

St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

November 18,
2016



STA Families,

Parent-Teacher Conferences are today! I hope everyone has a productive conference. This is an important day for our school, and a chance for families and teachers to check in on how our students are doing this year.

I want to thank Ms. Wilson and Mrs. Malnar for leading a successful Thanksgiving Food Drive at our school. This service project helps teach our students about the value of giving back to those in need.

Finally, please remember that we have no school on Wednesday and will be out until Monday, November 28. My next newsletter will come out on Friday, December 2.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Gallo

Important Dates

Thanksgiving Break
– NO SCHOOL –
November 23-25

Reach for the STArS
Ends – Wednesday,
November 30

Advent Prayer
Service – Fridays
during Lent at 8:00
AM in the gym

School Advisory
Board Meeting –
Tuesday, December
6 (7:00-8:30 AM)

Science Fair –
Wednesday,
December 7 (9:00
AM- 2:00 PM)

Reach for the STArS

Our Reach for the STArS annual appeal is underway. This event focuses on raising funds for technology for the school. We are fortunate to have an anonymous donor who will match donations dollar for dollar up to \$30,000! Some families have already contributed to this appeal, and our school is grateful for that.

We will continue to share updates on this appeal on our Facebook page. I encourage all families to follow us on Facebook to see videos and pictures of our students promoting this event. I also encourage families to share information about this appeal with loved ones who may contribute and to promote this event on social media. Envelopes and pledge cards are available in the office, or you may contribute online by using the link [here](#).



Parent-Teacher Conferences

I want to thank all of our families who scheduled and attended parent-teacher conferences. If you have not had a conference with your child's teacher, you will need to schedule one ASAP. We will not release your child's report card to you until you have a conference with their teacher.

Looking Toward Advent

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27, and our school will begin preparing for Christmas. During Advent, we will have a prayer service each Friday at 8:05 AM in the gym. All are welcome to attend this service.

Our Christmas program will be on Tuesday, December 20 at 1:00 PM. This is also the last day of school before break. Due to our growing enrollment and the popularity of this program, we can no longer have it

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

AM and PM Parking Lot Duty – 6th Grade Parents Lead (5th grade parents lead starting December 1)

Lunch Helpers – Daily throughout the year from 11:00-12:00

Field Trip Chaperones – Please contact your child's teacher if interested

Help Pre-K students pack-up for dismissal – Contact Mrs. Lendi or Mrs. Pruitt



in the school gym. Instead, we will be having the program at the church. More information on the Christmas program will come as the event approaches



Pockets Fundraiser a Success!

The STA fundraiser at Pockets was a big success! I want to thank all of the STA families who ate at Pockets last Friday in support of STA. Special thanks goes out to Mrs. Ward for organizing this event. We raised over \$500 for the school through this event. Please make sure to attend our next restaurant fundraiser on December 8 at Potbelly's.



Prayer Requests

I am sad to share news on the passing of two members of our STA community. Adama Moye, STA class of 2008, was tragically shot and killed in a drive-by shooting two weeks ago. Camilla Fano, former STA teacher, passed away at the age of 99. We ask that you please keep the families of both Adama and Camilla in your prayers. A link with information on Adama is [here](#).

General Reminders

- Please make sure to check when your child's after school programs are, and that they attend the program on the correct day. Schedules for after-school clubs are posted in the office and around the school building.
- Please remember that all families need to sign up on Track It Forward to log your service hours. All families need to complete 20 service hours and log them on Track It Forward. Please contact Mr. Gallo if you need help with your Track It Forward account.
- We need some parent volunteers to help open student lunches from 11:00-12:00 daily. Please let Mr. Gallo or Mrs. Damico know if you are interested. This will count for service hours.
- 5th grade will be leading our school Mass this Tuesday at 8:30 in the church.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at tgallo@stapostleschool.com