

# St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

November 3,  
2017



Dear STA Families,

We had a busy (and short) week here at STA! We had our fun lunch sponsored by Home and School, an All Saints Day Mass, a spirit day and community celebration, and the kick-off for Reach for the STArS (on top of Halloween). During our community celebration, we discussed perseverance, which was our virtue for the month of October. November's virtue is gratitude.

Our kick-off event at Porkchop for Reach for the STArS was a huge success. The restaurant was packed with STA families celebrating our school and our campaign for the playground. Thank you to Mr. Herrmann for DJ'ing the event, and Ms. Acton for planning the evening.

Finally, please remember that report conferences are coming up on November 17. You will be receiving a link to sign up for conferences from your teacher.

Mr. Gallo

## Important Dates

*Family Mass –  
Sunday, November 5  
(8:30 AM)*

*Big Shoulders Fund  
Lend a Shoulder Day  
– Wednesday,  
November 8 (8:30-  
11:00 AM)*

*Veteran's Day  
Program – Thursday,  
November 9 (2:15-  
2:45 PM)*

*STA Advisory Board  
Committee Meeting  
– Wednesday,  
November 15 (7:00-  
8:00 AM)*

*Home and School  
Meeting –  
Wednesday,  
November 15*

## Reach for the STArS

Thank you to all school families who came out to Porkchop last night to support our Reach for the STArS campaign! We will be in touch soon with how much money we raised. Be sure to check your mailboxes for your letter this week! We also will share out photos and videos of the students reminding our supporters to donate to the Reach for the STArS campaign. Please consider "sharing" some of those posts on your own Facebook page to reach even more friends and family members of STA. If you're interested in making your donation on-line or sharing the on-line giving link with family and friends, you can send them the following link: [Reach for the STArS](#). Thank you for your support!

## STA Community Celebration

We had our second community celebration on Thursday. We focused on perseverance, our virtue for the month. Some of our middle school students created a presentation on this virtue that they shared with the school. We also recognized students with a Shining STAr award for modeling perseverance in their classes. Congratulations to the following students:

- Dina Elsebai
- Zameer Williams
- Brennan Wilson
- Jayla Powell
- Kaleb Hyshaw
- Nyla Wilson
- Landen Jennett
- Jada Nix



## Parent Volunteer Opportunities

AM and PM Parking Lot Duty

Basketball coaches for 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade

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

Check for other opportunities on Track It Forward

## STA Sunday Family Mass

We will be having our second Family Mass this Sunday at 8:30 AM at the STA church. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be leading the Mass, and our 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade families will run hospitality after Mass. STA choir members should attend this Mass to perform. Any student who comes to the Mass in their uniform will earn a NUT card.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences are coming up on Friday, November 17 from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM. All families must attend conferences in order to receive your child's report card. You will sign up for conferences on PTC Fast, and your teachers will send you a link for you to sign up for your 15 minute time slot. Please remember that there is NO school that day for conferences.



## High School Nights

We are hosting our own high school night at STA. We are partnering with Saint Albie's School for the event. We have it scheduled for Monday, November 6 from 5:30-7:00 PM. We will be doing this instead of having the high schools visit the classrooms during the school day. All 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome to attend this event as well. We have the following high schools confirmed for the event:

- St. Francis De Sales
- Josephinum Academy
- St. Rita
- De La Salle

- St. Lawrence
- Marist
- St. Laurence
- St. Ignatius
- Fenwick
- Mother McAuley
- Brother Rice
- Mount Carmel
- Leo

### **STA Basketball Coaches Needed**

We need more volunteers to currently coach our basketball teams. We currently have only one coach for our K-2 team, and we do not yet have a coach for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade team. We need at least one more coach for each team. Since we do not yet have a coach for the 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade team, they will NOT have practice on Tuesday. Anyone interested in coaching one of these teams should contact Coach Satterfield at [c.j.satterfield@sbcglobal.net](mailto:c.j.satterfield@sbcglobal.net) or at 708-567-3084.

### **STA Parent Tip on Facebook**

Be sure to "like" the St. Thomas the Apostle School Facebook page so that you can see the "STA Parent Tip." Each parent tip will provide a small helpful piece of information about life at STA. The first parent tip will be posted on the Facebook page today!



### **Veteran's Day Assembly**

We will be having our Veteran's Day assembly on Thursday, November 9 at 2:15 PM. We will be discussing the meaning of Veteran's Day and honoring any veterans in our STA community. We are inviting all family members of our STA students to come and be honored at this event. If you are a veteran or have a family

member who is a veteran and can come to this event, please RSVP with Mrs. Melachrinidis at [xmelachrinidis@stapostleschool.com](mailto:melachrinidis@stapostleschool.com) .

### **General Notes**

- Students should not be bringing any fidget spinners or “slime” to school. We will confiscate any of these items if students bring them and return them to the child’s parent. Please make sure your child is not bringing these items to school.
- We are currently having our annual Thanksgiving food drive. We will be collecting canned goods through November 15. Send items in with your child to be donated.
- We will have an all-school Mass on Tuesday. Ms. Beckert’s 1st grade will lead Mass.
- We will be hosting Big Shoulders Fund’s Lend a Shoulder Day on Wednesday, November 8. I will share more information about this event in next week’s newsletter.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [tgallo@stapostleschool.com](mailto:tgallo@stapostleschool.com)