

St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

October 6,
2017



Dear STA Families,

We have had a busy week at STA! Last Sunday, we celebrated our first Sunday Family Mass. I want to thank all of our students for leading the Mass, and our parent volunteers for running hospitality after Mass. These Masses demonstrate how vibrant our school is, and shows the important connection between our school and parish.

We also celebrated Spirit Day today! We held our first community celebration, where we focused on the virtue of cooperation. Our students played a cooperative game and some of our middle school students led a presentation on cooperation. We then recognized 7 students with a Shining STAR award for modeling the virtue of cooperation. Congratulations to these students!

Finally, please remember we have NO school Monday for Columbus Day. We return to class Tuesday. Have a great weekend!

Mr. Gallo

Important Dates

*Virtus Training –
Saturday, October
7th*

*Columbus Day – NO
SCHOOL – Monday,
October 9th*

*STA Family Night –
Thursday, October
12th*

*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*

Lunch Application and Household Income Survey

We need all of our families to complete either their lunch application or the household income survey! We currently have had 70% of our families complete one of these two items. If you have not yet done so, please do it today! The archdiocese is asking every family to complete one of these two items so that our school can maximize the amount of federal funds we receive. You can complete the lunch application and not order lunches if wish to do so. Lunch applications are available in the office, and the household income survey can be completed [here](#).

Community Celebration

We had our first community celebration today. We focused on cooperation, which is our virtue for the month. During our celebration, we recognized 7 students with a Shining STAR award for modeling cooperation. They each received a pin which they can wear with their school uniform every day from now on. Congratulations to the following students for being examples of this virtue:

- Hoshi Berry (PK3)
- Cenai Scott (K-212)
- JD Eschmann (K-210)
- Lauren Tucker (3rd – 208)
- Mariama Barry (5th)
- Camille Wheatley (6th)
- Justin Carney (8th – 307)

Our virtue for October is perseverance. We will be focusing on this virtue in our classrooms and with our buddy classes over the next month. Our November Community Celebration will focus on this virtue.

Wines and Steins 2017

Wines and Steins is next weekend! 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>

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

AM and PM Parking Lot Duty

Flag Football and Volleyball Coaches – See Coach Satterfield or Alton Brooks

Check for other opportunities on Track It Forward

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>



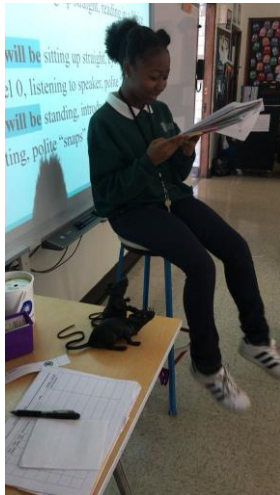
Family Night – Playworks!

We will be having our first Family Night on Thursday, October 12 from 6:00-7:00 PM in the gym. For this night, we are going to Playworks, our new recess program. We will have a representative from Playworks come to talk about how Playworks runs, and Ms. Holifield (our recess coordinator) will discuss how it specifically works at STA. From there, families will have a chance to play some of the recess games with our students. Any family that attends this night can earn one service hour. We hope to see you there!

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 "STArgerita," "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!



Student Health Records

Please remember that all student health records are due by October 15. If you have not turned in the required health records for your child, please do so ASAP. Contact Carol Perlut at cperlut@stapostleschool.com if you have any questions.

Notes from Home and School

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

MR. GALLO SAYS THE ROOM THAT SELLS THE MOST TAFFY APPLES WILL EARN A PIZZA PARTY!!

*Taffy Apple Sales are a great way to stock up on Halloween Candy as well as help your kiddos flex their Everyday Math/ Entrepreneur muscles while raising money for the school!! **Last year we raised over 6,000 dollars!!** Come on STA lets step UP and beat last year!! Please turn in completed order forms with MONEY to the office no later than Oct 6th. ! **FOR EVERY \$100 SOLD STUDENTS EARN ONE NUT CARD!! FOR EVERY \$100 SOLD PARENTS EARN A CHANCE TO WIN A \$50 STARBUCKS GIFT CARD, \$100 COSTCO GIFT CARD OR CHAMPAGNE MASSAGE DATE FOR TWO!! COMPLETE ORDER FORMS AND MONEY ARE DUE 10-6-17. HAPPY SELLING!!***

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. 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 Friday 10/6/17! 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



General Notes

- We will be hosting a Big Shoulders Fund meeting in the parish hall Tuesday morning. I will be unavailable during that time. I will then be out Tuesday afternoon to attend an Archdiocesan Principal's Association meeting.
- We will be hosting Virtus training at STA on Saturday, October 7 at 9:00 AM. Make sure to sign up on the Virtus website. They do NOT take walk-ins.
- Pre-K and K students who participate in Supper Soccer Stars or Acrobatics are allowed to come in their gym uniform on the day they have the club so that the students do need to change after school.
- We will have an all-school Mass on Tuesday. Our 4th grade students will lead the Mass.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at tgallo@stapostleschool.com