

St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

October 20,
2017



Dear STA Families,

Thank you to everyone who came out to support Wines and Steins last Saturday. The event was well-attended, and it was a great opportunity for our school and parish community to celebrate our school and support the STA endowment fund.

The pick-up day for Taffy Apple sales is this Wednesday. Thank you to all of our families that ordered Taffy Apples. Funds from these orders go to support our Home and School Association. Please plan on picking up your orders Wednesday.

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 Wednesday, November 1, 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

Taffy Apple Pick-Up
– Wednesday,
October 25

*Orange and Black
Out of Uniform Day*
– Friday, October 27

STA Halloween Party
– Saturday, October
28

Fun Lunch–
Tuesday, October 31

All Saints Day Mass
– Wednesday,
November 1

*Spirit
Day/Community
Celebration –*
Thursday, November
2

STA Night at Porkchop

Reach for the STArS begins in just 11 days! I have attached an FAQ on this event to this message. Please make sure to read through this to help prepare for this annual appeal.

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 "STAr garita," "STArry Mule," or "STAr tini!" 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!

Wines and Steins 2017

Thank you to everyone who supported our Wines and Steins event! Wine and beer orders from Madison Vine Wines will arrive today. You can pick up your order in the school office. If you purchased wine glasses and have not yet received them, you can pick them up in the school office starting this afternoon. Thank you!



Parent Volunteer Opportunities

AM and PM Parking Lot Duty

Check for other opportunities on Track It Forward

Upcoming End-of-Trimester Events

The end of the first trimester is almost here! The first trimester ends on Thursday, November 2. Please keep the following things in mind as this approaches:

- There is no school Friday, November 3 for a faculty in-service day.
- Please make sure to check Fast Direct to check your child's grades and make sure they have completed all of their assignments. No late work will be taken after Thursday, November 2.
- We will be having a Spirit Day and Community Celebration on Thursday, November 2. We will be discussing the virtue of perseverance and honoring students who have modeled this virtue on this day.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on Friday, November 18. There will be no school that day because of the conferences. Please look for a communication from your child's teacher with information on how to sign-up for conferences online. Please remember that all families must attend their conference, and that you must have a conference in order to receive your child's report card.



High School Nights

We are working on 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 5th-8th 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

Notes from Home and School

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

Taffy Apple Sales: WAY TO GO STA WE RAISED OVER \$11,000 IN TAFFY APPLE SALES!!!! THANKS TO ALL THE FAMILIES WHO PARTICIPATED!!

Please note Taffy Apple pick up is **Wednesday 10/25/17 from 2:30pm to 6:00pm** in the gym. Any orders not picked up on Wednesday will be held and available to be picked up **until 6pm on Friday 10/27/17**. You must coordinate any pick up after Wednesday with HSA so please email homeandschool@stapostleschool.com. Any orders not picked up by **Friday 10/27/17 at 6pm** will be considered a donation to St. Thomas the Apostle School. So please pick up your order **on Wednesday 10/25/17 between the hours of 2:30pm and 6:00pm**.

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.**

FUN LUNCH: is Tuesday 10/31/17! If you have not turned in your form please do so ASAP!! 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



Flag Football Schedule

Below is an updated flag football schedule from Coach Brooks:

10/21- No Games. Selective enrollment testing.

10/28- games at 11 vs CJA, noon vs Holy Angels

JV at 1:00 vs Holy Angels

11/4- playoffs at 9:30 and 10:45. Championship in noon

Go Raiders!

General Notes

- I will be out of the building Thursday morning to attend a federal funds meeting. I will also be out Friday morning to attend an Archdiocesan training.
- We will have an all-school Mass on Tuesday. Our 3rd grade room 208 students will lead the Mass.
- Notre Dame plays USC in a BIG game Saturday night. For those of you who do not know, I am a big fan of the Irish. To celebrate a Notre Dame victory (and the fact you read this message all the way to the bottom), I will give NUT cards to the first five families who email me the score, but **ONLY** if Notre Dame wins. I will not want to be reminded of the score if they lose!
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at tgallo@stapostleschool.com