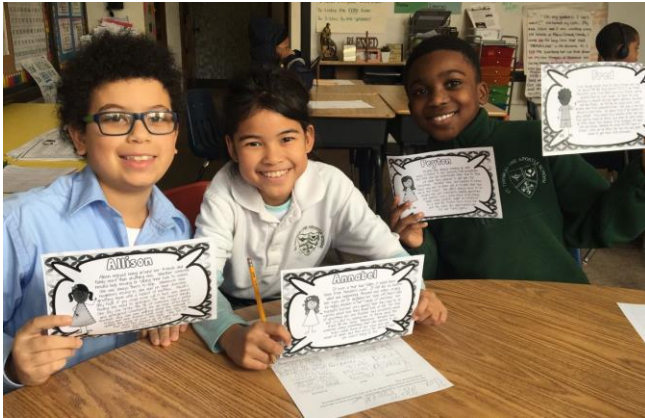
Procedure for Canceling School Due to Weather

We had our first snow day of the year today. 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.**

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 now be Tuesday, February 13 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. This meeting will be for 30 minutes before the State of the School meeting. 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

- I will be out of the building all day Friday to attend a system-wide meet of all principals in the archdiocese.
- We have our next Community Celebration on Tuesday at 8:10 AM. We will be focusing on the virtue of good judgement. There will be NO spirit day on Tuesday, so students should NOT come in spirit wear.
- We will have an all-school Mass on Wednesday to celebrate Ash Wednesday. There will be NO all school Mass on Tuesday.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at tgallo@stapostleschool.com