



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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A Note from the Principal

Can you believe that we are in November already? I know that our students in the class of 2021 cannot believe how fast their final year here at STA has been going.

They have been measured for their caps and gowns, have had letters of recommendation written, and have taken virtual tours of their prospective high schools. Our students in grades 2-8 have finished their first round of MAP Growth Testing. These growth assessments will allow the teachers to analyze the individualized learning of each student and decipher how to better engage their needs. The MAP Growth Reports will be available later this month for each family to receive.

Along with the MAP Growth reports, Classworks and IXL are utilized by our educators to enhance new levels of learning for all our students.

In a recent announcement by the Archdiocese of Newark it has been decided that no athletics will take place during the winter months. This was not an easy decision for the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese will be revisiting the potential for athletics in the Spring.

The situation of COVID-19 has led to another difficult decision to be made. Due to the continued precautions of the virus, we are unable to hold our annual Thanksgiving Feast. This STA tradition is one of our favorites and will be sadly missed this year.

Please be advised of the calendar for the month of November. November 12th & 13th are half days with no aftercare. These days are slated for our parent teacher conferences, which will be held virtually. Wednesday, November 25th will be a virtual half day for all students and an asynchronous teaching day. The teachers will post assignments in Google Classroom and be available to students until 12:15 pm. All assignments MUST be submitted by 12:15 pm. The trimester ends on Wednesday and the parent/guardian access to PowerSchool will be suspended through Sunday, November 29th, allowing for the teachers to post their grades.

STA welcomes Ms. Anita Idone who has taken over as the 2nd grade teacher! She has certainly hit the ground running and impressed the students and parents alike very quickly. She is excited to be part of our STA family.

As we continue to plan for what is ahead of us during these unpredictable times, we continue to thank everyone for their flexibility and patience. Our educators have worked extremely hard, as well as the students, to keep a sense of normalcy. I again thank everyone for all of your efforts!

God Bless,

Mr. Petrillo, M.Ed.



Parent Reminders

Please look for the following information being sent home today:

- H&S Jim Dandy's Dine-In Flyer
- H&S Drinkware Fundraiser Flyer & Order Form
- H&S Auntie Anne's & Cinnabon Fundraiser

REMINDER

Students **MUST** be in the proper winter uniform. Please see the school website for the uniform information. No student should be wearing sneakers unless it's gym day and **ONLY** STA fleece or STA sweaters should be worn. No sweatshirts are allowed. Uniform violations will be enforced starting Monday, November 9th.

CALENDAR REMINDER

Do to precaution, the annual Thanksgiving Feast has been canceled.

H&S will **NOT** be selling ShopRite or Stop and Shop gift cards the week of November 25 to December 1, 2020.

SMART TUITION UPDATES

The following fees have been billed to SMART Tuition accounts in the month of November 2020:

- BeforeCare and AfterCare fees for September 21st through October 16th

If you have any questions regarding these charges, please send an email to staoffice@staschoolnj.org within 10 days of receipt of your SMART Tuition invoice.

Calendar Reminders

Wednesday, November 11th

- ☉ Veterans' Day



Thursday, November 12th—12:15 p.m. Dismissal

NO AfterCare

- ☉ Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 13th—12:15 p.m. Dismissal

NO AfterCare

- ☉ Parent/Teacher Conferences



Tuesday, November 24th

- ☉ H&S Pie Sale Pick Up

Wednesday, November 25th—VIRTUAL ONLY

- ☉ Half Day 12:15 p.m. Dismissal

- ☉ First Trimester Ends

- ☉ Thanksgiving Break Begins



Thursday, November 26th

- ☉ Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27th—School Closed

H & S Association

STA Home & School Dine-In
Fundraiser
Come join us at

Jim Dandy's
Home Of The Killer Ribs!



563 Franklin Avenue
Nutley
973-661-2222

Thursday, November 19th

20% of your purchase will be
donated to STA!



RAISE SOME DOUGH!

**H&S Auntie Anne's & Cinnabon
Fundraiser.**

**Sale starts
November 6th - November 20th.**

**Please see the information
going home today!**

Drinkware FUNDRAISER

NOVEMBER 6TH – NOVEMBER 20TH

Let your spirit flow into your STA drinkware!

Order your drinkware between November 6th and
November 20th. Order forms with STA Buy Now
confirmation number and payment are due to H&S
by November 20th.

Please email complete order forms to
homeschool@staschoolnj.org.

STA Buy Now ONLY, no cash or checks.



H&S Santa Shop News

Share the Magic of the Holiday!

The H&S Santa Shop will be virtual this year.
The "Virtual Shop" will open Monday, November
30th and close Friday, December 11th.

More information to follow in the following weeks.

Smart Tuition Information

Log in to check the billing detail (or refer to the monthly invoice) to ensure you are making the full payment due each month. To see the monthly breakdown, click on the amount due for each month.

There is a 3-day grace period. Payments made after this period will be assessed a late fee. Late fees will continue to accrue on all unpaid balances until the account is brought current.

Educational services will be terminated on accounts that are more than 10 days past due.

If you have a question about your bill, please contact Smart Tuition or send an email to the school office within 10 days of receipt of your Smart Tuition invoice.

www.smarttuition.com or 1.866.396.5681

Newsletter Submissions

E-mail information to
staoffice@staschool.org. The deadline is Wednesday,
12:00 p.m. If there is a 12:15 p.m. dismissal or no school
on a Friday, the deadline is Tuesday, 12:00 p.m. Thanks!

AfterCare Phone Calls

Phone calls for AfterCare during the regular school hours
(8:00 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. or 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.)
should be made to 973.338.8505. Messages will be
given to the AfterCare staff.

Phone calls for AfterCare after-school hours should be
made to 973.338.8505 x201.



ShopRite/ Stop & Shop Gift Card Order Information



ShopRite and Stop & Shop pre-ordered gift cards in the denominations of \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, and \$100 will be available for purchase on the school website from Thursdays to Tuesdays with pick up the following Saturdays. Please note: if buttons are not up on the website there will be no sale that week. Please order cards through www.staschoolnj.org, via the Buy Now button. (Located on the main page under "School News." Or "Giving" on top of page) The student's name is required at purchase, please provide the student's grade next to the name. (parishioners please put "parishioner" for student name and teachers, please put "teacher" under student name. An email address MUST be provided in order to receive confirmation of your assigned pick up time. Please note: your order will only be available at your assigned time. Pick-up schedule will be emailed to the email provided at time of ordering. Pick up for pre-ordered cards will take place at the front school gold doors entrance. Masks are required. Pre-orders ONLY, no additional cards will be available.