

St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

September 15,
2017



Dear STA Families,

The school year is now in full swing! Students had their pictures taken today for picture day, and our students looked great in their “dress up” clothes.

We have our first school Mass this Tuesday at 8:30 AM. All of our 1st-8th graders will go to the Mass, and our gospel choir will sing at the Mass. We will have Mass weekly starting on Tuesday. All families are welcome to attend.

During August and September, we are focusing on the virtue of cooperation. All of our classes have discussed the meaning of cooperation and have made a poster with their definition of cooperation that are now outside each classroom. We will be recognizing students who have modeled this virtue during our first community celebration in October.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Gallo

Important Dates

*First All-School
Mass– Tuesday,
September 19*

*8th Grade Parent
Meeting – Tuesday,
September 19 (6:00
PM)*

*STA Advisory Board
Committee Meeting
– Wednesday,
September 20 (7:00-
8:00 AM)*

*HSA Meeting –
Wednesday,
September 20 (6:30-
7:30 PM)*

*Parent Coffee with
Mr. Gallo –
Thursday,
September 21 (7:45-
8:45 AM)*

Free and Reduced Lunch Application

The deadline to submit either your free and reduced lunch application or household income survey is today! The Archdiocese is requiring all families to either complete a lunch application or a household income survey. We have the potential to get more federal funding for this year, but this is dependent on having as many families as possible complete either the application or the survey. Please complete one of the following by the end of the day today. The survey is [here](#).

Wines and Steins 2017

Be sure to purchase your "Early Bird" tickets to our 3rd Wines & Steins Harvest Festival! Wines & Steins is a wine and craft beer tasting event in support of the STA School Endowment Fund. It will be held on October 14th from 7:00-10:00 pm in the school gym. We hope to see you there! Tickets can be purchased in the school office or on Give Central:

[Individual Tickets](#) (\$40):

[Couple's Tickets](#) (\$65):

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 or Give Central:

[Wine Glass Purchase](#) (\$5/glass):

Be sure to read the second edition of the Wines & Steins News for even more information about the event. Thank you!

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

Track It Forward, Fast Direct, and Class Dojo

Please make sure you have set up your accounts on Track It Forward, FastDirect, and Class Dojo. We will be regularly using all three of these programs during the year. Track It Forward is where you will sign up and log your service hours. FastDirect is where our teachers will post grades. Teachers are now posting grades on FastDirect so you can monitor your child's progress. Class Dojo is where you can monitor your student's behavior and watch pictures and videos from the classroom. Congratulations on Mrs. Gough's 3rd grade classroom for being the first class to have 100% of families signed up for Class Dojo! Both of our kindergarten and first grade classes are close to 100% participation, with 95% of parents signed up in each room. Let's get all of our families signed up for Class Dojo.



8th Grade Parent Meeting

We are having an 8th grade parent meeting on Tuesday, September 19th at 6:00 PM. This is an optional meeting for parents where we will discuss whether we will have our 8th grade awards dinner at STA or go to an off-campus location for the event. Any parent who wants to give their input on this decision should come to this meeting.

October Lunch Orders

Today is the last day to order lunches for October. Please remember that lunch orders are due by the 15th of the month prior to when the lunches are received (so November lunch orders are due by October 15). You can order lunches online at fspro.boonli.com. Please contact Ms. Glenn at hotlunch@stapostleschool.com if you have any questions.

Notes from Home and School

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

IMPORTANT!! 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!!**

HSA MEETINGS: the first is Wednesday 9/20/17 from 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome!! Remember you get 1 service hour for attending!!

PARENT COFFEE KLATCH: the first is Thursday 9/21/17 from 7:45m – 8:45am in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome! Come with ideas and questions to share with the community and Mr. Gallo!

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

Parent Coffee with Mr. Gallo

We will have the first parent coffee with me on Thursday from 7:45-8:45 AM in the parish hall. I will be available to answer any questions parents may have about the school. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and discuss STA with me. I encourage all of our families to attend.

Box-Tops Fundraiser

Below is information from Ms. Acton on a fundraising opportunity for STA:

The first-ever National Box Tops for Education Week is September 24 - 30! Collect your box tops during the month of September on the sheet that was sent home on Friday, September 1st. Turn your sheet into school during National Box Tops for Education Week (9/24-9/30). Students who turn in a completed box top sheet (35 box tops) with their name on it during National Box Tops for Education Week will earn a NUT card. Families can also enter STA for a chance to win double the box top points: <https://goo.gl/m4igqe>. Thank you!



General Notes

- 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 7th and 8th grade students will lead the Mass.
- I will be out from 9:00-2:00 on Monday to attend a Big Shoulders Fund meeting at Holy Angels.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at tgallo@stapostleschool.com

