

# St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

October 14 2016



STA Families,

Thank you to all of the families who attended math night on Thursday! The evening was a great success. I want to thank all of our teachers for taking the time to put this evening together. We hope to see all of you at our first Family Mass at 8:30 AM this Sunday. Students who come in their school uniform can get a NUT card for attending.

Also, look for us to be announcing our annual appeal in the next week. This appeal will focus on technology. We have received a donor who will match dollar for dollar up to \$30,000. We are excited to launch this exciting event!

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Gallo

## Important Dates

***STA Family Mass – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
and 7<sup>th</sup> Lead, 4<sup>th</sup> and K  
Hospitality – Sunday,  
October 16 (8:30 AM)***

***Home and School  
Association Meeting –  
Wednesday, October  
19 (6:30-7:30 PM)***

***Parent Coffee  
Thursday, October 20  
(8:15-9:00 AM)***

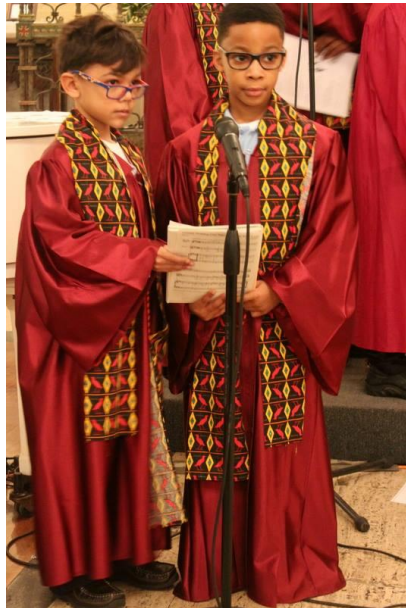
***Taffy Apple Pick-Up  
Wednesday, October  
26***

***STA School Advisory  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday, October  
26 (7:00-8:30 AM)***

***Black and Orange Day  
Friday, October 28***

## Family Mass This Sunday

Our first Family Mass will be this Sunday at 8:30 AM. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be leading the Mass, and our school's Gospel Choir will be singing. Kindergarten and 4<sup>th</sup> grade families are responsible for hospitality in the parish hall after Mass. Make sure your student comes in uniform so they can get a NUT card. All families are welcome to attend.



## Wines and Steins!

Our annual Wines and Steins fundraiser is Saturday, October 22 in the STA gym. You can make your reservation on GiveCentral, in the school office, or by emailing Mr. Driscoll at [pm.driscoll@comcast.net](mailto:pm.driscoll@comcast.net). Wines and Steins supports the STA School Endowment Fund. Below are some frequently-asked questions about this fund:

### *What is the STA School Endowment Fund?*

The STA School Endowment Fund was established decades ago by a group of STA parents. These parents raised money over the years for various fundraisers.

### *How does STA benefit from the Endowment Fund?*

Our school receives a dividend every year earned from the fund's principal. The money the school receives from the dividend goes to support school-related projects. Over the years, the dividend payment has paid for air conditioners, a new sound system, a stage curtain, a laminator, and many other items to support the school. The endowment fund is

## Parent Volunteer Opportunities

**AM and PM Parking Lot Duty – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Lead**

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

**Organize and Distribute Taffy Apples – Wednesday, October 26**

**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**

**Save the Date!**



**October 22, 2016**

**Tickets available at Back to School Night, Classroom Open House Nights, and on GiveCentral**

designed to be a fiscal resource for the school in perpetuity.

*How does Wines and Steins help the Endowment?*

Wines and Steins raises additional money to be added to the Endowment Fund's principal. The more money the principal has, the more the annual dividend the school receives will be. All money raised from Wines and Steins goes to the endowment.

*How can you help?*

Attend Wines and Steins (and invite your friends)! We also can use volunteers to help with the planning and running of the event.

## **Veteran's Day**

We will be hosting our annual Veteran's Day program on Friday, November 11 at 2:15 PM in the gym. We are inviting any family members of students who are veterans to attend so that we can honor them at this program. Please contact Ms. Monahan at [emonahan@stapostleschool.com](mailto:emonahan@stapostleschool.com) if you are a veteran interested in attending or know a veteran who can attend.



## **Halloween**

STA will be having a couple events to celebrate Halloween. On Friday, October 28, students can come out of uniform dressed in orange and black if they bring one item for our annual Thanksgiving canned food drive. The STA Home and School Association will be having their Halloween party at the school on Saturday, October 29 at 6:00 PM.

## Election Day

Election Day is coming up on November 8. Regardless of who you support, our school believes that it is important to teach our students about the importance of voting. Obviously, none of our students are eligible to vote, but all of our school parents are! We are going to ask that you please try to take your child with you to the polling place when you vote. Any child that comes to school with an "I voted" wrist band on or the day after Election Day will get a NUT card. You can also email a picture of you and your child at the polling place your child's teacher and your child can receive a NUT card. Please help us in teaching our students about the civic value in voting.

## Class Dojo

Some families have still not signed up for Class Dojo! Please make sure to contact your student's teacher to set up your account so you track your child's behavior progress at school. Teachers also post pictures and videos of the class "in action" for you to see on this app. Make sure to sign up!

## General Reminders

- The flag football team has three games on Saturday to wrap up their regular season. The games are at 11:00, 12:00, and 2:00. Thanks to all of our coaches for helping our team during the regular season.
- 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.
- The STA Parish is hosting an Opera Gala Benefit Concert on Sunday, October 16 at 7:00 PM at the STA church. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and \$12 for students and seniors. Please email Luciano Laurentiu, STA Parish Music Director, at [lucianolaurentiu@gmail.com](mailto:lucianolaurentiu@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending.
- 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.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:tgallo@stapostleschool.com)

