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"The soul of education is the education of the soul."
- Fr. Mac



I pray this newsletter finds each of you well. We had a fantastic week and we are looking forward to the festivities of the Homecoming Parade this evening. *At this time, we are asked to meet at the Hannah Center off of Abbott Road to find our specific staging area. Once the exact staging location is known, a message will be posted to our social media accounts. We do suggest parking at STA and then walking to the staging area.* Please know the staging will take place between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. and the parade will officially begin at 6 p.m. Please know that even if you did not sign up, you are welcome to join us in your Tartan or Spartan spirit wear. Additionally, please know you do not need to walk the entire parade route with us, especially as the route is longer for many of our students. Please know the parade route is as follows: the route will begin at the intersection of Abbot Road and Burcham Drive at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, the route will travel south on Abbot Road and east on Grand River where they will turn south at Collingwood, south on Farm Lane and will conclude at the corner of Farm and Shaw Lanes.

We are very excited for this opportunity and we look forward to sharing all the great things about STA with our community this evening!

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Recess Duty for Next Week:

Monday: Holcomb, Jankovic, Rakan
Tuesday: Dematatis, Anderson, Rakan
Wednesday: Rakan, Oldham, Nebbeling
Thursday: Rakan, Beach, Wujkowski
Friday: Duffy, Bower,
OPEN

Recess duty runs from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Important Dates:

- **Order November Lunches** - October 13th - October 29th - See website to order!
- **STA School Walking in the MSU Homecoming Parade** - Friday, October 20th
- **End of Quarter 1** - Friday, October 27th
- **All Saints Parade and Parties** - Wednesday, November 1st - The parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the parties will begin at 2:15 p.m.
- **Report Cards Sent Home** - Friday, November 3rd
- **Annual Golf Ball Drop** - Friday, November 10th
- **Half-Day - DISMISSAL AT 11:30 a.m. Teacher PD** - Friday, November 3rd
- **Food Bank/Casual Dress Monday** - Monday, November 6th
- **Wonder - Grades 3-8** - Tuesday, November 21st at 9 a.m. at NCG
- **Thanksgiving Break - No School** - Wednesday, November 22nd - Friday, November 24th

2017 - 2018 Food Bank Donation Goal:

8,000 pounds

Current Food Bank Donation Total:

2,225 pounds



Scholastic Book Fair News - A huge thank you to all Tartans who attended the book fair. It was a great success! We had a great sale and the library gets 20% of all sales. Thanks for your patronage. Thanks so much to all the families who volunteered their time and talent to help this fair succeed. I could never run the fair without the people who help with set up, marketing, social media, games, cashiering, helping with classrooms and tear down. I am so blessed and grateful to have a great group of parents who volunteer.

Thanks again, Kathleen Mayotte.



Annual Golf Ball Drop - Our tickets are in and the golf ball drop is planned! Please join us on Friday, November 10th at 2:45 p.m. in our back field for our annual golf ball drop! Mrs. Hanson and the office will be selling tickets starting today!!! Each \$50 ticket will purchase a golf ball with an opportunity to win \$5,000 for 1st place or closest to the flag and \$500 for 2nd place for furthest away. The funds from this golf ball drop will help support our operating costs for this academic year. If you would like a book of tickets to sell, please reach out to Julie Hanson at jhanson66@comcast.net. We thank you in advance for your participation and support of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish School.



All Saints' Day Party and Parade - STA celebrates All Saints' Day on Wednesday, November 1st with an All Saints' parade and party. K-4 students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite saint or biblical person. Costumes can be anything from DIY to a purchased item at retail outlets

like the Rosary Book and Gift Shoppe. Please be sure your child can fit the costume over their uniform as children will be changing in the classroom.

At 2:00, the classes will meet in the hallway and start the Saints' Parade. The parade will begin in the elementary wing by the front office, then move into the gym where parents and other guests can view our STA Saints. Following the parade we will go back to our classroom for the party around 2:15. At 2:50 we will clean up to go home at 3:00 p.m.

Please note that we still need some volunteers in a few classrooms and to head this special event.

ATHLETICS



Boys' Basketball - It's that time of the year again! The Tartans are ready to tip off another exciting season of boys' basketball!

The week of October 23-27 will start our evaluations/practices for each grade level. Below is a listing of the *EVALUATION* times and days. **Please note that these times may differ from the regular practice schedules:*

- **5th Grade: Wednesday & Friday 3:15-4:45**
- **6th Grade: Tuesday & Thursday 5:00-6:30**
- **7th Grade: Monday & Tuesday 3:15-4:45**
- **8th Grade: Monday & Tuesday 6:45-8:15**

Please bring the following materials (all materials can be downloaded from the STA Athletics page) to your son's evaluations:

- **Up to date physical**
- **Concussion form**
- **School Athletic Guidelines**
- **\$50 check for participation fees (made payable to STA)**

Below is the *practice schedule* for the regular season, once teams have been determined:

- **5th Grade: Mondays and Wednesdays 3:15-4:45**
- **6th Grade: Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00-6:30**
- **7th Grade White: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:15-4:45**
- **7th Grade Green: Mondays and Wednesdays 5:00-6:30**
- **8th Grade White: Mondays and Wednesdays 6:45-8:15**
- **8th Grade Green: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:45-8:15**

Please note that game schedules have not been determined yet. As soon as the game schedules are determined those, along with volunteer days and times, will be emailed to you by your son's coach.

If you have any additional questions, please email our Athletic Director, Gregg Boldman, at GBoldman@elcatholics.org.

~~Go Tartans!!!



FREE Warriors/Cougars Lacrosse Clinic - 3rd through 8th grade boys and girls are encouraged to join the FREE Warriors/Cougar Clinic at Lansing Catholic Stadium on Saturday, October 28th and Saturday, November 4th. *For additional information on the FREE clinic, please click on the image above.*

PARISH WIDE UPDATES



Trick or Treating and Costume Concert at LCHS - Lansing Catholic High School is hosting its annual Trick or Treating and Costume Concert on Thursday, October 26, 2017. Trick or Treating begins at 6:30 p.m. throughout the halls of LCHS, hosted by school clubs and sports teams. A free choir and band concert follows at 7 p.m. The Costume Concert includes performances by the LCHS Marching Band and Choir and Lansing Area Catholic Middle School Band. Don't forget to wear a costume!

As always, I thank you for taking the time to read through our updates. I pray that you each have a blessed remainder of the summer. I look forward to seeing all of your students on Monday, October 23rd and as always, **GO GREEN!**

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Krusky

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