

St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

October 21,
2016



STA Families,

Wines and Steins is tomorrow! I hope to see you at this terrific event. It is a great opportunity to support our school and enjoy tasting different beer and wine at STA.

I want to thank all of the families that attended and helped at our first Sunday Family Mass. It was a great success, and I have had several parishioners comment to me on how proud they are of our students.

Finally, this is friendly reminder that AM Care starts at 7:00 AM every day. We cannot guarantee having an adult available to supervise before then. Please do not drop your child off before then, or leaving them waiting alone outside the school for AM care to start.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Gallo

Important Dates

Taffy Apple Pick-Up
Wednesday, October
26

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

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

Book Fair October 31-
November 3

Open House Tuesday,
November 1 (9:00 AM-
1:00 PM)

*Reach for the STArS
Kick-Off* Wednesday,
November 2

Announcing Reach for the STArS!

We are excited to begin our Reach for the STArS appeal on November 2. This event will focus 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! Please look for more information on this event in the coming weeks.



Wines and Steins!

Our annual Wines and Steins fundraiser is tomorrow, 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. Wines and Steins supports the STA School Endowment Fund.

Money Savvy at STA

Next Friday, our K-8 students will be participating in Money Savvy. This program is sponsored by the Big Shoulders Fund and focuses on financial literacy for students. During this session, students will learn the value of saving money, how to set up and monitor a bank account, and how mortgages and credit cards work. We are grateful that the Big Shoulders Fund has provided us with this wonderful opportunity for our students.

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 if you are a veteran interested in attending or know a veteran who can attend.

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

AM and PM Parking Lot Duty – 7th Grade Parents Lead

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

Organize and Distribute Taffy Apples – Wednesday, October 26

Help serve Fun Lunch – Friday, October 28 (11:00 AM – 12:30 PM)

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!



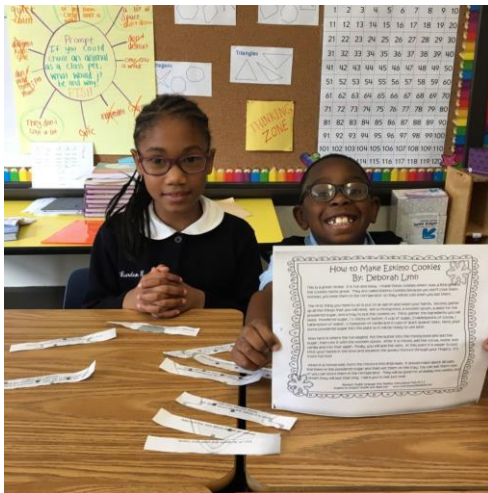
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Tickets available at Back to School Night, Classroom Open House Nights, and on GiveCentral

Halloween

We are having several events happening next weekend around Halloween. They are below:

- Students will be allowed to wear black and orange on Friday for Halloween. They must bring in a canned good to donate for our Thanksgiving food drive in order to participate.
- We also will be having our first fun lunch sponsored by the Home and School Association this Friday. A taco truck will be coming to school to serve the students tacos. Students must turn in a fun lunch order form in order to participate.
- The Home and School Association's Halloween Party is next Saturday, October 29 from 5:00-8:00 PM at STA. All families are welcome to attend. The Home and School is looking for baked goods to be donated for the cake walk at the Halloween party. Baked goods can be delivered to the school beginning after dismissal on Friday or before the party on Saturday.



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.

Taffy Apple Pick-Up

Taffy Apple order pick up is Wednesday, Oct. 26th from 2 to 6pm. Any orders not picked up will be held until end of school day Friday the 28th. After the 28th any orders not picked up will be considered donated to St. Thomas the Apostle and sold at the Halloween Party. So again please pick up your Taffy Apple orders Wednesday the 26th from 2 to 6pm. If you have any questions please contact Tareema Jean-Baptiste.

General Reminders

- The book fair is back at STA! We will be hosting the book fair after school Monday through Thursday, October 31 through November 3 in the parish hall.
- Please remember that there is no school on Friday, November 4 for a Teacher In-Service Day.
- 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.
- 2nd 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