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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



October 11, 2017 – St. John XXIII

Dear Parents,

100 years ago on Oct. 12 a mother asked her daughter to go with her to confession. She thought they would be killed the next day. Why? Because a Lady in an apparition had promised her daughter, Lucia, and two cousins, Francisco and Jacinta, that she would send a miracle, but the mother, Mrs. dos Santos, was as skeptical as the nonbelievers and feared they would do harm if there was no miracle. Nevertheless, she was determined to be with her daughter even unto death. Lucia gladly went to confession, although she had no doubts that our Blessed Mother would keep her promise – and did she ever! The story of Fatima is one that every Catholic should know and share with others. Many have come to believe in God through this miracle.

On October 13, 1917, even though it had been raining for more than a day, the crowd was estimated to be 70,000 to 80,000 in the Cova with another 20,000 within a 25 mile radius. Our Lady's message to Lucia was, "...that a chapel is to be built here in my honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day. The war is going to end..." The first Chapel of the Apparitions was consecrated on Oct. 13, 1921. It was destroyed by dynamite from anti-religious extremists on March 6, 1922. A second chapel was built on the site in 1928. Later, a beautiful basilica was built nearby honoring the mysteries of the rosary. The bodies of the three visionaries are now reserved in the basilica for veneration. Mary answered Lucia's question from July by stating who she was, *the Lady of the Rosary*. In all the apparitions she emphasized praying the rosary to end wars, bring world peace and convert sinners. When Lucia implored Our Lady to pray for the sick, she replied that to receive God's blessings we must ask for forgiveness for our sins and reform our lives. Mary also said with great sadness, "Do not offend the Lord our God anymore, because He is already so much offended." Mary knows well the price of our sins, for her Son paid it all.

Around 1:00 p.m. the miracle of the sun began. Believers and nonbelievers alike, were able to look at the sun without hurting their eyes. Everyone stood still staring at the sun. Maria da Capelinha shared in her account, "The sun cast different colors, yellow, blue, and white. It trembled constantly. It looked like a revolving ball of fire falling upon the people." The sun appeared to fall towards the earth in a zig zagging motion causing people to cry out in fear, "Ah, Jesus, we are all going to die here! Our Lady, save us!" Many made acts of contrition. One woman even confessed her sins aloud. When the sun finally resumed its normal position everyone knew it was the miracle that Our Lady had promised. Not only that, but their clothes and the ground which only moments before were drenched were now dry. After the miracle it was reported that the people flocked to the chapels. There was no question that something supernatural had occurred.

While the people saw the sun do amazing and frightening things, the children were totally absorbed in a different apparition. "Then, opening her hands, [Our Lady] made them reflect on the sun, and as she ascended, the reflection of her own light continued to be projected on the sun itself." Then the children saw Joseph holding the Child Jesus beside Mary and they blessed the world making the sign of the cross three times. This appearance of the Holy Family brought with it a message to strengthen family life. We've witnessed in our own time the attacks on marriage and the family and the many ways families suffer from divorce, infidelity, cohabitation, abortion, illegitimacy, sexual and substance abuse, neglect, anger, violence, artificial birth control and in vitro fertilization. Pope Benedict XVI often pointed to religious indifference and secularism as playing a key role in the fall of the traditional family and respect for the sanctity of life. How many Catholics do not pray, go to Mass or receive the sacrament of penance regularly? The family is the basic building block of society. As the family goes, so goes society. We must be attentive to Our Lady's call for prayer and penance. What will it take to awaken our faith and to remember how much we need God? Let us work together to strengthen the family. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

In the Heart of the King, I am,
Sister Mary Faustina, CK

DATES for: October

- 13 End of 1st Quarter; PK-A Day; **Walk the Little Way shirts** may be worn with uniforms! School Rosary with Buddy/movie; Our Lady of Fatima Rosary led by Knights of Columbus, **6 p.m. in church (Note time change)**
- 16 Mon **NO SCHOOL**, Teacher Workday
- 17 1st grade field trip
- 18 Wed **School Family Mtg., 7:00 p.m. (moved from Nov. 14) Doernemans speaking about protecting our children**
- 20 Fri **12:30 dismissal**, Student Council sponsored Wellness Festival 2017; Faculty Meeting; PK-A Day
- 22 Happy Birthday, Mrs. Pokojski!
- 23 Grade 4 Field Trip
- 24 Give to Pius X Day
- 25 Wed Report cards issued
Happy Birthday, Miss Dinan!
- 26 PK & K, and Grades 6, 7, & 8 Field Trips
- 27 PK-B Day
- 29 Sun. Superbowl of the Saints at CK Motherhouse, 1:00-3:45 p.m.
- 31 Tues All Saints Parties

November

- 1 Wed **NO SCHOOL**, All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation
- 2-7 Candy Tithing
- 3 MCA Collection / Lunch Adoration / Exposition, 9 a.m., all day Adoration, followed by Benediction 2:45 p.m.; PK-A Day
- 4 Sat. Mass of Intention for Sacramental Students and Parents **Saturday at 8:15 a.m.**
Happy Birthday, Rosie Polak!

HOLY FATHER'S OCTOBER INTENTION: Workers and the Unemployed -That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

PRAY FOR THESE CARMELITE FORMATION SISTERS: S. Michael Mary of the Cross and S. Emma

THINGS BEING SENT HOME: PK-B and Picture Re-take proofs; lunch & library notices; SFA meeting flyer; Knights of Columbus Coat Drive flyer; Wellness Festival 2017 flyer

ATTACHMENTS: Nov. Event-Community Awareness; Our Lady of Fatima Rosary flyer; Parenting Dare flyer; Give to Pius X Day flyer; Pius X Sonic Drive-In Slush Promotion flyer; Wellness Festival 2017 flyer

OCTOBER 13 -FATIMA DAY: Students may wear their Walk the Little Way T-shirts with their uniforms on Friday. In the afternoon we will be praying the rosary as a student body and then watching "The Day the Sun Danced" in the gym. Students may bring a blanket or towel to lie on.

FORGOTTEN ITEMS: Students may return to school until 3:45 p.m. to pick up forgotten work or items, but should always check in at the front office before going to the classroom either before or after school. Please do not call the rectory, convent, maintenance personnel or teachers to have the classrooms open at other times.

SCHOOL FAMILY MEETING - THE PARENTING DARE: Lori and Eric Doerneman have a proactive parenting presentation on Theology of the Body teachings and keeping kids healthy in today's culture. Lori and Eric will be speaking at **St. Teresa's School Family Meeting** on **Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 7:00 p.m.** Watch this brief video of our speakers: [Lori and Eric Doerneman](#). If you cannot attend at St. Teresa's, you are invited to attend at St. Peter's on October 17 at 7 p.m. We encourage at least one parent to attend.

PARISH BAZAAR: Fall is here and the parish bazaar is around the corner on **November 12th!** Information will be sent home next week but your family is asked to donate about \$10 of a specific item stated on the letter. This will include: bottled pop, bottled items or \$10 dollars. Please be watching for a letter next week and thanks in advance for your help making this a success.

We also need help with set up on **Friday, November 10th late afternoon or early evening. It will only take about an hour and a half so please email jillzimmer81@gmail.com if you can help! Older kids can help too and earn service hours!
THANK YOU!

*There are still several slots open to work game shifts, please consider spending that hour helping the parish and having a great time! Contact your room parent!

*Remember 1/3 of the profits from the Parish Bazaar come back to school. We appreciate your help.

WELLNESS FESTIVAL 2017: St. Teresa Student Council is sponsoring a Wellness Festival on Friday morning, Oct. 20th. See flyer for details.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE: The Thrift Shop does so much to support St. Teresa School. Now it is our turn to support them by volunteering to help at the Christmas Boutique right here in Kaczmarek Hall, Oct. 26-29! Please sign up to help [Click here](#). What a great opportunity to serve others with your family! Our teachers enjoy working together to help with the set up.

SAFETY CONCERN: Let's make the safety of our children our priority.

- Vehicles must not stop or park in the areas around the crosswalks. The signs near the crosswalks read "No stopping (arrows designate the cross walk areas) because children cannot be seen when they are waiting to cross.
- Vehicles can stop in areas clearly marked "Loading Zone".

HEMS AND BUTTONS: It is that time of year, when hemlines of jumpers are coming undone, and buttons are being lost. A safety pin is always a quick one-day fix, but please check your girls' jumper and skirt hemlines to see if they need to be re-hemmed this weekend. Also check for buttons which need to be replaced on all of the uniform pieces and pants.

PIUS X NEWS

The Pius X High School annual phone-a-thon has been replaced by the first ever **Give to Pius X Day!** On or before Oct. 24: Visit www.piusx.net/GTPD, or text PIUSX to 71777 and click the link in the reply message, or mail a check to Pius X Foundation, 6000 A St., Lincoln, NE 68510. See attachment for more information.

If you have a student at Pius X High School, you are a member of the Pius X High School Parent Association. The mission of the Association is to facilitate communication between school, home, and Parish by providing programs and activities that connect parents or guardians to the school and other Pius X parents. Each parish has a representative(s) on the Pius X High School Parent Association Board.

Your 2017-2018 Pius X High School Parent Association representative(s) for **St. Teresa's** are **Dan & Shelly Sullivan**. They can help you find answers to Pius-related questions, provide volunteer opportunities through the Association, and encourage your involvement with the Association. **Dan & Shelly** can be reached at 402-802-1099 or 402-570-8570 or by email, shelly-sullivan@cdolinc.net or irishsullivan7@gmail.com

SONIC DRIVE-IN CONTEST: Pius X High School is in a contest with the other Lincoln high schools. They are competing for \$1,000, to be donated by Sonic to their booster club. Since Pius colors are green and gold, the flavor of slush drink to be purchased for Pius is green apple lemonade. Pius X Booster Club is very generous in raising money for not only athletics, but also departments like instrumental and vocal music. Pius X Booster Club can be followed on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Whichever school sells the most of their slush will win. Pius is currently in 2nd place, behind Lincoln East. Please see attached flyer.

WAYS TO SERVE

HEALTH SCREENING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Our annual health screening is on **Thurs./Fri., Nov. 16 & 17**.

Please volunteer through the following link: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0F4AAEA72FA6F94-health

This is a great way to meet other school parents, and to get to know our students. Training starts at 8 a.m. in the gym. We should be finished before noon. So far we have 2 out of 15 volunteers.

SHOPAROO: We brought in \$50.08 by using this service. Shoparoo is a free mobile app that turns pictures of your shopping receipts into cash donations for St. Teresa School Family. It doesn't matter where you shop or what you buy - every receipt counts! Visit www.shoparoo.com for more information, or download the shoparoo app and choose to support St. Teresa Elementary School in Lincoln.

BOX TOPS: Thanks for sending in your box tops! 10 cents per coupon adds up. You can throw out expired ones.

CAMPBELL'S SOUP POINTS: Our last submission will be Dec. 21 and then the program ends, so please send in all your points any time before Dec. 10 to give us time to process them. Thank you!

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS: We raised **\$122.40!** Remember, you can order magazines and renew your subscriptions online at my.fundraising.com/stteresascatholicschool. 40% of your purchase is returned to the school. For magazines, click on the magazine link under "shop now for our cause". Please share the website with family and friends. There is also other merchandise available to purchase. This site is open to us for the entire year!

SCRIP AND PROPLR NEWS: September Profit: \$1,353. The year to date profit is \$13,037 which is 54% of the \$25,000 goal. Please use **SCRIP** for groceries, goodies and garb. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com to see all available **SCRIPNow!** and reload options that [prestopay](http://prestopay.com) has to offer. **Thank you for using SCRIP!**

- For 11 days, from October 21 - 31, a new set of 24-hour flash bonuses from different retailers will be offered through SHOPWITHSCRIP each day. If you're not already signed up for Presto Pay, email jeandreasen@allophone.com to get signed up. Not sure what Presto Pay and SHOPWITHSCRIP are? Click here for more information: https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/N2Upload/promotions/anniversary-2017/Anniversary_SWS_PP_Flyer_091417.pdf
- Starting in November, we will carry **Visa Scrip** in our inventory. It is currently available by special order. Visa Scrip can be used to make purchases from stores that don't participate with Scrip. Scrip also makes an excellent gift! Learn more at the upcoming school family meeting.
- Please consider volunteering to help with our Scrip program. Do you have approximately one hour per month? The Scrip team is in need of volunteers to help pick up local Scrip orders, sell Scrip after weekend Masses and help promote Scrip in our parish. Please contact the office with your name and phone number if you think you can help!

UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

FORMED.ORG: Inspirational videos, audios, books for you and your family. Starting October 9th, watch The Bible and the Sacraments on FORMED! Each week, two new episodes of this powerful and enriching series from the St. Paul Center will be released for a limited time only. See below for details and a trailer. Our parish code is **J4V3RY**.

STAGE STUDENT THEATRE: Fatima will be performed **October 13th at 7 p.m.** and **Oct. 15th at 3 p.m.** in St. Teresa's Kaczmarek Hall. Theater Classes for Kids will be offered Oct.-Nov. on Wed. and Fri. from 4:30-6 p.m. Auditions for *A Geek Tragedy*, will be **Oct. 27-28**. Please visit www.stage4kids.com to learn more and register for these fun events!

FIRST ANNUAL LINCOLN COMMUNITY TRACK CLUB (LCTC) KIDS CROSS COUNTRY RACES – October 21st at Pioneers Park: Registration is open until Oct. 13 with discounts for multiple athletes. Visit www.lctrackclub.com for information on registration.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM AT SAC: Oct. 21, 5-8 p.m. For more information visit their [website](#).

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT ST. CHARLES #472: "Come and See Meeting" for starting a Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court in Lincoln. Overview meeting for 1-8 grade girls and their parents is on **Sat., Oct. 21, 10 am** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 60th & S. St. For more information, contact Diane Fry, kldmfamily@gmail.com.

SUPERBOWL OF THE SAINTS: Join the School Sisters of Christ the King on **Sunday, Oct. 29**, from 1-3:45 pm at Villa Regina Motherhouse. See flyer in Oct. 4th attachments.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM to promote respect for human sexuality and chastity will be presented on Sunday, **November 12**, from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. Girls 10 - 13 years old and their mothers are invited to register. Cost is \$20/girl or \$30/family. **Register by Nov. 5**. More information was attached two weeks ago or contact the Family Life Office for a registration form.

WORLD BOOK ONLINE St. Teresa School has a paid World Book Online subscription for all students. www.worldbookonline.com **Log-in ID:** StTeresaLnc **Password:** jayhawks (*Password is case sensitive.)

SAVE THE DATE FOR VALUABLE SCIP PRESENTATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY:
November 16, 2017- Digital Citizenship: Safely Navigating the Information Superhighway
Lincoln Southeast High School, 6:30 PM

Presentation: Ryan Sothan is the Outreach Coordinator within the Nebraska Attorney General's Office. Within his role, he has statewide responsibility for developing and implementing community-based initiatives for educating Nebraskans in the area of Internet Safety. For students and parents alike, with today's technology it is more often what we don't know that has the greatest potential to do us harm. Ryan's presentation will raise awareness of youth online safety, including social media use, dangerous apps parents should be on the lookout for, cyberbullying and resources and tools that can guide adults in monitoring youth online behaviors.

February 27, 2018 - Healthy Relationships, Lincoln Southwest High School, 6:30 PM

April 26, 2018 - Promoting Healthy Choices, Lincoln North Star High School, 6:30 pm

Contact Abbe Edgecombe if you have questions about the content, 402-327-6841.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (TOB) PARENT REQUIREMENT: To assist you, we are asking all parents to view *A Safe Haven Starts at Home*, an 18-minute program at <http://cmgparent.org/>. Click "Start Learning", then Signup for Free, and on the main page choose "A Safe Haven Starts at Home". Following the video, please take the 2-minute quiz and submit your certificate either on paper or email it to Wendy-GuzmandeCruz@cdolinc.net. I would like each of you, or at least one parent from each family, to watch the video, take the quiz and provide us with the documentation noted above. In order for us to serve your children well, your support is essential in this critical matter.