



St. Thomas Aquinas School

NEWSLETTER

October Calendar

- September 29 – Picture Day (Picture Retakes will be **Nov.6**)
- October 9 – Homecoming Parade (2 hr. early dismissal)
- October 19 – NO SHOOOL (Professional Development)
- October 27 and 29 P/T Conferences (2 hr. early dismissal)
- October 30 – NO SCHOOL

Conferences

You will be receiving an email October 9th wherein you will be able to sign up for a time and day for your child's/children's conference. There will be options for conferences this year if you are not comfortable with the traditional in person format.

Note that conferences are on October 27 and 29 - which are also designated early outs. There is no school on October 30th.

Shirt Orders

Order forms for STA school shirts will be sent via the Friday folders on October 2nd. Please note the additional options for long sleeve and short sleeve as well as a cotton blend or polyester fabric this year.

Covid Data

STA is thrilled to report that as to date, we have no positive Covid cases reported for any students or staff. Thanks to all for staying vigilant with all the mitigations both here and at home.



Homecoming 2020

Due to coronavirus mitigation strategies, STA is inviting 3rd-6th graders to ride the school float. Parents will need to drop off these students by 2:15 at Twin Parks. Face coverings will be required. This is an early dismissal day, so all students need to be picked up/ride the school bus at 1:15. WCCSD has indicated there may be changes to this event, so we will keep you posted via Remind.com.



More School Information

Swimming Units 20/21

STA will have the opportunity to have a swim unit in October to make up for last spring's limited time in the pool due to the school closure.

In addition, Fuller Hall is providing another swimming opportunity in the spring of 2021.

More details will follow via email and possibly the Friday folders.



Fall Assessments

Students will be taking a reading and math assessment via FastBridge three times this year. We will be wrapping up the first testing window by October 9th. These assessments alert us to students who may not make a benchmark score, so need additional help in math or reading. Likewise, scores that are very much above benchmark warrant challenging students more in math and reading. Please be sure to ask about your child's score at conference time in October.



SCRIP Changes Will Now Allow for School Tuition Credit

St. Thomas Aquinas Scrip Program

Parents can earn tuition credit with every purchase of a gift card through the St. Thomas Aquinas Scrip program! You will not spend any extra money and will earn credit towards your child's tuition.

What is Scrip and how does it work?

Scrip is a national program used by schools throughout the U.S. When you purchase Scrip, you are purchasing gift cards from St. Thomas to businesses, both local and national. You will receive a rebate for each card purchased that earns you tuition credit.

For example: If you purchase a \$100 gift card to Fareway through the St. Thomas Scrip program, you pay \$100 to St. Thomas, and you receive a \$100 gift card to Fareway. Each business sets the percentage that they will donate back to St. Thomas and your family's tuition account. There is no extra money spent by you, only money earned towards a tuition rebate for your child.

*****Stay tuned for more details regarding the implementation of this program.*****