

# TAKE HOME TUESDAY

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Tuesday, August 21, 2018 \* St. Albert the Great School  
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Welcome to our 1st edition of the "Take Home Tuesday" for the 2018-2019 School Year! This newsletter will serve as the primary communication between our school and our parents. This newsletter will also be uploaded to our school's website under the <Parents> tab, then under <School News>. It is suggested that all parents use our website as a main source of information. With that in mind, the "Take Home Tuesday" will be printed for your convenience and sent home with your family's "Tuition Carrier" child, on the FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH. The THT will be then uploaded every consecutive Tuesday evening to our website for the remaining Tuesdays of the Month. You will receive the THT through an email, as well as be able to access it online via our website: [www.stalbertthegreatschool.com](http://www.stalbertthegreatschool.com). All of this in an effort to ensure that we work together as one for the well being of our students, and your children! Please be sure to always read the Take Home Tuesday in its entirety so that you are aware of all events and "goings-on" at St. Albert the Great!



**INCREDIBLE SCHOOL! INCREDIBLE PEOPLE!** Is our theme for the 2018-2019 School year. We strive everyday to be incredible in every way. We are not perfect, but we know that through the mistakes we make, we grow and get better. It is because of this mindset, that our school is an Incredible place with Incredible people. The massive transformation that has occurred over the past 2 years is only possible with incredible people supporting each other. Thank you to all these "superheroes" that make St. Albert the Great - great! That includes all of you, our students, parents, teachers, staff, and parishioners. The first days of school are great days to celebrate our successes as we anticipate a marvelous year full of more incredible things to come!

**Parish Carnival:** The St. Albert the Great Carnival is happening this week!!! **August 23rd - 26th.** All parents who have a student enrolled in St. Albert the Great School from Preschool on up, are expected to work a shift at the Carnival. If you have not signed up already, please contact Mrs. Franco ([jfranco@satgschool.org](mailto:jfranco@satgschool.org)) to secure your volunteer spot.

**Carnival Raffle:** All St. Albert the Great families are required to sell \$100 in raffles for the Carnival as one of our mandatory fundraisers. The \$100 will be automatically added to your tuition account on FACTS, so there is no need to bring money into the school office. Simply sell your raffle tickets, and return the stubs to the school office by **THIS THURSDAY, AUGUST 23rd.** Please do not give your \$100 raffle to anyone other than Mrs. Krol, Mrs. Franco, or Ms. Giemza in the parish office. If you hand the money in to these people, you must get a receipt to ensure that your FACTS account gets credited. Please call the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

**Happy Hour:** Please join us every night of the Carnival for Happy Hour from 6-7 pm at the School Tent. We will be giving away raffle tickets throughout the hour that will get pulled at 7:00 pm. The Happy Hour raffle prize will be for the following groups: Thursday - all SATG School children; Friday - all SATG parents; Saturday - all SATG alumni; and Sunday - all children at the Carnival.

**Hot Lunch Program:** We are pleased to offer a Hot Lunch Program at St. Albert the Great. September orders were due yesterday, August 20th. If you are interested in participating in the Hot Lunch Program, please email Mrs. Espinoza at: [elvaespinoza25@gmail.com](mailto:elvaespinoza25@gmail.com)

Students in grades 1-8 will walk over to Rogers Hall for lunch everyday. Please make sure that the children have items needed for the elements of the weather (jackets, umbrella's, boots, etc.). Students in Pre and K will eat in their classrooms.)



**Parking Lot:** A reminder to our parents to be extremely cautious in our parking lots before and after school. It is requested that you park your car, and escort your child to the courtyard at drop off; then park your car and enter the courtyard at dismissal for pick up. We cannot allow children to walk unaccompanied through a parking lot of moving cars. Your cooperation is appreciated by all for the safety of our students. We will follow this routine until Tuesday, August 28th. Thank you!

State Law requires that certain grade levels of school children receive medical, dental, and vision exams by September 21st. If your child has not completed their exam and brought in the paperwork from your doctor by September 21st, then they will not be allowed in school the following week. The following grade levels must complete their exams: **HEALTH:** Preschool, Kindergarten, 6th, and new students - **VISION:** Kindergarten, any out of state student - **DENTAL:** Kindergarten, 2nd, 6th grades.

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**School Improvements:** Thank you to Mr. Ferreri, Mr. Miguel Saucedo, and Mr. Luis Saucedo for making our school look so amazing this year! From the freshly painted ceilings to the new office and security doors, we truly appreciate all your efforts for the children!

**Parent Ambassadors:** On Thursday, September 6th at 6:00 pm, we will be hosting our first Parent Ambassadors group meeting for the year. The Parent Ambassadors work to promote the school through community events and outreach. We all know, that if we promote our school and more children attend our school, then our own children will have more opportunities in the classroom, in athletics, and in school life. Please come by on September 6th to learn more about this group.

**Family-School Association:** On Thursday, September 6th at 7:00 p.m., we will be having our first Family-School Association meeting of the year. This group serves in a similar capacity to that of a "PTA", as it works together to support the needs of the school and to assist with fun school events and school spirit. I would welcome all of our parents to attend the first meeting to learn what this is all about. We love our parents and volunteers, so I hope to see all of you at this first meeting of the year!

Don't have time to volunteer? No worries, send your information to Mrs. Rosas our FSA President and let her know that you'd like to help out if you are able: rtagle77@hotmail.com

**Opening School Mass:** On Friday, August 24th, we will hold our Opening School Year Mass at 8:30 am for grades K - 8 (our Preschoolers learn about going to Mass throughout the year, but it's a little too early for them to attend at this time). Please come and join us as we begin this new year together!

**Back to School Night in Grades 1-8:** Parents and students are invited to join us for Back to School Night on Tuesday, August 28th from 6-8 pm. We will also be hosting a Back to School Morning on Wednesday, August 29th at 7:30 am for parents who work in the evenings. The purpose of this event is to meet your child's teacher and to learn how you will partner throughout the school year to help your child achieve their goals.

**Early Dismissal Wednesdays:** Every other Wednesday, our school goes on an Early Dismissal schedule, in order to afford our teachers time to work on our School Improvement Plan. We employ the Data Wise system of school improvement, which requires us to work collaboratively on a regular basis. This work is extremely important to the success of our school, as it has led to our current Personalized Learning Program and technological advances. School will dismiss at 1:45 p.m. on these days. If you are in need of child care until 3:00 p.m., we offer that free of charge until 3:00 pm on the Early Dismissal days. Please contact Mrs. Joda if you will be using the Extended Day program on those days. **Our first Early Dismissal day is set for Wednesday, August 29th (next week).**

**School Messenger:** If you happen to get a phone call from me, please don't be alarmed! We use an email and phone messaging system to communicate with parents called "School Messenger". If you get a phone call from the school, listen to the message in its entirety. I will be calling often with information that will be important for you to know!

ALSO, you will be getting a text message tomorrow asking if you would like to "opt in" to our new school messaging text system. Please opt in to receive text messages from the school this year.

## Looking Ahead:

8/22: Gym Classes Begin  
8/23-26: PARISH CARNIVAL!! Be sure to volunteer!  
8/24: Opening School Mass @8:30 am; Band For Today Demonstration  
8/27: Band For Today Instrument Matching Day  
8/28: Resume normal school year parking, drop off, and pick up routines; BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 6-8 pm  
8/29: BACK TO SCHOOL MORNING 7:30 am; Early Dismissal at 1:45 p.m.; Way to Go Wednesday!  
9/3: NO SCHOOL  
9/6: Parent Ambassador Meeting @ 6pm; Family-School Association Meeting @ 7pm  
9/11: Patriot's Day Mass @8:30 am  
9/17: Grandparents Day Mass @8:30 am  
9/21: Deadline for Medical, Dental and Vision paperwork  
9/23: Harvest Festival

*As we smile and enjoy the beginnings of another school year, please keep the family of Mrs. Miller in your thoughts and prayers. Mrs. Miller wanted so desperately to be here with us for the start of the school year. We know she is here in spirit, and we will continue to keep her in our daily intentions.*