

# St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

March 9, 2018



Dear STA Families,

I want to thank all of our families for cooperating with our new procedures for entering and exiting the building. I know these changes may be inconvenient, but they are in place to keep our school safe. As a reminder, any parent arriving to pick up their child after 3:45 PM must enter through the Woodlawn door, and families should never enter or exit through the door by the parish hall.

We had our March community celebration today, focusing on the virtue of integrity. Congratulations to the students who were recognized with Shining STAR awards for modeling this virtue.

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

*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)*

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

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

- 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](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**

- **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)



### **Wishing Mrs. Damico Good Luck!**

Today, March 9, will be Mrs. Dadmico's last day at STA before she goes on maternity leave. Everyone in our school community is excited for her and her family as they prepare to have a baby girl. Mrs. Damico will be on leave for the rest of the school year, and will return to STA in mid-July.

### **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.

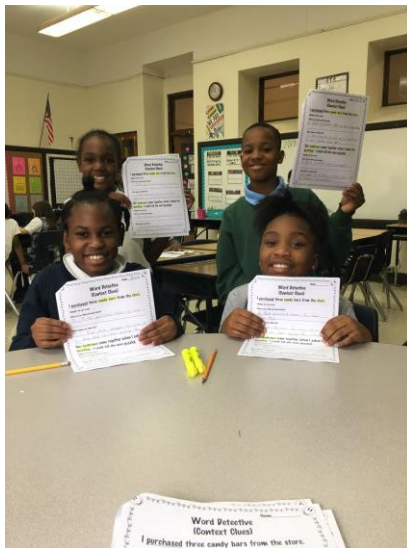
On Friday, March 23, our 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in the stations of the cross at church. Families are welcome to attend this event.

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – napkins or paper towels
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 8 oz. disposable cups
- 5<sup>th</sup> – disposable package of bowls
- 6/7 – a loaf of bread
- 8<sup>th</sup> – butter

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



## **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](http://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](http://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!

### **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 the end of the day today, March 9.

### **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:

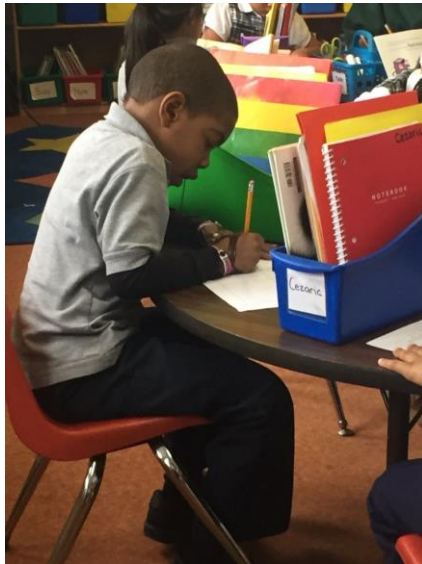
[Summer Program Registration Form](#)

You will also need to pay the \$50 registration fee in the school office in order to finalize registering.

## Community Celebration - Integrity

We had a community celebration today, focusing on the virtue of integrity. We recognized some students in our school for modeling this virtue at school. All of these students were nominated by their teacher. Congratulations to the following students:

- Alana Rutherford (K-210)
- Beckett Dault (1<sup>st</sup> – 209)
- Solomon Brown (1<sup>st</sup> – 206)
- Antonio Breed (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Lucille Paranjape (3<sup>rd</sup> – 208)
- Adilene Adjei (4<sup>th</sup>)
- McKinley Boatright (5<sup>th</sup>)
- Kiah Ritchie (6<sup>th</sup>)



## 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.

## 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. Look for more information on this event coming up.

## **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!!

If you have any questions please email [homeandschool@stapostleschool.com](mailto:homeandschool@stapostleschool.com)

## **General Notes**

- I will be out of the building from 8:30-2:00 on Wednesday. I will be doing an AdvancEd accreditation visit for another Catholic school. I will also be out of the building all day on Thursday and Friday.
- There will be NO school Mass both this Tuesday and next 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](mailto:tgallo@stapostleschool.com)