

St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

March 15, 2018



Dear STA Families,

Easter break may only be a few weeks away, but there is still a lot happening at STA before then! We will be hosting our second curriculum night on Thursday from 5:30-6:30 PM. We will be focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). All families are welcome to attend. There also will be a Home and School meeting that Wednesday, and a parent coffee with the principal Thursday from 7:45-8:45 AM.

We also have our annual Lenten meal on Thursday, March 29. Students should not bring a lunch this day. Please check the list below to see which item you are responsible for donating for the meal.

Finally, make sure to register for both our summer program and the 2018-19 school year. Links to re-register are in this newsletter. Remember that you can save \$45 on your registration fee if you register before March 29. Have a great weekend!

Mr. Gallo

Important Dates

*STA Advisory Board Meeting –
Wednesday, March 21 (7:00-8:30 AM)*

*Home and School Association Meeting –
Wednesday, March 22 (6:30-7:30 PM)*

*Parent Coffee –
Thursday, March 22 (7:45-8:45 AM)*

*Family STEM Night –
Thursday, March 22 (5:30-6:30 PM)*

*8th Grade Retreat –
Monday, March 26*

*Lenten Meal –
Thursday, March 29 (11:30-12:30)*

Re-Register for 2018-19 – Now Online!

Thank you to all of our school families who have re-registered! We are very glad to have you returning. If you have not re-registered your child(ren) yet, then 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

- 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.

Additionally, we are offering \$50 off next year's tuition for current families who refer new families to STA! (3 family or \$150 max)

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

Congratulations to the Damicos!

Mrs. Damico had her baby! On Saturday, March 10, Isabella Ann Damico was born. Both the baby and the mom are healthy and doing well! Everyone in the STA community congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Damico on the birth of their first child.



Lenten Meal and Stations of the Cross

We will have a couple of events at school to celebrate the Lenten season and prepare for Easter.

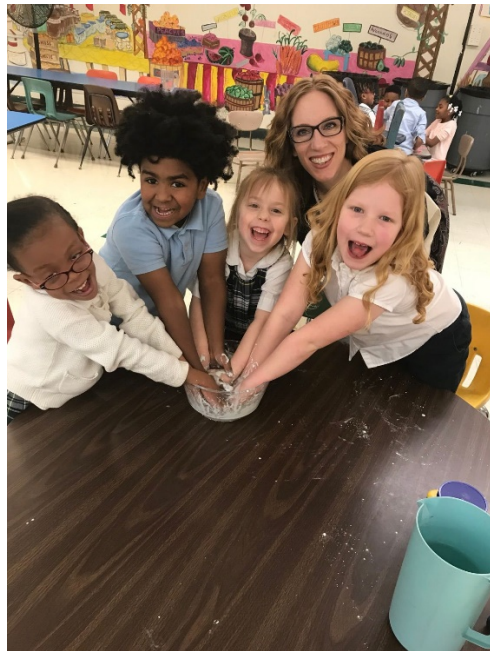
On Friday, March 23, our 4th through 8th graders will participate in the stations of the cross at church. Families are welcome to attend this event.

On Thursday, March 29, we will be holding a school-wide Lenten meal. Students should NOT bring a lunch this day, and there will be NO hot lunch. We will have a simple meal of bread and soup together as a school community to help prepare ourselves for Holy Week. All of the students in our school from Pre-K through 8th grade will eat this meal together in the lunch room.

We will need parents to donate food items for this event. The list of what each grade is responsible to bring is below:

- PK/K/1/2 – large bowl of chicken noodle soup
- 3rd – napkins or paper towels
- 4th – 8 oz. disposable cups
- 5th – disposable package of bowls
- 6/7 – a loaf of bread
- 8th – butter

You can bring these donated items to the school office. We will store them there until we have the meal on the 29th.



STA Spirit Wear – Now Available Online!

We are excited to announce that you can now order STA spirit wear online. You can go to this link to order your spirit wear: [STA Spirit Wear](#). We have added some new items that you can now order. Thank you to Alton Brooks for setting all of this up for our school!

STArry Night

Make your reservation for STArry Night today! Reservations for STArry Night can easily be made online at this year's STArry Night website: 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. We are excited to announce DJ Trois will DJ the After-Party!

Early Bird Ticket Pricing (through March 29th)

STArry Night Package (includes 1 ticket to STArry Night & the after-party at The Revival): \$125

STArry Night: \$100

After-Party at The Revival: \$25

STArry Night Raffle Tickets are on sale now! We are excited to announce another great raffle prize: ND vs. Pitt - Club Level Seats! Details on both raffles are below. Raffle tickets can be purchased on the STArry Night website: bidpal.net/starry . Click on "Browse Items" on the left. Then, click "Featured Items." Both raffle ticket sales are listed on that page.

STA Tuition Raffle

Tickets: \$25/ticket

All STA parents know the true value of an STA education is impossible to quantify, but we also wouldn't mind a little extra value like a \$600 cost reduction!

Winner will save \$600 off this year's STA tuition. The winner will be announced at STArry Night, but need not be present.

ND vs. Pitt - Club Level Seats Raffle

- Two Club level seats to the Notre Dame vs. Pitt football game on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 2:30 PM ET

- Unlimited food & beverage service, wine & beer included. Open 2 hours before the game and one hour after the game
- Access to outdoor patios
- Heated overhang and cushioned seats
- Spectacular views of the campus including the Basilica and the Golden Dome
- Located in Corbett Family Hall (East side of the stadium) 8th floor, front row, 20 yard line
- Stadium parking included
- Value: \$1,500

These seats are hard to come by!

Tickets: \$25/ticket

Winner will be announced at STArry Night, but need not be present!

We are still in need of parent volunteers to help make STArry Night a success! Please check out the volunteer opportunities on Track It Forward. We are especially in need of parents to help supervise students that are participating in the STArry Night program and parents to help at the after-party at The Revival. If you have any questions about volunteering at STArry Night, please contact Ms. Acton: macton@stapostleschool.com

Financial Aid for 2018-19

Our scholarship committee awarded the first round of scholarships this week. Families who received an award should have gotten an email and a letter in the mail notifying them of their award. These families need to return the scholarship acceptance form and register their child for next year by April 30. We will award our next round of scholarships in May. Families interested in financial aid through the school 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.

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.

Family STEM Night

We will be holding our next curriculum night on Thursday, March 22 from 5:30-6:30 PM at the school. This night will focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). There will be activities for students of all ages to participate in.



STA Night at Pockets

Thank you to everyone who supported STA's night at Pockets at the beginning of the month. We are excited to announce that this restaurant fundraiser raised \$500 for our school.

News for Home and School

The next HSA meeting is March 21 at 6:30 PM in the parish hall. The next parent coffee with the principal is Thursday, March 22 at 7:45 AM. All are welcome to attend both events.

We have 34 families that have completed and logged their service hours. Thanks to all the families for getting this done. Please see below for more information on how to log your hours.

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 will be NO school Mass both this Tuesday. Our next school Mass will be on Tuesday, March 27.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at tgallo@stapostleschool.com