

St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

September 22,
2017



Dear STA Families,

We celebrated our first school Mass this Tuesday. Our 7th and 8th graders led the service. We will now have Mass weekly on Tuesdays at 8:30 AM for our 1st-8th grade classes. All families are welcome to attend.

We also had our first Home and School meeting and parent coffee with me this past week. I want to thank everyone who participated in these events and encourage all of our families to be involved in our STA community.

All of our classes now have posters up representing cooperation, our virtue of the month. All families can talk to your child about this virtue and how they can model it at school. We will be recognizing students who model this virtue at our upcoming community celebration.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Gallo

Important Dates

Family Mass (3rd and 7th Lead, K/4th Hospitality) – Sunday, October 1 (8:30 AM)

Aspire Interim Assessment (3rd-8th Grade) – October 2nd-5th

7th Grade Parent Meeting – Tuesday, October 3rd (5:30-6:30 PM)

Spirit Day and Community Celebration – Friday, October 6th

Virtus Training at STA – Saturday, October 7th

Called to Protect and NetSmartz Program

Every year, our school is required to educate our students on how to be safe online and recognize suspicious and/or dangerous adult behavior. NetSmartz and Called to Protect are the two programs we use to teach the students about these things. Next week, all students will spend some time using these programs in class. Students will participate in NetSmartz during their resource classes, and each class will have two lessons from Called to Protect with their homeroom teacher. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about these programs.

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

I have included reminders the past three weeks about how all families should make sure they are signed up for accounts on Track It Forward, Fast Direct, and Class Dojo. Please contact me if you need help setting up Track It Forward, Mrs. Perlut if you need help with Fast Direct, and your child's teacher if you need help with Class Dojo.

Congratulations to both of our kindergarten classes, who now both have 95% of families signed up on Class Dojo!



7th Grade Parent Meeting

There will be a mandatory 7th grade parent meeting at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, October 3rd. Every year, the 7th grade at STA is responsible for planning the 8th grade graduation dinner. They “pay it forward” so that they can enjoy their graduation dinner the following year. We will be meeting then to discuss roles and responsibilities for this event.

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!!

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!

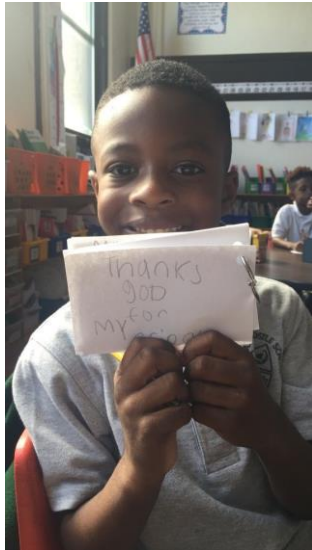
Please log into Track It Forward, "Click" Event Sign Up and scroll through and choose service hours! First HSA meeting is 9/20/17 from 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Hall! All Parents are welcome! If you have any questions please email homeandschool@stapostleschool.com

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 6th grade students will lead the Mass.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at tgallo@stapostleschool.com