

St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

September 16
2016



STA Families,

We are finishing up another successful week of school. Our middle school students received their Google Chromebooks to use in class this week. I am excited to watch our teachers and students use this technology to continue to push student learning. I also want to thank all of our families who came to the STA parish picnic and Hyde Park Children's Book Fair to support our parish and school.

Ms. Peeples had a successful surgery on Tuesday and is recovering at home now. She will be out for the next few days, but should be back at STA soon. We are grateful for all of your prayers for her and her family.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Gallo

Important Dates

*STA School Advisory
Board Meeting
Wednesday,
September 21 (7:15-
8:30 AM)*

*Home and School
Association Meeting
Wednesday,
September 21 (6:30-
7:30 PM)*

*NO SCHOOL – Teacher
In-Service Day Friday,
September 23*

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

AM and PM Parking Lot
Duty – 8th Grade

Celebrating Our First PBIS Schoolwide Reward

On Monday, our school achieved their goal of getting 10,000 STAR points. Students receive these points for Staying Safe, Taking Responsibility, and Acting Christ-Like. I am impressed with how quickly our students achieved this ambitious goal. As a reward, all of our students will get an extra recess period on Thursday afternoon. We all look forward to our students demonstrating positive behavior as we go through the year.



STA's Home and School Association

STA's Home and School Association will have a meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 in the parish hall. The Home and School helps plan various fundraisers and "fun" fundraisers throughout the year for students and parents, including Field Day, Breakfast with Santa, and Parent Coffee Klatches. Any parent interested in participating in the Home and School is welcome to attend this meeting.

Fundraisers at STA!

We have several fundraisers starting now at STA. They are described below:

Parents Lead

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

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

Organize and Distribute Taffy Apples – Wednesday, October 26

Save the Date!



October 22, 2016

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

Taffy Apple Sale

- 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!! Please turn in completed order forms with MONEY to the office no later than Oct 7th. The class that sells the most Taffy Apples will win a PIZZA PARTY! If you have any questions please contact Tareema Jean-Baptiste. We will also need parent volunteers to help organize and distribute Taffy Apples in the STA gym on Wednesday, October 26.

SCRIPS

- The SCRIPS program is up and running again. This is a great opportunity for you to raise money for STA when you go shopping. Please contact Tessa McEwen if you have any questions.

Wines and Steins

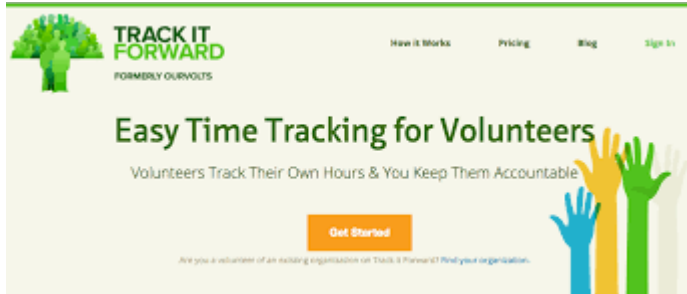
- Please remember that our annual Wines and Steins event is coming up October 22. Tickets are available on GiveCentral or in the school office. We hope you can attend this wonderful fundraiser for our school's endowment fund.



Log Your Service Hours on Track It Forward!

STA will be using Track It Forward to log parent service hours for

this school year. All STA families should have received an email with information on setting up your account. If you have not, please contact Mr. Gallo at tgallo@stapostleschool.com to let him know. All hours must be logged on Track It Forward, and every family must complete 20 service hours during this year. Please make sure to complete and log your hours. Completing service hours in the fall means you will not be rushed to try and complete them at the end of the year.



NetSmartz at STA

All K-8 STA students have completed NetSmartz, a program that teaches children how to safely use the internet and other forms of technology. Thank you to Mrs. Niederer, our computer and library teacher, for leading our students through this important program.

General Reminders

- Please remember there will be NO SCHOOL Friday, September 23. This is a Teacher In-Service Day.
- After-school enrichment programs have begun. The schedule of programs is posted in the school office.
- All families should have received their login information for FastDirect. If you have not received your login information, please contact Carol Perlut at cperlut@stapostleschool.com. The FastDirect parent communication system is working, but we are still finalizing the grading portion. We will let you know when teachers start posting grades on FastDirect.
- 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.
- 6th 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

