

Here are your updates for the week ending Friday, October 18, 2019

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **RING DAY:** Our Annual 8th Grade Ring Day Prayer Service will be held next Wednesday, October 23, at 9:00am in the Church, followed by a continental breakfast for the 8th grade students and their families. The students in grade 8 will be released after the ceremony and breakfast.
- **NO SCHOOL NEXT THURSDAY:** St. Thomas the Apostle School will be CLOSED next Thursday, October 24, so that the faculty can attend an in-service at the Diocese.
- **MILK ORDERS:** November milk orders must be returned to school by Friday, October 25. [November Milk Order Form](#)
- **IMPORTANT AFTER CARE REMINDERS:** After Care will END AT 4:00pm on Friday, October 25, as we need to clear the parking lot of all cars not participating in our Trunk or Treat event. After Care will ALSO END AT 4:00pm on Thursday, October 31, for Halloween.
- **HALLOWEEN PARADE:** Our annual Halloween parade for grades Pre-K4 – 8 will take place on Wednesday, October 31, at 11:15am (the Pre-K3 students will be having their parade separately. Please contact Mrs. Albrecht for specific details). The students that have sent in written permission may be dismissed to a family member following the parade. All other students will be released at 12:20pm, with After Care being available until 4:00pm. More specific details and permission slips regarding Halloween will be sent home at a later time.
- **PINK DRESS DOWN:** Thank you to all of the students who supported our \$1 dress down for breast cancer today. The nearly \$400 that we raised will be donated to the [National Breast Cancer Foundation](#), which is listed as one of the Top 10 on the "[Ultimate Guide to Catholic-Friendly Charities](#)" website. Their mission is to "provide help and inspire hope to those affected by breast cancer through early detection, education, and support services." Thank you again for your generosity.
- **8th GRADE BOYS:** Any Gr. 8 boys who are planning to apply to Christian Brothers Academy, don't forget that the entrance exam is next Saturday, October 26. The link to register for the test is www.CBALincroftNJ.org
- **GERTRUDE HAWK FUNDRAISER:** All students should have brought home information regarding our Gertrude Hawk candy fundraiser. This makes great Christmas gifts, and will be delivered in time for the holidays. Order forms are due by November 8, or you can shop online at www.gertrudehawkfundraising.com using Group Code 119763.
- **REMINDER:** Please be reminded that, for security reasons, once a child has left the building for dismissal, they ARE NOT permitted to re-enter the building to get something they have forgotten for their homework. Door 11 is to be used for After Care Dismissal ONLY; it is not a school entrance. You may only enter the building through Door 1 (main school entrance).
- **SHUTTERFLY STOREFRONT:** When ordering your Christmas cards and gifts, please remember that St. Thomas the Apostle School has a Shutterfly Storefront, and with every purchase made St. Thomas will receive a donation! Go to STAS.ShutterflyStorefront.com and we get 8% of every purchase made!!! [Storefront Flier](#)

H.S.A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TRUNK OR TREAT:** This favorite annual event will be held next Friday, October 25. Fliers with more information for this event were sent home this week and can be found here: [Trunk or Treat Flier](#)
- **POCKETBOOK BINGO & BASKET RAFFLE:** This year's annual event will take place on November 14, 2019. Event flyers were sent home, and can also be found here: [Pocketbook Bingo Flier](#) We are looking for donations, as well as for help on the day/night of the event. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Jennifer Pirnik at hsapocketbookbingo@gmail.com

OLD BRIDGE TOWNSHIP EVENTS

- **MEDICATION TAKE-BACK:** Old Bridge Township will once again be having a medication take-back day on Saturday, October 26. For more information, please see the flier here: [OB Medication Take Back](#)

That about does it for this week. Have a wonderful weekend everyone!