

# St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

October 13,  
2017



Dear STA Families,

Thank you to all of the families that came out for our Family Night last night. I hope everyone now has a better understanding of how Playworks runs at STA. It was great to see all the parents playing games (and having fun!) with our students.

Wines and Steins is tomorrow night! There is still time to buy your ticket if you have not done so already. This evening is a great opportunity to celebrate our school and support the STA endowment fund.

Finally, please make sure to check your FACTS account to make sure you are up-to-date on both your tuition and extended care payments. Mrs. Kiekenapp is out, so please direct all billing questions to me. We will be holding our first exclusion day soon, so please make sure to take care of any delinquent tuition or extended care fees as soon as possible. Have a great weekend!

Mr. Gallo

## Important Dates

*Wines and Steins* –  
Saturday, October  
14

*STA Advisory Board  
Meeting* –  
Wednesday, October  
18 (7:00-8:30 AM)

*Home and School  
Association Meeting*  
– Wednesday,  
October 18 (6:30-  
7:30 PM)

*Parent Coffee* –  
Thursday, October  
19 (7:45-8:45 AM)

*Taffy Apple Pick-Up*  
– Wednesday,  
October 25

## Wines and Steins 2017

Wines and Steins is tomorrow! You can buy your tickets now or at the door. Tickets can be purchased in the school office with cash or checks made out to "St. Thomas the Apostle School Endowment Fund." They can be purchased online at the following links:

Individual tickets

(\$50): <https://www.givecentral.org/location/358/event/13730>

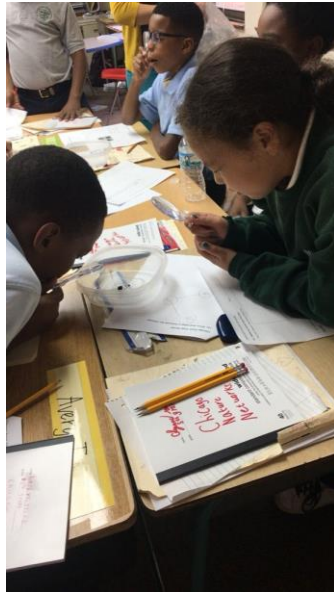
Couple tickets

(\$75): <https://www.givecentral.org/location/358/event/13729>

This year, we are selling St. Thomas the Apostle School stemless wine glasses! Guests will be able to use their new wine glass for all of their tastings the night of the event. Not able to attend this year? You can still support the STA School Endowment Fund by purchasing STA wine glasses! Each glass is \$5.00 and will be available for guests at Wines and Steins. Those unable to attend can pick up their wine glass in the school office starting on 10/16/17. Wine glasses can be purchased the night of the event or in advance in the school office and Give Central:

Wine glass purchases

(\$5/glass): <https://www.givecentral.org/location/358/event/13949>



## Parent Volunteer Opportunities

AM and PM Parking Lot Duty

Check for other opportunities on Track It Forward

## High School Nights

There are two opportunities upcoming for families to learn more about Catholic high schools. The Big Shoulders Fund is hosting a high school night at Holy Trinity High School on Wednesday, October 18 from 6:00-8:00 PM. All 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade families are welcome to attend.

We are also working on hosting our own high school night at STA. We are partnering with Saint Albie's School for the event. I am currently working out the details with the high schools for this night. 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. Please look for more details on this night as the event approaches. All 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome to attend this event as well.

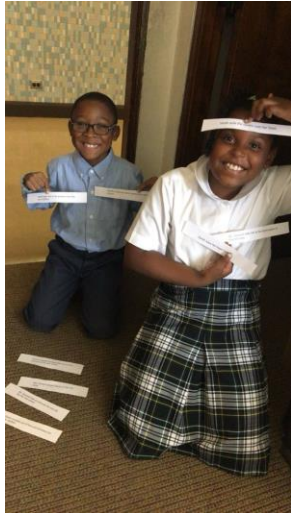
## STA Night at Porkchop

Join us for a Reach for the STArS Kick-Off Fundraiser! Come to Porkchop in Hyde Park on Thursday, November 2nd from 4:00 pm - close. That evening, Porkchop will donate 50% of your order total to our school in support of our Reach for the STArS campaign to build a new playground! Be sure to wear your Spirit day clothes or school uniform and tell them that you are there in support of St. Thomas the Apostle School.

Come for delicious food and specialty drinks! Kids can enjoy a "STArry Temple" and parents can try a "STArgrita," "STArry Mule," or "STArini!" Make it a family night, a night out for Mom & Dad... or both! Let's come together for a fun night to support our school and cheers to our new playground!

## Student Health Records

Please remember that all student health records are due by October 15. There are currently over 60 families who have incomplete health records. Starting on Wednesday, October 18, we will exclude any child with incomplete health records until these records are turned in. If you have not turned in the required health records for your child, please do so ASAP. Contact Carol Perlut at [cperlut@stapostleschool.com](mailto:cperlut@stapostleschool.com) if you have any questions.



## Notes from Home and School

Please see the note below from the Home and School Association:

**HSA Meeting:** Please come to our 2<sup>nd</sup> HSA meeting next Wednesday 10/18/17 at 6:30 – 7:30pm in the Parish Hall!! All are welcome!!

**Coffee Klatch:** Please come to our 2<sup>nd</sup> parent coffee next Thursday 10/19/17 at 7:45 – 8:30am in the Parish Hall. Mr. Gallo will be there to continue to hear ideas that will help make STA great!!

**Halloween Party:** Presale tickets go on sale Friday, September 22nd through Tuesday, October 24th. Look for the flyer in your students backpack. Buy early and save on ticket prices. Tickets will also be sold at the door as well.

Also, HSA is asking for candy and Halloween themed party favors for the Halloween Party. For each family that labels and donates two bags will receive 1 service hour. Please drop off in the school office by Friday, October 27th.

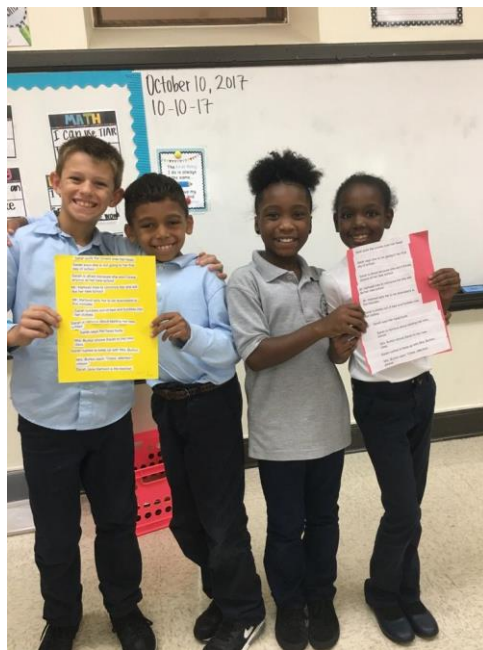
**Haunted Hallway at the Halloween Party:** We are looking for someone who can step into Alton Brooks' huge shoes and take over the Haunted Hallway next year after his youngest of four graduates in May. If Halloween is your favorite holiday and you cannot resist a good haunted house/hallway, please reach out to home and school at [homeandschool@stapostleschool.com](mailto:homeandschool@stapostleschool.com). STA

would like to thank Alton for all the scares he has provided over the years to the students.

**FUN LUNCH:** is Tuesday 10/31/17! Please remember completed form and money due TODAY Friday 10/13/17! You may pick up a Fun Lunch forms in the school office. (please note hot lunch is not served on fun lunch days so if your child is not participating in fun lunch they will need to bring a packed lunch)

**SERVICE HOURS, SERVICE HOURS, SERVICE HOURS!**

Please log into Track It Forward, "Click" Event Sign Up and scroll through and choose service hours! First HSA meeting is 9/20/17 from 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Hall! All Parents are welcome! If you have any questions please email [homeandschool@stapostleschool.com](mailto:homeandschool@stapostleschool.com)



## **Flag Football Schedule**

Below is an updated flag football schedule from Coach Brooks:

10/7 -vs. CJA 10am

10/14-vs. St. Etherida 9am

10/21- games at 9am and 11am

10/28- playoffs and Championship game starting at 9am

Go Raiders!

## General Notes

- Coach Meredith from Playworks will be at STA next week to help with recess
- We will have an all-school Mass on Tuesday. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will lead the Mass.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [tgallo@stapostleschool.com](mailto:tgallo@stapostleschool.com)