## TAKE HOME TUESDAY

## Tuesday, April 11, 2017 \* St. Albert the Great School Jodi McLawhorn, Principal \* satgprincipal@gmail.com

ACT ASPIRE TESTING: When we return from spring break, on Tuesday, April 25th, students in grades 3 thru 8 will be completing their standardized testing. This test is called the ACT Aspire test. It is a standards-based system of assessments to monitor progress toward college and career readiness. This year, your teachers have embarked upon the Harvard Data Wise Journey to gain a deeper understanding of our test scores as well as other sources of student data - to better align our work to student achievement and learning. We have taken practice tests all year, which are called "interims". We have examined the data from those interims and have explored strategies aligned to student needs. It has been an intense year of data exploration and self-reflection. Please support our efforts by making sure that your children in grades 3-8 are on time to school, well rested and nourished, so they are ready to go for our testing from April 25th through April 28th. Thank you!

**PARISH SUNDAY BRUNCH:** All families are asked to please support this parish event by selling raffle tickets. This event will be well attended and we hope to see you there on April 30th!

HOLY THURSDAY will be an 11:30 am dismissal. The Extended Day room will be open until 6:00 pm on this day. Please notify Mrs. Joda or Mrs. Krol if you are in need of services.

**SATG ATHLETICS:** Soccer season is well underway!! Please see up to date scheduling on our school website's calendar. <u>www.stalabertthegreatschool.com</u> A special thank you to all of our parent coaches who work so hard to make this a great season for our students! Good luck to all of our Sabres as they compete and represent us well during this soccer season!

## LOOKING AHEAD:

4/13: Holy Thursday - 11:30 am Dismissal
4/14: Good Friday - NO SCHOOL, SPRING BREAK
BEGINS
4/16: Happy Easter!
4/24: School back in session
4/25-28: ACT ASPIRE TESTING WEEK for grades 3-8
4/26: J.H. Field Trip to White Sox game
5-6: First Communion @10:00 am

**CONFIRMATION:** Our 8th graders will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation over our Easter Break. The Confirmation practice is on 4/20 at 7:00 pm in Church. The Confirmation date is Saturday, 4/22 at 1:00 pm in Church with Bishop Wypych residing. Please keep our 8th graders in your thoughts and prayers during this important time in their lives as they welcome the Holy Spirit into their lives.

**SPRING BREAK:** Our spring break begins tomorrow, Thursday, 4/13 following our early dismissal at 11:30 am. Classes will resume on Monday 4/24 at 8:00 am.

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE AT ST. ALBERT THE GREAT! Please share our Facebook and Twitter posts with your friends. Please share the good news of the great things going on at St. Albert the Great! If you bring in a new family that registers and remains at SATG for the 2017-2018 SY, you will receive a 25% discount on your own tuition! Thank you!

**VIRTUAL BACKPACK:** At this time of the year, there are many places offering summer camps, summer programs, and the like. They ask us to distribute copies to our students. With printing costs increasing all the time, we have decided to host these items on our website in a section called the, "Virtual Backpack". You will find this on our website, under the PARENT INFO tab, then go to SCHOOL NEWS.

<u>The following items will be uploaded to the Virtual</u> <u>Backpack this week:</u>

SMSU Cheer Camps, Chicago Blackhawks "Pass it on" Challenge, DeLaSalle Summer Camps, Archdiocese & Cardinal Cupich "Way of the Cross" walk, Prairie Trails Libary brochure, Little Company of Mary physicals.

**YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS:** are going home today. They are \$15 each, and a great keepsake for your children. Thank you to our Yearbook Club for working so hard at putting together a great year of memories!

**REGISTRATIONS:** Registrations for the upcoming school year are at an all-time high percentage. Don't forget to register today! If you pay in April, the Materials Fee is \$300; and if you pay in May or later, it is \$350. As you can see, there is a considerable discount for paying the <u>Materials Fee</u> early.

**CALLING ALL MOMS, POPS, AND 2 YEAR OLD TOTS!!** St. Albert the Great school is offering a 2 year old program on Tuesday mornings for moms, pops, and tots to come together and get those academic juices flowing! The program will feature lively and interactive songs, dances, crafts, and activities. Mom and/or Pop must attend with your 2 year old. This program is free of charge! Program begins on Tuesday, April 4th, and runs through Tuesday, May 30th. All sessions will run from 9:30 am - 10:30 am. Call the school office to register today!!! (708)424-7757

Easter Blessings to all of our St. Albert the Great families!

## ~Mrs. McLawhorn and the faculty and staff of St. Albert the Great School

