

St. Thomas Aquinas Parent's Association

9/14/21 | Meeting called to order by Rocky Marsh, President

Welcome/Prayer/Board Introductions

Rocky Marsh, President

Ronnetta Spalding, Vice President

Angela Conner, Treasurer

Chelsea Durnil, Secretary

Principal's Report

Nancy Valdiserri

Administrator's report- attached

- First school in the area to restart attending mass
 - 29 new families with 41 new students
 - Faith partner activities have restarted
 - Jupiter weekly email, please READ. Make sure this is not going to junk/promotional folder.
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Kate Erdel, President of School Commission

Policy making board for the school

- Reviewed members
 - Meet monthly
 - Goals for the year:
 - Update bylaws
 - DEI- make a full standing committee (voting participant)
 - Support Mrs. Valdiserri
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Ronnetta Spalding, DEI representative

Goal is to create safe space for discussions and opportunities

- Numerous events coming up in the next month, details attached
- <https://stories.butler.edu/clowes-lawn-series/>
 - Butler University and GangGang partnership for the Clowes Lawn Series: September 17, 18, and 26; October 7, 8, 9, 16, 23, and 29
- SPEA DEI Summit – October 14 and 15 (virtual and in person options)

Announcements

- Book Fair is coming in a few weeks, look for sign-ups
- Looking for an enrichment lead
 - What do we want to bring into our kids' lives?
 - Would be in charge of contacting speakers and bringing new ideas
- Pep rallies to restart
- Review of events the PA supports
 - Mentor families
 - Flower sale
 - Trash bags
 - School lunches
 - Used uniform sales
 - School musical
 - Financial aid
- Out of uniform days
 - October 28th- for completing PA interest survey
 - November 23rd – for PA meeting attendance

Next Meeting

January 11th

May 3rd

PA/SC Administrator's Report
September 14, 2021

Enrollment

- **187** students (+7)
 - Kindergarten - 25 (+8)
 - 1st grade - 2(+02)
 - 2nd grade - 18 (+4)
 - 3rd grade - 16 (-2)
 - 4th grade - 17 (-7)
 - 5th grade - 23 (+5)
 - 6th grade - 17 (-4)
 - 7th grade - 26 (+3)
 - 8th grade - 25 (even)

Preschool

- 12 students (5 new families)
- 7 siblings

29 new families with 41 new students; all assigned Mentor families

Indiana Choice Scholarships (vouchers)

- 35 students receiving
- 21 parishioners; 14 non-parishioners
- \$184,820.53

SGO Scholarship

- 23 SGO awards
- \$21,000
- 11 (of 23) establish pathways for Choice Scholarships next year

Local Financial Aid

- provided \$18,500 in financial aid from PA, Shors and Mocas endowments

Total Financial Aid provided to STA Families - \$224,320.53

Staffing

- Almost Full staff - 3 new teachers, 1 new aide
- New School Secretary

EANS - Emergency Assistance for Non Public Schools

- \$171,500
- iPads, Chromebooks, covers, Google licenses, Charging stations
- Non glare white boards
- Outdoor learning space - equipment - Fence financed by Sausagefest
- Reference books - MS Social Studies
- OT Services - PreK - K - 1
- Friendly - SEL program - all grades
- 1 additional day/week for Social Worker focusing on SEL
- Tools for Success - Curriculum mapping
- iReady - on-going assessment monitoring student growth
- Reimbursement for Covid related expenses 2019-2020

St. Thomas Aquinas Race and Culture Committee invites you to an

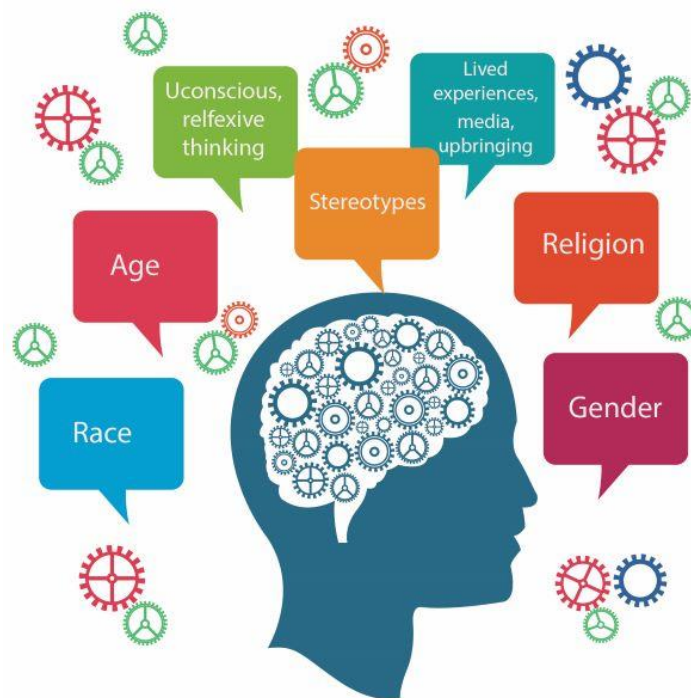
IMPLICIT BIAS WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, OCT. 16, 2021

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Held virtually, via Zoom

Facilitated by the Peace Learning Center



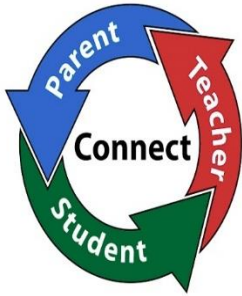
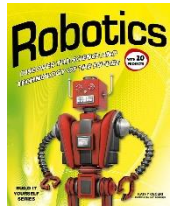
Register here by Oct. 10

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C49A9AE2BA2FB6-implicit>

Implicit bias is something we all have. This workshop examines what it is, how it differs from overt bias, how to recognize our own, and how to move past bias through action. Join Peace Learning Center facilitators for an experience of self-exploration and self-reflection in a safe, encouraging space. The group will be led through the following self-reflection and discussions:

- Identifying and owning your own implicit bias(es) and overt bias(es)
- How this connects to being a gatekeeper (person with power)
- How this can inform/influence actions and interactions with people

The workshop is free and is limited to 50 participants.



Rocky Marsh-President (papresident.sta@gmail.com)

Ronnetta Spaulding-Vice President

Angela Conner-Treasurer

Chelsea Durnil-Secretary

Tiffany Benjamin-Past President

21-22 Meeting Dates (School Science Lab):

September 14, 2021

January 11, 2022

May 3, 2022

From Trash Bag Sales, School Lunches, and Parent Involvement, PA supports:

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| Teacher Appreciation | Robotics | School Musical | Field Trips | Grandparent's Day |
| Hospitality | Family Support | School/Student Support-Financial Aid | | |
| Used Uniform Sales | School Enrichment | Teacher Grants | Yearbook | Book Fair |
| | | | | Flower Sales |