

St. Thomas the Apostle School Newsletter

September 9
2016



STA Families,

We are off to a great start this school year. Our students are learning the procedures and beginning to be accustomed to the school day. I have been impressed with the learning I have seen going on in our classrooms, whether it is third graders learning about elapsed time or middle school students learning about Mercator and Robinson map projections.

Thank you to all of our families who came to the classroom open house nights. These nights help teachers and parents get on the same page for the year.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Gallo

Important Dates

STA Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 11
10:00 AM

Chromebook Day
Monday, September 12

Parent Coffee Klatch
Thursday, September
15 8:15 AM (Parish
Hall)

Picture Day Friday,
September 16

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

**Parent Volunteer
Opportunities**

Picture Day at STA

This Friday is picture day at STA. Students can either wear an STA uniform or come out-of-uniform in nice, “dress-up” clothes for pictures. Students will take pictures in the gym. Please make sure that your child is coming cleaned and dressed up nicely for pictures.



Reminder About Changes to Pick-Up/Drop-Off Procedure

We now have scaffolding up on the south wall of the building, and we have adjusted our procedure for drop-off and pick-up. Please remember that we can NOT use the south door off of the parking lot while the scaffolding is up. The drop-off and pick-up procedure are outlined below.

Drop-Off

- We will set up a system of cones and chains that will mark off an area for the children to safely enter the school building. All students will enter the building through the east door by the parish hall. We will NOT be having children enter from our main door off of Woodlawn since they will be walking too close to cars exiting the parking lot. Please drive extremely carefully in the parking lot to make sure the children can enter safely.

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

Parish Picnic –
Sunday, September 11
10:00-1:00 PM

Hyde Park Children’s
Book Fair – Sunday,
September 11, 11:00
AM – 5:00 PM

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

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

Save the Date!



October 22, 2016

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

- Please remember that no child should be dropped off at the main door off Woodlawn Avenue. All cars should drive through our parking lot to drop off children. Please do not drop your child off in front of the building as this is dangerous.

Pick-Up

- All children will go to the gym at dismissal. Parents will need to park their cars and enter the building through the south door off of the parish hall and meet their child in the gym. Families will also exit through the door by the parish hall.

The tuck-pointing should take four weeks. I will notify everyone when we can return to our normal procedure. I appreciate everyone's patience with this change.

Fundraisers at STA!

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

Taffy Apple Sale

- STA Families it is that time of year again!! Affy Taffy time!! This is 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!! Happy Sales!! Please contact Tarema Jean-Baptiste if you have any questions.

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.

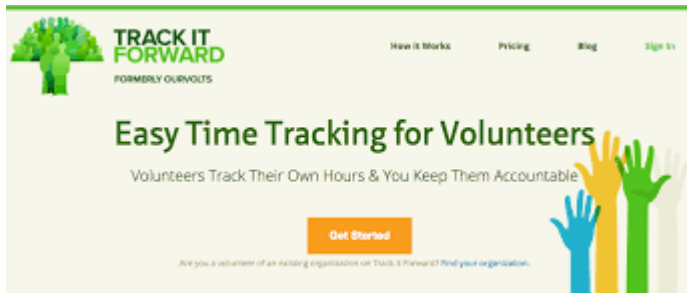
Wines and Steins

- Please remember that our annual Wines and Steins event is coming up October 22. Tickets are available on

GiveCentral or in the school office.

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.



STA Parish Picnic This Sunday

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will be having their annual parish picnic this Sunday. There will be an all-Parish Mass at 10:00 AM followed by a picnic in the courtyard beginning after Mass. All STA families are welcome to attend. Families can also complete service hours by helping at the picnic. Please contact Lisa Couch in the parish office if you are interested in volunteering.



General Reminders

- After-school enrichment programs begin on Monday. If you have questions about where or when the programs are, please contact our school office. Students in a 5:00 PM club can attend extended day from 3:45-5:00 without any charge.
- 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.
- The first parent coffee klatch is this Thursday at 8:15 AM. 3rd and 5th grade parents will host this coffee klatch. All parents are welcome to come and socialize. Mr. Gallo will be available to talk at the coffee klatch.
- 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.
- Please make sure you have turned in all health, dental, and vision forms to our school office. We need these in ASAP.
- Our first all-school Mass was a success. We will be having Mass weekly on Tuesdays at 8:30 AM. Classes will rotate leading Mass, and Mr. Jones will lead our school's Gospel Choir during Masses. 7th grade will be leading Mass this week. All STA families are welcome to attend.
- Mr. Gallo will be out of the building all day Wednesday for a meeting at the Office of Catholic Schools and Thursday

afternoon for a Principal's Council meeting. If you need to speak with an administrator, please contact Mrs. Damico.

- We are quickly approaching our schoolwide goal of 10,000 STAR points. When we reach this goal, all of the students will earn a reward. You can track our school's progress on the bulletin board outside of the main office.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at tgallo@stapostleschool.com

