

# St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

March 2, 2018



Dear STA Families,

Parent-teacher conferences are today! I hope everyone has a successful meeting with their child's teacher, and that your conversations will help all of our students have a strong finish to the year. Please remember that you can not receive your child's report card until you have a conference with your child's teacher.

We will be transitioning to the new procedure for entering and exiting the school building starting Monday. Please refer to the attached letter on school security for more information. I understand that these changes may inconvenience parents, but please remember that it is in the interest and safety of the children.

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

*Spirit Day and  
Community  
Celebration  
(Integrity) – Friday,  
March 9*

*Mother-Son Dance –  
Saturday, March 10*

*7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent  
Meeting – Tuesday,  
March 13 (5:30-6:30  
PM)*

*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)*

## 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:

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](mailto: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)

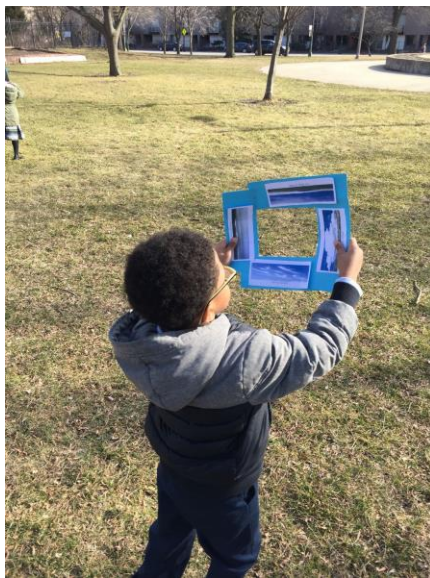
Check for other opportunities on Track It Forward

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](mailto: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](mailto:macton@stapostleschool.com) or Mrs. Perlut at [cperlut@stapostleschool.com](mailto:cperlut@stapostleschool.com)



### **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: [STarry Night](#). 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! You can also buy your STarry Night raffle tickets on the website! The winner of the STarry Night raffle will save \$600 on this year's STA tuition. Each raffle ticket costs \$25. You'll find the raffle tickets on sale in the "Featured Items" section of the STarry Night website. Remember, all of the money raised from STarry Night will go towards our new playground! We hope to see you there!

## Empower Illinois

Empower Illinois opened their applications for tax credit scholarships on Tuesday. I would encourage any family interested in these scholarships to apply as soon as possible to give themselves the best chance at receiving an award. Families who have already applied should be notified on the status of their application within two weeks of completing the application. The website for Empower Illinois is <http://www.empowerillinois.org>

Also, we had a donor contribute over \$50,000 in tax credit scholarships through Empower Illinois specifically for STA! We are grateful for the support of this donor.



## Financial Aid for 2018-19

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. If you want to be considered for the first round of awards, you should have your application complete by Friday, March 9.

## Summer Program 2018

The STA Summer Program runs 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.



## Spirit Day and Community Celebration

We will have our next spirit day and community celebration on Friday, March 9. We will be focusing on the virtue of integrity. Students can come in school spirit wear on this day, and there will be snacks for the students to purchase.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting

I have scheduled the next 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting to plan for graduation for Tuesday, March 13 from 5:30-6:30 PM. I am going to ask each committee to let me know whether they need to meet this evening. If they do not need to meet, please send me an email updating me on your committee's progress.

## News for Home and School

**DATE EXTENSION FOR MOTHER SON DANCE LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS IN WEDNESDAY 2/28/18. ABSOLUTE LAST DAY!!**

**Saturday, March 10th, from 6:30- 8:30pm: Mother/Son Dance in STA Gym - 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](mailto:homeandschool@stapostleschool.com)

## General Notes

- We will have an all-school Mass on Tuesday. Mr. Herrmann's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will lead the Mass.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [tgallo@stapostleschool.com](mailto:tgallo@stapostleschool.com)