



*"Faith in Every Student"*

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## And We're Off!

We are off to a fantastic start to our school year and have a busy Fall ahead of us with Oktoberfest, Fire Prevention Week, Apple Crunch Day, Halloween celebrations, and more!

Please continue to send in your clipped Box Tops, Labels for Education, and aluminum can tabs (from beverages, fruit, and pet food)...every little bit adds up to \$\$ for our school!

God Bless,  
Mrs. Amy Higgins



## Dressing for a Cause

This month's cause is Fire Safety. We will be raising money to donate to our local fire company by having a boys vs. girls contest. Students can drop their spare change in the designated containers, and each week we will tally up the amount received by each group. Students will also be learning about fire safety in their classrooms and from guest speakers. Remember to always have a safety plan in place and to check the fire alarm batteries in your homes!

**Dress Down Day is October 31st.**



## Medications

With cold and flu season soon upon us... A friendly reminder that we need a parent note **and** a doctor's note on file for **any** and **all** medications that are to be given to your child. Thank you for your compliance and understanding in this matter.



## Trick or Treat!

### October 24<sup>th</sup>:

We will again be having a Saint Thomas School float in the Bedford Elks Halloween Parade. Mrs. Mickey's theme this year is "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!", and will send out a notice about costumes for each grade. Adults interested in assembling the float are welcome to join us in the school parking lot at 5:00PM. Students should arrive at the school by **6:30PM** that evening, dressed in their costumes. We will proceed to the Landmark Restaurant to begin the parade and will return to school after we've completed the parade route. If you are watching the parade, please make your way to the school parking lot after our float goes past you so students are not waiting a long time to be picked up.

**PLEASE NOTE: PreK3 and PreK4 students must be accompanied by an adult. Other parents are welcome to walk along next to the float as well.**



### October 31st:

Our classroom parties and school costume parade will be held on Monday afternoon. Students will change into their costumes and prepare for the parade around the block at 12:45PM. We will then gather in the school hall for a Halloween musical showcase. Following the performance, students will be dismissed to their classrooms for Halloween celebrations. Families are welcome to join us in the festivities this afternoon, but only those who have completed all of their clearances can assist with the classroom parties. *\*Please remember that school rules apply during Halloween celebrations: students are not permitted to have any type of weapon, real or pretend, with their costumes.*



The Home School Association is asking each student to bring a bag or two of **individually wrapped candy** into school by **October 20<sup>th</sup>**. These will be handed out along the parade route on October 24th.



## Important Dates!



October	
1st-2nd:	Fall Foliage Oktoberfest
3rd:	Mid Terms Go Out
5th:	Little Tiger Story Time 9:30AM
7th:	Eucharistic Adoration
8th-9th:	Fall Foliage Oktoberfest
10th-14th:	Fire Prevention Week
15th:	American Cancer Society's Making Strides Walk
17th:	Bedford Elementary In-Service Health Checks (K-6)
19th:	Little Tiger Story Time
21st:	NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
24th:	Apple Crunch Day Bedford Elks Halloween Parade (Students to school by 6:30PM)
26th:	End of Marking Period
31st:	School Halloween Parade and Classroom Parties 1:00PM

### *Looking ahead to November*

4th:	NO SCHOOL - P/T Conferences
11th:	NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!**

Bedford Elementary School does not have school on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> but **WE DO!** For those using the buses, please make sure to mark your calendars for alternative modes of transportation.

## **Little Tiger Story Time**

Tell your family, friends, and neighbors: starting on October 5<sup>th</sup>, we invite our community toddlers to join us for a story and craft from 9:30-10:30AM in Miss Tammy's PreK3 room. Little Tiger Story Time will be held every other Wednesday.



## **Like Us? Love Us? Friend Us!**



Keep up on the latest St. Thomas School happenings by liking us on Facebook. Updates, photos, and reminders are posted regularly!

## **Oktoberfest is Here!**

*OCTOBER 1st, 2nd, 8th, & 9th*

Join us during both Fall Foliage weekends for beverages, ethnic foods, raffle tickets, fun, and great company! Seating is available, so come rest your feet, watch some football on our big screens, tempt your taste buds, and enjoy the Fall weather.

The more the merrier for volunteers! If you are interested in helping, please call the school for details.



Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for Friday, November 4th. Times for conferences will be sent home with your child.



We will be celebrating Apple Crunch Day on Monday, October 24th.



## **Mass**

We celebrate Mass every Wednesday at 8:30AM in our school hall. This is a focus of our school- religious education and the worship of God.

Everyone is welcome to join us!

