

St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

September 30
2016



STA Families,

We are grateful for another successful week of school at STA. Ms. Peeples has returned this week, and I know all of our students and teachers and happy to see her back. Please make sure to read below about important upcoming school events, including our Math Night, first Sunday Family Mass, Wines and Steins, and Taffy Apple sale.

Also, please make sure to check your child's FastDirect account. Teachers are now inputting grades, and is important for all families to monitor their children's progress.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Gallo

Important Dates

**Picture Day Retakes –
Monday, October 3**

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

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

**Family Math Night –
Thursday, October 13
(5:30-6:30 PM in the
Gym)**

**Spirit Day – Friday,
October 14 (1st Grade
in charge of snacks)**

**STA Family Mass – 3rd
and 7th Lead, 4th and K
Hospitality – Sunday,
October 18 (8:30 AM)**

Math Night at STA

STA will be hosted Family Math Night in the lunchroom on Thursday, October 13 from 5:30-6:30 PM. Families can come to learn about math strategies and math games they can use with their children at home. Our teachers will be stationed at different tables to demonstrate age-appropriate activities in math for you to do with your students. All STA Families, from PK to 8th grade, are welcome to attend.

Virtus Training

STA will be hosting Virtus training on Saturday, October 8 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the gym. Please remember that any adult interested in volunteering with students must complete Virtus training. You can sign up for the training online. Please make sure to turn in the certificate you receive at the training to our school office. Adults only need to complete this training once.



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

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

AM and PM Parking Lot Duty – 7th Grade Parents Lead

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

Spirit Day Snacks (1st Grade) – October 14th at 2:00 PM

Save the Date!



October 22, 2016

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

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.

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.



Aspire Interim Assessments

Starting Monday, 3rd-8th grade students will begin taking their first Aspire Interim Assessments. These assessments are progress checks of where the students are at currently, and help provide teachers and families with more information on students so that everyone can work together to best help the students. The test will be administered on the computer, and they will take one in reading, math, English, and science. This test will NOT go into the student's file and is NOT a summative assessment for the year. Teachers will share the results of this interim assessment with families at parent-teacher conferences in November.

PBIS Update

Our students have continued to do a great job earning STAR points for staying safe, taking responsibility, and acting Christ-like. Our schoolwide goal is 10,000 points, and our school is currently almost at 8,500! When our school reaches 10,000 points, everyone in the school will earn a reward. Previously, the whole school earned extra recess time. Please make sure to check the bulletin board outside the office to track our school's progress toward this goal. Also, make sure you have signed up for Class Dojo to track your child's progress. You can also see pictures and videos on Class Dojo of your child's class.

General Reminders

- Please remember that all families need to sign up on Track It Forward to log your service hours. All families need to complete 20 service hours and log them on Track It Forward. Please contact Mr. Gallo if you need help with your Track It Forward account.
- 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.
- There are two flag football games tomorrow (10/1) at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM at O'Halleren Park.
- 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.
- 4th 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