

TAKE HOME TUESDAY

Thursday September 13, 2018 * St. Albert the Great School
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Dear SATG Families,

I apologize that this "Take Home Tuesday", is in fact only coming to you today on Thursday, September 13th. It has been a very busy time here at school, and I am so pleased with our progress so far this year. Our students are doing great work in the classrooms daily with our Educational Technology programs (Lexia, Think CERCA, Moby Max, IXL) and their progress to reaching their goals is starting to become more evident every day. Thank you for supporting our work by signing up for your teacher's Google Classroom page and checking back often. If you have not signed up for your child's Google Classroom page, then please email your teacher to make sure you can get on. The Google Classroom pages will soon be filled with news, important information, pictures, updates, assignments, and great resources for your children and for you.

Office Updates: We hope you have had the opportunity to see the new updates to the school office. In an effort to provide our students and staff with the safest environment, we have installed a security entrance and service window in the main entrance of the school. Additionally, we have a new addition to our school office, as Mrs. Franco is with us during her time that she is not working on her Marketing efforts. Mrs. Franco is in the school office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mrs. Krol is in the office on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. If you need something in a timely manner, the quickest form of communication is to call the school office, as Mrs. Krol or Mrs. Franco may not be checking school emails daily.

Spring Break 2019: I wanted to make sure that you have explored our school calendar, which is available on our website (www.stalbertthegreatschool.org). This year, our spring break will occur in two smaller increments. The reason for this, is that the National Catholic Educators Association is hosting it's annual convention here in Chicago. The Archdiocese wants to make sure that all of our teachers are a strong presence at this convention and have the opportunity to take advantage of this opportunity. The convention dates are in direct conflict with our typical spring break time. Because of this, we will be having 2 spring breaks this year. Spring Break #1 will take place from March 18th through March 20th, and Spring Break #2 will take place from April 22nd through April 24th. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause your family vacation plans. Please know that every possible consideration was given to this matter to ensure an equitable solution for our students and for our teachers.

Harvest Festival: Our annual Harvest Festival will be held on September 23rd from 10 am - 6 pm here on our parish grounds. Volunteers are needed to help us sell pumpkins and other goodies! This is such a fun day. Please register at this link to volunteer

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0545acaf2daaf49-fall>

Catholic High School Visits: On September 20th, local area Catholic High Schools will be visiting St. Albert the Great to give presentations to our Junior High students. I encourage all of you to visit their websites and get as much information on them as you can ahead of time. We highly encourage our students to continue their Catholic education by attending a Catholic High School.

Virtual backpack: Items come in to the school office on a regular basis for community events or opportunities for your children. All of those items get uploaded on to our school website every week. Please visit our "virtual backpack" on the "Parents" - "School News" tab. <http://stalbertthegreatschool.com/School-News>

Student Activities and Clubs: A form for all clubs will be going home tomorrow (Friday). Please return by September 27 to sign up for our after school enrichment. If you have not yet signed up for the Polish Dance group, the Mexican Dance group, Band, our new theater group "Sabre Studio", or Judy Lei strings - then please make sure to return those forms, or contact the office for additional information. <http://www.stalbertthegreatschool.com/Activities>

Catechetical Sunday: This Sunday, is Catechetical Sunday, where we celebrate and honor our teachers who dedicate their careers to the formation of our children in the Catholic Faith. This will also be a family mass to welcome new families. Please join us this Sunday, September 16th at 9:00 am. We will be having a brief reception/fellowship to follow the mass in Rogers Hall. If you are a new parent, make sure to stop by Rogers Hall for a little welcoming gift. All parents can bring some sweets to share.

Grandparents Mass & Reception: Calling all grandparents!! Please join us on Monday, September 17th for our Grandparents Mass and reception. Mass will be at 8:30 am in Church. Grandparents are welcome to come to school to participate in our reception and visit classrooms.

Clean Up Day at SATG: On Friday, September 21st, school will not be in session, but parents can volunteer their time to help us keep our school clean. If you are interested in helping us out on this date, please email Mrs. Franco at jfranco@satgschool.org. We had a great response to our last clean up day, and many were interested in keeping it up and making our school shine. Please let Mrs. Franco know if you can attend.