

Here are your updates for the week ending Thursday, February 13, 2020

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SCHOOL CLOSED ON FRIDAY AND MONDAY:** St. Thomas the Apostle School will be closed tomorrow, Friday, February 14, for a teacher in-service day, and again on Monday, February 17, in observance of Presidents' Day.
- **TRANSPORTATION AND TEXTBOOK FORMS:** Last week we emailed everyone the [B6T Transportation Form](#), [Proof of Residency Form](#), and [Non-Public Textbook Form](#). All of these forms MUST be completed by every student who plans to return to St. Thomas next year. The forms can be found in the links here, on the school website, and in the new enrollment portal. **All forms must be submitted to your child's homeroom teacher by March 2.** (The Proof of Residency Form only needs to be completed if you live in Old Bridge, Sayreville, South River, or Jackson.)
- **2020-21 SCHOOL REGISTRATION:** All families in grades Pre-K 3 through 7<sup>th</sup> who plan to return to St. Thomas next year will be receiving an email from PowerSchool to complete your registration in the new enrollment portal. Please note that there are some forms that need to be downloaded and filled out. Most of these completed forms can be uploaded directly to the portal, which is preferred as they are less likely to get lost. This is a new procedure for all of us, so we thank you in advance for your patience as we "learn the ropes" and find our way! Please email any questions or issues you have with the new process to [Registration@sttaob.com](mailto:Registration@sttaob.com), and someone will respond as soon as possible.
- **AFTER CARE PAYMENTS:** All January After Care invoices have been sent home and have a due date of February 21. If you used the program in January and did not receive an invoice, please let Mrs. Fritzen know.
- **HOSPITAL CARE PACKAGES:** We are currently collecting personal items to donate to families who have loved ones in the hospital. The collection will end on February 28. For the items requested or more information, please click here: [HOSPITAL BAGS FOR PARENTS.pdf](#)

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

- **WARM OUTERWEAR:** Please be sure that your child(ren) are dressed properly to be outside. The students continue to go outside for recess all through the winter on days that the "real feel" temperature is above 35\* so please be sure that they are wearing warm coats, hats, gloves, etc.
- **VISITOR LANYARDS:** Just a gentle reminder that when you are in the building to volunteer or visit, you must sign in AND out. You must wear a volunteer or visitor lanyard at all times and be sure to RETURN THE LANYARD BEFORE YOU LEAVE, even if you are a lunch parent who is in the building regularly. We started the year with 25 blue volunteer lanyards, and as of today we only have 5! If you accidentally took one home, please return it ASAP. Thank you.
- **SHUTTERFLY STOREFRONT:** When ordering your 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](http://STAS.ShutterflyStorefront.com) and we get 8% of every purchase made!!! [Storefront Flier](#)

That's it for this week. Enjoy the long weekend everyone!