

St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

October 27,
2017



Dear STA Families,

Happy Halloween weekend! We hope all of our families can come to our Halloween party sponsored by Home and School. The party is tomorrow evening at STA.

Next week, we will be starting our Reach for the STArS campaign. We will be looking to raise money to build a new playground for our students. We will be holding a kick-off event at Porkchop in Hyde Park Thursday evening. We hope to see all of you there.

Finally, November is a busy month! Remember we have no school next Friday for a staff development day. Also, parent-teacher conferences are coming up on Friday, November 17. Please look for a communication from your child's teacher with information on how to sign up for conferences. There will be no classes on this day so that we can have conferences.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Gallo

Important Dates

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

Teacher In-Service
Day - NO SCHOOL -
Friday, November 3

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

STA Night at Porkchop

Reach for the STArS begins in just 4 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 "STArgrita," "STArry Mule," or "STArteni!" 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!



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:

- All Saints Day is Wednesday, November 1. We will be having an all-school Mass that day to celebrate this holiday. Because of this, there will be NO school Mass on Tuesday. Our 2nd grade will be leading the Mass.

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

AM and PM Parking Lot Duty

Check for other opportunities on Track It Forward

- 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 have our next Sunday Family Mass on Sunday, November 5 at 8:30 AM. Our 2nd and 6th graders will lead the Mass, and our 1st and 5th grade families will lead hospitality. Gospel choir members should come to sing at this Mass. Any child who attends this Mass in their uniform earns a NUT card.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on Friday, November 17. 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.

Spirit Day and Community Celebration

We will be having a Spirit Day and Community Celebration on Thursday, November 2. Our Community Celebration will begin at 8:10 AM in the gym. We will be discussing the virtue of perseverance and honoring students who have modeled this virtue on this day. These students will be honored on the bulletin board outside of my office. Students can also come out of uniform in school spirit wear on this day.



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 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 DOLLARS IN TAFFY APPLE SALES!!!! THANKS TO ALL THE FAMILIES WHO PARTICIPATED!! All orders need to be picked up by TODAY Friday 10/27/17 at 6pm or they will be considered a donation to St. Thomas the Apostle School.

Congrats to K210 for selling the most apples as a class!! Congrats to ALL who participated and earned NUT cards!! The top three NUT card recipients are:

Christian Davis: PreK 108 earned 9 NUT Cards!!

Aidan Harvey: 4th grade earned 7 NUT Cards!!

Kyndall Burgess: 2nd grade earned 7 NUT Cards!!

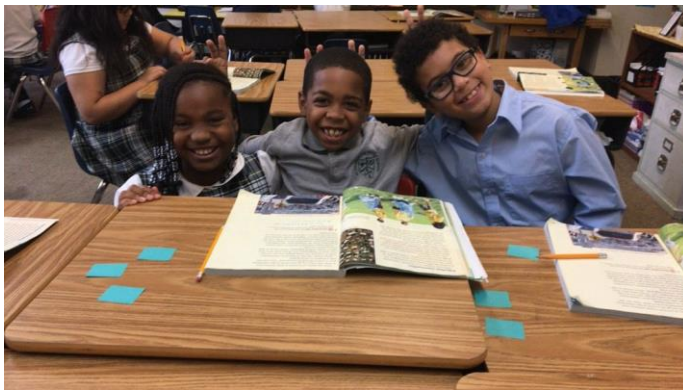
NUT cards earned will be delivered to students on Tuesday 10/31/17. Parent Raffle results will also be announced Tuesday 10/31/17!!

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped on distribution day!!

Halloween Party: Is TOMORROW Saturday 10/28/17!! Tickets can be purchased at the door. It is going to be EPIC!! Games, Karaoke, Cake Walk, Movie, Game Truck and the famous Haunted Hallway!!! Family and Friends of STA students are welcome!! SEE YOU THERE!!

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



Halloween / PBIS Reward – Slipper and Sock Day

Only our Pre-K students are allowed to come in costume for Halloween. All other students should come in their school uniform. Please also remember that we are having our fun lunch sponsored on Tuesday for Halloween. Students need to have submitted an order form in advance in order to get a lunch. Our students have also earned another school wide reward for earning 15,000 STAR points as a school. Students will be able to wear slippers or socks in class on Tuesday as a reward. I would

encourage families to send their child with gym shoes as well for them to wear for recess.

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 xmela@stapostleschool.com.

General Notes

- We will have NO all-school Mass on Tuesday. We will instead be having Mass on Wednesday to celebrate All Saints Day. 2nd 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