

TAKE HOME TUESDAY

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 * St. Albert the Great School
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Important Scholarship Info!!

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION: The Tax Credit Scholarships are quite exciting and seem to be a viable way for families to make Catholic education more affordable. Please visit the Archdiocesan website for more detailed information: <http://ArchChicago.org/tcs>

Application process: You will need to apply for tax credit scholarships through a scholarship granting organization (SGO), which will manage this process, instead of the Archdiocese or your school directly. There are several SGOs in Illinois. The Archdiocese of Chicago is working with two SGOs: Empower Illinois and Big Shoulders Fund.

The application process with Empower Illinois will be completed online at www.empowerillinois.org. The application process will open **January 24, 2018**. The application process with Big Shoulders Fund will be completed online at www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org. The application process will open **January 22, 2018**.

What you need to apply: Based on what we know today, families will need the following documents in order to apply for a tax credit scholarship:

- Copy of 2016 federal tax return or 1099, W-2 or year-end pay stubs
- Proof of Illinois residency (driver's license, state ID or utility bill)
- Documentation of student age (birth certificate, federal/state ID or passport)
- If available, a letter of acceptance or enrollment at an eligible, participating, non-public school

BIG PARENT PAY OFF: This month, raffle tickets are being given for the following:

- Attending the 1/11 FSA Meeting
- Attending the Parent University on 1/18
- Volunteering for Masses on 1/28
- Volunteering for Open Houses on 1/28 and on 2/1
- Coaching our sports teams

Raffle tickets will be due in the office on 2/5 and student's names will be pulled at the end of the day. The Big Parent Pay Off Dress down day will be the next day, on 2/6

Go Parents!!

NO HOT LUNCH on 2/2/18 (Friday) The whole school will be attending our Disney On Ice Field Trip that day. No hot lunches will be available. If you have ordered a hot lunch on this day, a lunch credit will be given to you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed for our upcoming Catholic Schools Week events, especially for our Open Houses. Our parents manage the tours that take place during the Open Houses, and we could really, really use all the help we can get! **Open House #1 is Sunday, 1/28 from 9:00 am - Noon; Open House #2 is Thursday, 2/1 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm.** Please email Ms. Radecka (aradecka@satgschool.org) if you are available to help us out. Once we get a solid list, we will send you more details. Thank you!!

FSA Meeting: Please join us for our monthly FSA meeting this Thursday at 7:00 pm. Big Parent Pay Off Raffles will be available as we prepare for our Catholic Schools Week, Lunch Room makeover, GREAT Event, and Valentines events that are coming up soon!!

PARENT AMBASSADORS AT PARENT UNIVERSITY NIGHT!!

The January Parent University night will be held on Thursday, January 18th at 6:30 pm. The topic for this month will be the Parent Ambassador program. Please see the flyer on the reverse of this THT. We will be hosting an informational night pizza party so that you can learn more about this program. Parent Ambassadors ensure the longevity of a school, as they provide the outreach, information, and support that is needed for our parish members and possible new school families. If you want to see St. Albert the Great continue on for years and years to come, please consider being a part of the Parent Ambassadors, even if you cannot give a lot of time, there is something for you!! Please RSVP to Mrs. McLawhorn by 1/16 jmclawhorn@satgschool.org

BASKETBALL: Good Luck to our basketball teams that continue to put in the hard work and dedication to our team! Come out and cheer on our Sabres!

Thank you to our hard working Student Council officers who prepared such an enjoyable Christmas Countdown Week for us! We all had such a GREAT time!!

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATIONS: Registration for our next school year will begin starting next Tuesday, January 16th. The GREAT Registration Race will begin on that date as well! The "Great Registration Race" will end on April 10th - and the classroom that is #1 on the leaderboard will earn a dress down day and a pizza lunch! If there is a tie, then the "win" will go to the class with the most Materials Fees handed in. It will be fun to watch the daily updates as to who is in the lead, which encourages our students to be excited about coming back to St. Albert the Great for our 66th school year. We all take great pride in the hard we do here at school, and this is just another way to have some fun with the kids.