

St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

September 23
2016



STA Families,

I hope all of our students are enjoying their Friday off school. Our teachers have been hard at work planning for the rest of the year. We also have continued to examine our science program as a part of the professional development program with the Museum of Science and Industry.

Ms. Peeples is recovering and should be back in the next few weeks. Thank you to all of you for your prayers.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Gallo

Important Dates

*5th Grade Field Trip –
Museum of Science
and Industry – Friday,
September 30*

*Picture Day Retakes –
Monday, October 3*

*Virtus Training –
Saturday, October 8
(9:00 AM – 12:00 PM)*

*Columbus Day – NO
SCHOOL – Monday,
October 10*

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

**AM and PM Parking Lot
Duty – 8th Grade
Parents Lead**

FastDirect is Now Live!

Our FastDirect gradebook is now live. Teachers will be putting in grades now, and all students will have grades posted on Monday. All families can go in and check to see their child's grades. Please make sure to check your student's grades weekly, and to contact your student's teacher if you have any questions about grades. Remember that we do NOT distribute progress reports since our grades are posted online. Families who do not have their FastDirect login information should contact Ms. Perlut at cperlut@stapostleschool.com.



Fundraisers at STA!

Below are some reminders on important fundraisers coming up:

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.

**Basketball Coaches –
See Coach Satterfield**

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

**Organize and
Distribute Taffy Apples
– Wednesday, October
26**

**Field Trip Chaperones
– Please contact your
child's teacher if
interested**

Save the Date!



October 22, 2016

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

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.

Reminder about Track It Forward

All families should have set up their account on Track It Forward to log their service hours. Any family who has not received their login information should contact Mr. Gallo. Please make sure to log all service hours on Track It Forward. Remember that all families must complete 20 service hours during this school year.

News from STA Athletics

- Practice for the K-2 basketball begins Thursday, September 29 from 3:45-5:00 PM in the gym. Please make sure you submit the waiver form by Monday so that your child can participate in games.
- The K-2 basketball team needs an assistant coach. This is a great way to complete your service hours. Contact Cliff Satterfield at c.j.satterfield@sbcglobal.net if you are interested.
- The flag football team has two games this Saturday at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Both games will be at Oakdale Park, which is located at 95th and Vincennes.



General Reminders

- Please make sure that you have signed up for Class Dojo with your child's teacher. Class Dojo will help track your child's behavior progress. Teachers also can post pictures and videos of what is happening in their classroom. It is a great way to see all of the exciting things happening at STA every day.

- Virtus training will be held at STA on Saturday, October 8 at 9:00 AM. You must sign up in advance since spots are limited. Please remember that you must complete Virtus training and give your certificate to our school office in order for you to volunteer with students.
- The STA Parish is hosting an Opera Gala Benefit Concert on Sunday, October 16 at 7:00 PM at the STA church. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and \$12 for students and seniors. Please email Luciano Laurentiu, STA Parish Music Director, at lucianolaurentiu@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.
- After-school enrichment programs have begun. The schedule of programs is posted in the school office.
- 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.
- 5th 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