

# St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

March 29, 2018



Dear STA Families,

Easter break is upon us! I hope that everyone has a wonderful Easter, and that they use the time off to rest and recharge for the end of the school year. Today's Lenten meal will be a great way for our students to prepare for the coming of Jesus at Easter.

Today is the last day to get a discount on re-registration for next year! Make sure to complete your re-registration information by 11:59 PM tonight in order to guarantee your child's spot for next year.

April will be a busy month at STA. We will have Aspire testing for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, the Week of the Young Child, and STArry Night. Make sure to read of communications from the school so that you can stay informed about these upcoming events.

Have a great Easter break!

Mr. Gallo

## Important Dates

*Easter Break – NO SCHOOL – Friday, March 30 to Sunday, April 8*

*Spirit Day and Community Celebration (Compassion) – Thursday, April 12*

*Teacher In-Service – NO SCHOOL – Friday, April 13*

*STArry Night 2018 – Saturday, April 14*

*Aspire Testing (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade) – April 17-20*

*STA Advisory Board Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 18 (7:00-8:00 AM)*

## 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), then please do so today! **This is the last day to take advantage of the discount on re-registration!** Families who re-register by 11:59 pm tonight are eligible for the second registration discount of \$150 per child. Re-registering by 11:59 pm tonight 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](#)

## STA Yearbook

We will have a yearbook available for families to purchase this year. Ms. Beckert has lead a group of middle school students in a yearbook club. They have met during power hour each week to take pictures and prepare the yearbook. I saw a draft of what they have done and it looks great. You will be able to order yearbooks online, and each yearbook will be \$25. We will have more information on how to order yearbooks after we get back from break.



## Parent Volunteer Opportunities

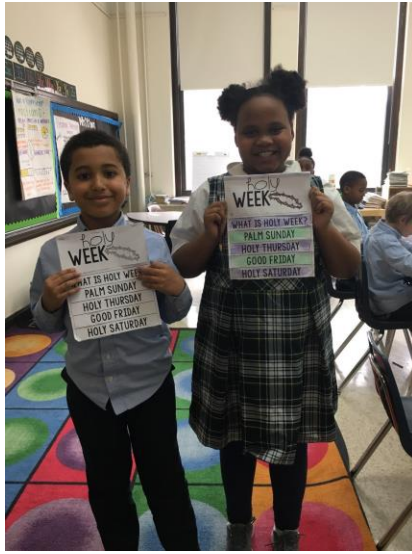
AM and PM Parking Lot Duty

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

Check for other opportunities on Track It Forward

## 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

**Today is the last day to take advantage of the Early Bird prices for STArry Night reservations!** Reservations for STArry Night can easily be made online at this year's STArry Night website: [bidpal.net/starry](http://bidpal.net/starry). Make your reservation today! Prices increase on Friday.

### Early Bird Ticket Pricing

STArry Night Package (both STArry Night & the After-Party):  
\$125

STArry Night: \$100

STArry Night After-Party at The Revival: \$25

Ticket prices include food and beverage! STArry Night attendees will enjoy performances from some of STA's talented students!

And, attendees of the STArry Night After-Party will enjoy music from DJ Trois!

If you're not able to attend STArry Night, but are interested in supporting the event, you can still participate in bidding through our online BidPal site. We will begin previewing auction packages and sign-up parties on the website in the days leading up to STArry Night.

What is a sign-up party? It is a pre-planned group activity for which you can reserve a spot at a set price! Our teachers are organizing some of these for STA's students and there will even be one for adults! These will be listed in the "Featured Items" section of the STArry Night website.

You can also purchase raffle tickets! STArry Night Raffle Tickets are on sale now until April 14th! The winner will be announced at STArry Night, but need not be present! Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$25/ticket on the STArry Night website ([bidpal.net/starry](http://bidpal.net/starry)) in the "Featured Items" section or in the school office.

#### STA Tuition Raffle

- Winner will save **\$600** off STA's tuition

#### ND vs. Pitt - Club Level Seats Raffle

- 2 Club Level seats to the ND vs. Pitt football game on Saturday, Oct. 13th at 2:30 pm ET.
- Unlimited food and 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

If you have any questions about STArny Night, please contact Ms. Acton: [macton@stapostleschool.com](mailto: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.

## **News for Home and School**

We have 45 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.

We raised \$1,503.70 from the two book fairs this year! This money is going to be donated to the school to purchase books for classroom libraries.

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**

- Some exciting personal news – my wife, Nanci, is pregnant! We are expecting a baby boy. The due date is August 18.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [tgallo@stapostleschool.com](mailto:tgallo@stapostleschool.com)