

# St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

May 18, 2018



Dear STA Families,

We are entering the final few weeks of the school year! Please make sure to be aware of important events as the end of the year approaches, and to closely read this newsletter for what you will need to know and do as the year wraps up.

I want to thank all of the parents who have come to our parent coffees this year. I have found this meetings to be very helpful, and have given me insights into what parents see as strengths and areas of growth for our school.

Finally, we had our final community celebration of the year today, focusing on empathy. I want to thank everyone for their efforts to teach and model these virtues for our students and we look to set a positive example for how we want our students to live.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Gallo

## Important Dates

**STA Sports Banquet**  
– Tuesday, May 22  
(6:00-8:30 PM)

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting** –  
Wednesday, May 23  
and May 30 (5:30-  
6:30 PM)

**Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL** – Monday,  
May 28

**Step Up Day** –  
Thursday, May 31

**Field Day** – Friday,  
June 1

**Kindergarten Celebration** –  
Monday, June 4  
(9:30 AM)

## May Crowning and Empathy Community Celebration

We held our final community celebration of the year today, focusing on empathy. We began with our May Crowning, honoring Mary. You can see our display for Mary in the lobby of the school.

Congratulations to our students who were recognized for modeling empathy. They are the following people:

- Jace Blackman (PK-Blended)
- Mariah Odom (PK4)
- Jon Wesley Bennett (K-212)
- Jai Johnson (1<sup>st</sup>-206)
- Allen Washington (1<sup>st</sup>-209)
- Jayla Watts (3<sup>rd</sup>-208)
- Caiden Thomas (4<sup>th</sup>)
- Cheyenne Roe (5<sup>th</sup>)
- Lazarus Wilson (6<sup>th</sup>)
- Marie Norkett (7<sup>th</sup>)
- Yaleigh Harris (8<sup>th</sup>-307)

## STA Sports Banquet

Our annual STA sports banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 22 at 6:00 PM. This event honors all of our STA student-athletes for their hard work this year. Any student who participated on a STA athletics team is welcome to attend.

Coach Satterfield has also asked that any child who has not turned in their uniform to please turn it in to the school office by Tuesday.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

We sent home invitations to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade awards dinner home with the students earlier this week. Tickets for the event are \$25 per person. You do not need to buy a ticket for your graduate. All RSVP's are due on June 1. You can purchase tickets at the school office or by using the following link:

[Graduation Awards Dinner Tickets](#)

Please remember that the graduation awards dinner is Friday, June 8 at 6:00 PM at Mt. Carmel. The graduation ceremony is Sunday,

## 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

June 10 at 11:00 PM at the STA church. We will have a reception in the gym following the graduation ceremony.

8<sup>th</sup> grade also has their annual trip to Springfield on Friday, May 25.



## **Re-Register for 2018-19 – Now Online!**

We currently have **289 students** registered for next year. We encourage any family who has not yet re-registered for next year to do so ASAP. We are going to accept students until our classes fill, and your spot is not guaranteed until you complete registration. Some of our classes are already close to capacity, so it is important to do this soon. The online registration links are below:

[Re-Register for Pre-K](#)

[Re-Register for K-8](#)

The materials fee for families who have already re-registered will be due on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We will use the same process that we used for the registration fee to handle this payment. Families with ACH on their FACTS account will have the materials fee billed through FACTS and withdrawn on May 31. Families with invoice on FACTS will need to bring their materials fee payment to the school.

## **Reminders for the End of the Year**

The end of the school year will be here before we know it. Below are a few reminders as the end of the year approaches:

- The last day of school for PK, K, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade is Monday, June 4. K will dismiss at 11:30 AM (after their Kindergarten Celebration) with NO extended care. PK and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will dismiss at their normal time and will have extended care.
- The last day for the rest of the school is Wednesday, June 6.
- We will be holding the report card for any child who has a delinquent balance on their account on the last day of school.
- All families need to complete their 20 service hours by Sunday, June 10, and log their hours on Track It Forward. You will not get credit for your service hours until they are logged on Track It Forward. Any family who does not complete their service hours will be fined \$15 for every service hour they did not complete.



## STA Night at Shred 415

Sign-up for STA's Night at Shred415! Come Shred and have fun with parents, teachers, and friends from STA! It will be a heart-pounding, 60 min. interval training class! All fitness levels welcome! The class will take place on Wednesday, May 23rd at 4:00 pm at Shred's South Loop location: 1136 S. Delano Court West, Suite E202.

**With validation, parking is free for 2 hours. Limited, complimentary childcare available on location. Must sign-up for childcare at least one day in advance.**

All reservations can be made on the STArry Night website: [STA Night at Shred 415](#) or with cash/check in the school office. \$30/person. All proceeds will directly support the playground fund. Sign-up by Monday 5/21 at 12:00 noon!

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

We have two more 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent meetings planned to finalize plans for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation and awards dinner. These meetings are on Wednesday, May 23 and Wednesday, May 30. Both meetings are from 5:30-6:30 PM. All 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents should attend this meeting.

7<sup>th</sup> grade parents also need to remember that they should plan on having their child attend the 8<sup>th</sup> grade awards dinner on Friday, June 10 at Mt. Carmel so that their child can assist for the evening and participate in the ribbon and candle ceremony. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders should wear white shirts with black bottoms for this event.



## Financial Aid for 2018-19

Empower Illinois has begun notifying families about the status of the status their applications for tax credit scholarships. Families should make sure to check their email for communication from them, and to please let us know if you have been awarded a tax credit scholarship.

Families who have a Caritas scholarship will need to complete the FACTS financial aid application as soon as possible in order to be eligible to receive their Caritas award again next school year.

Families who received letters for STA scholarships have until May 31 to register for next year and accept their award.

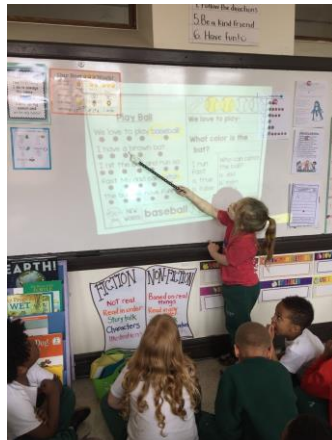
## Summer Program 2018

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 currently have 85 families who have completed their service hours. HSA still needs a lot of help for their events for the rest of the year, especially for Field Day. Sign up on Track It Forward.

It's that time of the year again!! STA School Supplies Sale!! Save money, time and sanity! Purchase your school supplies online today!! Please see attached flyer for details!

Field Day is Friday, June 1. Students will be given t-shirts to wear for the day. Please plan on having your child wear their field day shirt on this day along with STA gym uniform bottoms. They will receive their shirts that morning. We will begin setting up for field day during drop-off time on this day, and we will be closing the parking lot at 8:15 AM. There are still spots to volunteer on Track It Forward if you are interested.

Come represent STA in the 4th on 53rd Hyde Park Parade!! Wednesday July 4th, 2018 from 10 am - 12 pm. Please sign up in Track it Forward!! Service hours (2) will go towards your 2018-19 school year!! If you have any questions please email Tareema Jean-Baptiste at [tjeanbap@stapostleschool.com](mailto:tjeanbap@stapostleschool.com)

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 school Mass on Tuesday at 8:30 AM. Ms.Mattina's 1<sup>st</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)