

Here are your updates for the week ending Friday, March 27, 2020

We have made it through another week of Virtual Learning! Thanks to everyone for the continued positive feedback. Our teachers continue to evaluate how the students are progressing, and will be making any necessary changes to ensure that things continue to run smoothly. Please continue to check your teacher's websites and the school webpage for updates and assignments. It is VERY IMPORTANT that all students attend and participate in EVERY class, including their specials. All participation and assignments will be counting towards their grade and attendance for the class. Today marks the end of Quarter 3, however final report card grades will be delayed until Wednesday, April 8. Please help your students stay on track as the new quarter begins! If you or your child are having any problems, please reach out to the teacher or Ms. Pioppo.

PLEASE JOIN US: On Tuesday, March 31, all students, parents, faculty, and staff are invited to live-stream the 12:15 Mass at St. Thomas. Fr. Jay will be celebrating this mass with the school, and all students are expected to attend. I will be sending the link for the mass as soon as I have it.

EASTER BREAK: There will be no classes between April 9-19, in observance of our Easter Break. I think we will ALL need and deserve a break by then!

As you read in Dr. Lockwood's most recent letter, we do not have a target date to re-open at this time. It is safe to say that we will not be back before Easter break. All we know is that we are closed until further notice, and we will keep you informed whenever we get new information.

The Parish and School Offices are closed so no one is available to accept things that are dropped off, so regular mail or email is still the best way to contact us. Someone checks the mail at least once each week so if you have anything that needs to go to the office, please mail it to:

St. Thomas the Apostle School

333 State Highway 18

Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Yearbook Boosters: The ABSOLUTE LAST DAY to submit boosters for the yearbook is this Monday, March 30. Please email your booster to lkulesa@sttaob.com, and mail your payment in to school to the address listed above.

Gertrude Hawk: The Gertrude Hawk chocolate orders are due to be delivered sometime during the week of April 6. Mrs. Tumulty will be reaching out to anyone who ordered to arrange a pick-up/drop-off location.

Lunch Orders: Harmony Foods have asked me to let you know that any lunches that have already been paid for will be credited upon our return to school. Refunds will be given if necessary depending on when our return date is. If you have any questions regarding lunch, please contact Harmony Foods directly.

2020-2021 Registration: While this is a crazy time for everyone, please don't forget to complete your online registration for next school year. All families who have not registered should have received an email from me earlier this week. Please do not forget that our registration process is different this year. All returning families **MUST** complete a Bio Update for their child(ren) through the online PowerSchool Enrollment Portal, in addition to completing and returning your forms. Also, please keep in mind that all forms can (and should!) be uploaded directly to the portal so you should not need to send any paperwork into school. **This Enrollment Portal is different from your update on Smart Tuition.** If you have any questions, please contact us at registration@sttaob.com. Also, any families who are registering younger siblings for the first time need to use the New Student Enrollment Portal. If you need this link, please contact us through the registration email as well.

We hope that everyone is surviving their quarantines, and that you are all safe and healthy. If you need to contact anyone on the staff, please continue to use email as the school and office will remain closed. We will get through this together. Don't forget that we are St. Thomas Strong!