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# Newsletter—October 16, 2020

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*We will have a school cake walk* for all grade levels on Friday, October 30th. Each classroom teacher will be in charge of taking their class to do the cake walk at an assigned time. There will be one "winner" for each class.

There will be three different cake walks set up for social distancing. Those three areas are - the old gym, the new gym, and the cafeteria. We are asking for donations for a store bought (Halloween themed) cake for each winner. We will need cakes donated. This will be a fun, but safe activity for the students. Each class will only participate with the students in their homeroom (except for Pre-K). Masks will be worn. Students from the different classes will enter and exit at different doors. All cakes will be store bought to meet health/safety guidelines. Our Pre-K class will be having cupcakes as our Halloween snack, so the littles will all get their own "cake".

If you are able to donate a cake—(serves 3-4) please complete the sign up here—

[Cake Walk Cake Donation](#)

## Pastor's Column:

We are continuing our planning for our progressive celebration and tour on November 13th. This should be a very enjoyable, fun and exciting evening. The purpose will be to celebrate what we have accomplished in our Church sanctuary and Parish Office and to look at the needs of our Parish School. Last year, we raised money for the church during the Progressive Dinner. This year, we will focus on the school's needs.

In order to provide for distancing, we will take reservations for small groups so that you can go through the tour with a limited number of people. Each reservation will begin in 15 minute increments, so that – as your small group passes to the next stop on the tour – a new group will be able to begin their tour. In this way, we will be able to accommodate a large number of our parish and school family members spread out over the course of a few hours, while keeping each individual group small.

The evening will begin in the sanctuary with a show-and-tell about all the improvements in our renovation. Come and get the behind the scenes explanations of even the small details that you may not have noticed.

After this station, we will take you downstairs to the Chapel basement and Church basement through three more stations where we will serve snacks and refreshments and walk you through the redesigned Parish Office space and talk about our needs for St. Thomas School.

Snacks and refreshments will be served, including adult beverages if you like. This tour will be best suited for adults. Each group will be able to pass through all four stations on the tour in about an hour. There will not be any fee for attending, but your free reservation will be required in order to participate. We will accept donations and invite everyone to make a commitment of support for our school's needs at the end of the tour.

Volunteers will be needed to help with the details of the evening. I have included the volunteer form in the bulletin if you would like to help with one of our liturgical roles, or if you want to volunteer for this specific event. On behalf of the PTO of St. Thomas School and the planning committee, I hope you will be able to volunteer or attend this fun event!

Make your reservation for the tour: [Saints, Symbols, and Swingsets.](#)





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Students who earned over \$120 for our Step it Up fundraiser received their prizes today!

Our *Day of Awesomeness* for those who earned over \$60 will be in the spring!

Congratulations to these students and thank you for all your hard work!





Activities for the week of October 26 to October 30!

We will **NOT** have a Halloween parade or student dress up this year due to COVID restrictions.

We will still have some fun activities and the teachers will have classroom celebrations.

**Remember Thursday and Friday are 12:15 p.m. dismissal days due to conferences.**

# STEAM into HALLOWEEN

## MONDAY

Spirit Dress:

Halloween socks with uniform

Activities:

- ~ Classroom STEAM into Halloween projects during school
- ~ Begin bringing in decorated family pumpkin for contest



## TUESDAY

Spirit Dress:

Halloween themed COVID masks

Activities:

- ~ Decorating mini pumpkins in the classroom for display
- ~ Continue to bring in decorated family pumpkin for contest



## WEDNESDAY

Spirit Dress:

Orange and black day with uniform bottoms

Activities:

- ~ Game day throughout the school for classrooms to play
- ~ Last day to bring in decorated family pumpkin for contest



## THURSDAY

Spirit Dress:

Halloween or silly hats with uniform

Activities:

- ~ School-wide classroom BINGO
- ~ Student voting for best decorated family pumpkin
- ~ 12:15 dismissal for conferences



## FRIDAY

Spirit Dress:

Halloween shirt and accessories with uniform bottoms

Activities:

- ~ Cake-walk game
- ~ Halloween parties in the classroom
- ~ 12:15 dismissal for conferences





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# BOX TOPS

OCTOBER 2020

*Easy ways to make a difference for your school.*

**MONSTERS™ CEREAL MADNESS SWEEPSTAKES**



**EARN A BOO-NUS FOR YOUR SCHOOL**

Enter for a chance to win 5,000 Bonus Box Tops. 5 schools will win.

*Sweepstakes ends November 1<sup>st</sup>*



## GOT BOX TOPS CLIPS?



We know getting traditional Box Tops to school may be a challenge this year—and your safety comes first. **Here's what to do:**

- **FIRST**, check with your school's Coordinator to see if they're collecting Box Tops at school.
- If not, we're opening up the fall submission to **ALL** users. See step-by-step instructions at [BTFE.com/submit](http://BTFE.com/submit).

**All Box Tops submissions must be postmarked by November 2**

## SCARY GOOD SNACK IDEAS FOR OCTOBER



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## NEW SCAN REMINDERS

Our latest app version allows you to set up a friendly reminder on your phone to scan your receipts. Customize it to your shopping schedule!

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# DONATE TO YOUR FAVORITE SCHOOL INCREASE YOUR IMPACT

## The OLD way to donate:

Alexa would donate \$250 every year to her local private school. She owed the state \$750 in tax liability. Her total spend for tax liability and the donation was \$1,000.

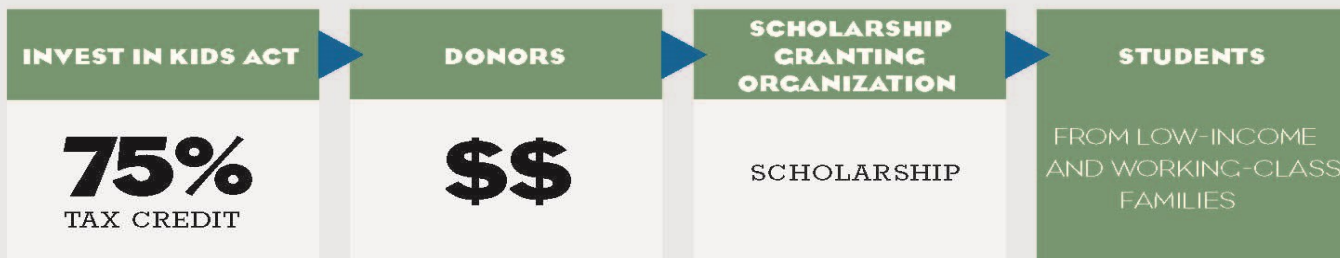


## The NEW way to donate:

Alexa could increase her donation to her local private school to \$1,000 and decrease her tax liability to \$0. She **quadrupled** her impact for the school while paying the same out-of-pocket cost.



## THE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: HOW IT WORKS



The Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program offers a **75 percent** income tax credit to individuals and businesses that contribute to qualified Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs). The SGOs then provide scholarships for students whose families meet the income requirements to attend qualified, non-public schools in Illinois.