

The STA 2018 WEEKLY

Thank you for selling trash bags!

Distribution day: Trash bag distribution will be on **Wednesday, October 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** in the STA parking lot. Please make arrangements to pick up your orders on that day. **Distribution Volunteers are needed!** Please consider signing up to help make sure the day goes smoothly. **[Click here to volunteer for distribution day!](#)** Contact Meaghan Adams (316-516-7578) if you have any questions.

15th Annual Trunk or Treat!

Trunk or Treat is FRIDAY, October 26 • 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Trunk or Treat is an annual event that benefits STA parish youth groups. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated car, best costume and carved pumpkins (pumpkins are to be carved at home). Parents should bring enough candy for 200 trick or treaters.

Admission for a car load is a suggested donation of \$10. Walk-in admission is a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Cars must be in the parking lot before 6:30 p.m. and will not be allowed to leave until after 8:30 p.m. Pizzas to enjoy at the event can be ordered for \$10 and/or \$12.

The registration deadline for Trunk or Treat is October 21. To reserve your spot and order pizzas, please click the big button below. (Reservations will also be taken after

Masses the weekend of October 20 and 21)

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!](#)

Parent Volunteer needed for the 8th Grade Junior Achievement Program!

Sue Snodgrass, 8th grade Social Studies teacher, is looking for a business minded person to spend time in an 8th grade classroom sharing their expertise! The 8th graders are involved in the Junior Achievement Program and the program is led by business people. The class, called *JA Economics for Success*, is an 8 week commitment for 45 minutes per week. Currently, Travis Brock is teaching one of the classes. Junior Achievement Wichita has a lunch time workshop and Travis has graciously agreed to mentor anyone who is interested! Please consider sharing your business experience with our 8th graders! Contact Sue Snodgrass at ssnodgrass@stthomaswic... or by calling the school at 684-9201. Thank you for considering this opportunity!

[Click here to learn more about the Junior Achievement Program.](#)

Volunteers needed for The STARlight Gala!

A lot of work has been going on for months for the upcoming STARlight Gala on Saturday, October 20. Now the committee members are asking for your help! It takes A LOT of hands to make the Gala such a great event! **[Volunteer here for The STARlight Gala!](#)**

Do you have extra baskets or containers around your house that you would consider donating for The STARlight Gala?

We are in great need of baskets, tubs, bins, containers, etc., in which individual items can be packaged together for the silent auction of The STARlight Gala. If you have a few to spare – large or small, handles or no - please drop them off at either the Church or School Office. Thank you for your support!

A Note from the Nurse

We are excited to announce that St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School has been selected to participate in the Kinsa's FLUency program. The program is a school health initiative that enables schools and parents to detect and respond to spreading illness more quickly, keeping kids and classrooms healthier! All families and staff in our school can receive a free Kinsa Thermometer and join a private group on the Kinsa app to see the overall health of their school, including common symptoms and illnesses going around. Brochures will be sent home with each child in the next few weeks with step-by-step instructions on how to participate. **[Click here to read more!](#)** or talk with Lindsey in the Health Room for more information.

If your child borrowed a belt or sweatshirt from the Health Room, please wash and return as we are running low on stock. Thank you!

Birthline Diaper Drive

The Fourth Grade Class will sponsor the annual **Birthline Diaper Drive October 1 – 30, 2018**. Diapers (especially the large sizes) and formula donations would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be dropped off inside the STA Plaza doors, or in the box located in the cloister of the Church. Birthline is a nonprofit organization with the mission of aiding mothers and fathers in protecting their unborn children with pregnancy counseling and other needs.

STA Teacher's Favorite Things

PTO gave the teachers a sheet to fill out as a handy tool for parents and students to know their teacher's favorite things! **[Take a look if you wish!](#)**

Lunch Room Volunteers Needed!

The lunch room is in need of parent volunteers to assist during the hours of 11:00 a.m.- 12:30p.m. Please consider donating some of your time...we will take as much or as little time that you want to offer! It would be greatly appreciated! **Volunteers must be VIRTUS trained.** **[Click here to volunteer in the lunch room!](#)**

Hearing & Vision Screening

Hearing and vision screens will be done in early October. Please use the opt out form if you are not wanting your child to be screened.

Volunteers Needed For STA Chess Club.

All students in grades 2-8 are welcome to participate in the STA Chess Club! This is a great opportunity for your child to learn a new skill, have fun and meet new friends! **Chess Club is every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Allen Hall.** Students must turn in a membership application in order to participate. A one-time \$5 snack fee is requested. **Click here to read more information about the STA Chess Club. Click here for the membership application. Click here to volunteer to help!** Parents will be required to pick their student up from Allen Hall

Save Those Box Tops!

Don't forget to save your Box Tops! The school earns money for each Box Top turned in. Classrooms and TA's compete to win special rewards throughout the school year. **There will be four collection deadlines throughout the school year: October 24, November 30, February 22, and April 26.** You may turn in your Box Tops anytime by placing them in the Box Top mailbox outside the school office. Be sure to check the expiration date and don't forget to mark the bag with your student's teacher's name. Thank you for helping the school earn money through this program!

Calendar of Events

Monday, September 24:

- **Love & Logic Class:** 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the school library
 - Babysitting for those attending the class will be in the cafeteria, (reservation required)

Friday, September 28:

- **Community Family Day:** Students may wear a spirit shirt with jeans and tennis shoes
- Trash Bag Rewards Day

Wednesday, October 3:

- **Trash bag distribution:** Parents need to pick up trash bag orders in the school parking lot between 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 4:

- **St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day**
- **Blessing of the Pets:** 3:30 p.m. at the Mary Statue

Friday, October 5:

- **1st grade field trip:** Tanganyika

Saturday, October 7:

- **Pro-Life Chain:** 2:00-3:30 p.m. at the corner of Central and Rock Road

Monday, October 8:

- **Hearing Screenings:** for grades K, 2, 5, & 8
- **Love & Logic Class:** 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the school library
 - Babysitting for those attending the class will be in the cafeteria, (reservation required)

Tuesday, October 9:

- **5th grade field trip:** Sedgwick County Zoo
- **Qtr. 1 Concert:** 11:10-11:54 a.m. in the music room

Wednesday, October 10:

- **Musical Matinee:** 2:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

Thursday, October 11:

- **4 yr PreK field trip:** Applejack Pumpkin Patch
- **Musical:** 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

Friday, October 12:

- **End of Quarter 1**
- **Kindergarten field trip:** Klausmeyer Farm