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Saint Teresa School

*We are a faith-filled Catholic community called by God
to teach, nurture and guide our children
to achieve their God-given potential on life's journey to heaven.*

Faith Community Academic Excellence



January 24, 2018 – St. Francis de Sales

Dear Parents,

This Thursday our 6th grade students will be going to the State Capital to represent our school at the National School Choice Rally (NSC). NSC started in 2011 and has grown into the world's largest celebration of opportunity in education with 32,250 events across all 50 states. Their goal is to raise public awareness of all types of education options for children. This is an important time for Catholic education in Nebraska, by helping families who can't afford it to have a Catholic education. Below is an important message from Tom Venzor, Executive Director from NE Catholic Conference sharing about the important of LB 295.

"I just want to say thank you, in advance, for any advocacy you do on this issue. Our state senators need to hear from Catholics on this issue. This is our opportunity to stand up for those who need financial assistance to exercise true education choice. We are certain this bill will get prioritized and be debated by the full legislature. We also believe it has the opportunity to become law, but this will require some hard work and good advocacy to ensure we can get the necessary votes to overcome a filibuster on the issue.

In case you've missed or misplaced them from previous e-mails, (We had sent out an email about LB 295 earlier)... You can find more info [here](#) and [join our advocacy network](#)."

Thank you to those who have written to our Senator Patty Pansing Brooks and/or Governor Pete Ricketts.

We are getting ready to celebrate Catholic Schools Week next week! Praise God for our beautiful and holy school! God bless you all!

In the Heart of Christ the King, I am,
Sister Anne Joelle, C.K.

DATES for: January

- 25 St. Teresa Book Fair in St. Teresa Library ends Jan. 28th Gr. 7 Confessions
Happy ½ Feast Day, Fr. Hottovy & Bishop Conley, and Happy Birthday, Miss Volkmer!
- 26 PK-B Day
- 28 Catholic Schools Week (CSW) begins! Happy Birthday, Mrs. Arens!
- 29 Grades 1-5 movies Grades 6-8 Cook Pavilion
- 30 Religion Quiz Bowl 10 a.m.-11 a.m. PK & K Bowling 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Staff Luncheon 1 p.m.
- 31 Happy ½ Feast Day, Fr. Raminedi! Grades 6-8 Catholic Author/K-Gr. 5 Read & Feed 2 p.m. Volleyball

DATES for: February

- 1 Patriotic Program after Mass Gr. 8 Sandhills Publishing
- 2 First Friday Eucharistic Adoration and Procession PK-A Day
- 5 **No School** (Curriculum Day)
- 6 First Holy Communion Parent Meeting 7 p.m.
- 7 Leadership Board Meeting 4 p.m.
- 8 8th Grade Confessions 2:30 p.m.
- 9 **No preschool or kindergarten classes** Kindergarten Preview 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Happy Birthday, Mrs. Werner! Junior High Trivia Night
- 12 8th Grade Orientation Pius X 7:00 p.m.

PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS: Carson Kain & Matthew Kovar

THINGS BEING SENT HOME: Lunch and Library notices; Class Reservation Forms (which haven't been returned yet); Kindergarten Preview Invitations to current preschoolers

ATTACHMENTS: Morrill Hall-Dinosaurs & Disasters flyer; Junior Saltdogs Baseball League flyer; Spring Blast Pius X Apparel Sale; February school calendar

BOOK FAIR!!! Please join us for a Scholastic Book Fair January 22-28. Students can purchase books during the school day or after school. You can also purchase books before and after all the Masses on January 27-28 and during the Catholic Schools Week open house. **Can't make it to school to shop?** Shop online or browse the catalog, visit www.scholastic.com/bf/stteresaschool5 or download the Scholastic Book Fair app for iPhone or Android. Online shopping is open now until January 30th. Proceeds from the book fair benefit the school library. If you have any questions or would be interested in helping out, especially on Sunday, contact Susan-Pepino@cdolinc.net.

"DID YOU KNOW?" Saint Teresa's School Family Association (SFA)...

- Consists of the school staff and faculty, EVERY parent of Saint Teresa's School, and a 15 member board?
- The 15 board members include the principal, the pastor, a teacher representative, and many parent volunteers?
- Looks for at least 4 new board members every year and is a GREAT way to be involved with our wonderful school?

ROSARY CRUSADE: Fr. Jim Kelleher, SOLT was invited by Bishop Conley to visit all of the Catholic Schools in the diocese. Today he spoke to all of the students at St. Teresa's about the miraculous medal and the power of Mary's intercessory prayer to lead us to Jesus and encouraged them to pray the rosary every day. Your children might be asking to buy 100 miraculous medals for a total of \$8 to be evangelists. Where to get bulk medals: <https://tinyurl.com/yccbxd4>
Tips on how to give a miraculous medal: <https://tinyurl.com/y9p87vf8>

HELP THE ST. TERESA SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM by voting for us once a day through Jan. 26.

<https://www.follettchallenge.com/video.cfm?id=1035> Spread the word and vote each day!

10 submissions will receive \$8,000, 2nd place gets \$30,000 and 1st place gets \$60,000! Have you voted today?

WEATHER / SCHOOL CLOSINGS -St. Teresa School is closed if the Lincoln Public Schools are closed. Listen to the radio or television for the notice. I sent out an email the first time because we didn't remind you about what to listen to. You can sign up for Remind if you wish to be notified for school closings. (See "Upcoming Events/Reminders" for the link and instructions.)

SUPERSTAR CATHOLIC SCHOOL Vote for St. Teresa School in the 2018 Spirit Catholic Radio Contest, which begins Mon., Jan. 29 and runs through Sat., Feb. 3 at spiritcatholicradio.com/superstar. The top Catholic elementary and high school in each community size category will win a trophy, \$1,000 worth of promotion on Spirit Catholic Radio, prayer cards for all students, coffee for staff and a LIVE interview on the Spirit Mornings show. You can help us win by voting, beginning Mon., Jan 29.

MOMS MEETING: "Suffering Survival Guide" February 3 -- just in time for Lent -- the director of Catholic Social Services and St. Gianna Women's Homes, Fr. Christopher Kubat, will be speaking to us about suffering. Join us to gain inspiration and insights on how to suffer well and to unite our crosses to Christ. Lincoln Mothers on a Mission (MOMs) is a group of Catholic mothers searching for fellowship, hope, & joy in our ever-changing vocation. Monthly meetings are held every first Saturday, 8:30-10:30 am at Gianna's Java & Gelato, in The Guadalupe Center (2241 O St., Suite T, Lincoln, NE 68510). Your free-will donations help cover the cost of speakers, reserved babysitting, and coffee/snacks (\$5 suggested per meeting). Contact us at lincolnmoms@outlook.com or our Facebook page. Let us know in advance if you need babysitting, and please bring a friend!

Before the talk, moms (and kids) are also invited for 8:00 a.m. Mass at the Gianna's Chapel. (Enter chapel from inside The Guadalupe Center. Childcare is available after Mass.)

WAYS TO SERVE

AMAZON SMILE: #StartWithaSmile at smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0393174 Amazon donates to St Teresa Catholic Church of Lincoln. Use Scrip or Propelr on Amazon Smile for double the profit!

SCRIP AND PROPLR NEWS: New year, new _____! Fill in the blank with "create new habits" and let one of those habits be using Scrip. You may think that your use of Scrip won't amount to much. Check out the back of the current Scrip form to learn what kind of an impact you can make when you use Scrip and then encourage those around you to do the same. We were around \$4,000 short of our goal in 2017. Let's work smarter instead of harder to reach our \$25,000 goal for 2018.

For a limited time:

-FREE \$5 Marcus Theatres Snack Cash with the purchase of \$25 of Marcus Scrip.

- \$100 Barnes and Noble cards
- \$100 Shopko
- \$15 iTunes
- \$10 Walmart
- \$25 Leon's grocery (Ideal Grocery cards that will be accepted at Leon's)

Would you be willing to help sell Scrip? Please contact the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

KINDERGARTEN PREVIEW: Kindergarten preview will be held on Friday, **February 9th** at St. Teresa School. Two sessions are available: 9:30 am & 1:00 pm. Invitations to our current Preschoolers are in your CE this week. If you have a future Kindergartener and are not in our current Preschool Program please call the school office to let us know that you are planning on attending. Also, spread the word to others that may have a kindergartener next year. Kindergarteners are required to be 5 years old by July 31st.

SIGN UP FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM SCHOOL: **Remind** is a free, safe, and easy program to reach you with important information. You can choose to receive notifications by text, email, or the app. Please click on the link to sign up. (For reference, our class code is @teresa1930.) <https://www.remind.com/join/teresa1930> . You may also text @teresa1930 to the number 81010. Thanks for joining! Check out the attachment for more ways to sign up.

PIUS X JUNIOR HIGH & SENIOR HIGH TRAP TEAM An informational meeting for the Pius Junior High (6th-8th) and Senior High Trap Shooting Club will be held on Sun., Jan. 21st at the Lincoln Izaak Walton League Clubhouse located at 10801 S. 134th Street, Bennet (about 4 miles east of 84th & Highway 2, and then south ½ mile on 134th Street). This meeting is open to possible new members interested in the Pius Junior High/Senior High Trap Club, and the meeting should take no more than one hour. For more information, call Pius X Trap Coach, Craig Keaschall, at 402.499.9767. If you cannot make this meeting, there are two other informational meetings available (same location)
Tuesday, January 30th, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, February 3rd, 12:00 noon

PIUS BOOSTER APPAREL: The webstore for SPRING BLAST items for Pius X is up and ready for ordering. Please use a desktop computer when ordering. Please see attached flyer.

The website closes on 1/25/18 at midnight. Here is the link: <http://stores.inksoft.com/pius>

Our St. Teresa students might wish to purchase booster items to show support for our high school during the spring and summer months. Items ordered during this online sale **Jan. 17-25** will be available for pickup during Pius new student orientation in February.