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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 31, 2018 – 30th Week in Ordinary Time

Dear Parents,

The most beautiful thing that God made is the family. This is a beautiful quote from Pope Francis! *“Before creating the world, God loved, because God is love. But there was so much love that He had within Himself, this love between the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, it was so great, so overflowing that — I don’t know if this is very theological, but you’ll understand what I mean — it was so great that He couldn’t be egotistical. He had to come out of Himself so as to have that which He could love outside of Himself. But the most beautiful thing that God made, the Bible says, was the family. He created man and woman, and He gave them everything. He gave them the world! Grow, multiply, cultivate the earth, make it produce, make it grow. He presented to a family all of the love that He made in this marvelous creation... All of the love that God has in Himself, all of the beauty that God has in Himself, all of the truth that God has in Himself, He gives to the family. And a family is truly a family when it is able to open its arms and receive all of this love.”* We have a beautiful school family here at St. Teresa School! Let us, as a school family, show this love of God for one another. We can do this in such simple ways, the Little Way! Are we welcoming those we do not know? Do we introduce our selves to the newcomers? Do we reach out to those who are suffering? The best way is to pray for each other! You are always in my daily prayers! God bless!

In the Heart of Christ our King, I am,
Sister Anne Joelle, CK

DATES for:

October 31 All Saints Parties

Trick or Treating at the convent & rectory – **Wednesday, Oct. 31 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

November 1 **No School – All Saints Day!**

 2 **No School – Faculty mtg. and CLC**

 5-9 Candy Tithing

 6 Election Day

 7 Leadership Board mtg., 4 p.m.

 7-14 Thanksgiving Food Drive

 8 Grades 2 & 5 Field Trip

 9 Grade 2 Class Mass; Saints Parade 10 a.m.; Grades 4 & 7 Confessions; JH Honor Choir at Pius & evening concert

 11 Parish Bazaar

 13 **School Family Meeting cancelled**, due to the mandatory stewardship meetings in October

THINGS BEING SENT HOME: Rada Cutlery Catalog; Lunch & Library notices; tuition statements; School Photos

ATTACHMENTS: Bazaar game shifts, Nov. Lunch Menu, Nov. SCIP Newsletter, St. Teresa Times Issue 1, Altar Server flyer & Third Grade flyer-Eucharistic Procession; St. Teresa Times

PRAY FOR SEMINARIAN: Rev. Anthony Bedient, Mt. St. Mary, Theology 4, St. Joseph Parish in York

WALK THE LITTLE WAY: Praise God! We have raised \$47,708.50 for Walk the Little Way!

TRICK OR TREAT! On Halloween, come and trick-or-treat at the Rectory & Sisters’ Convent from **6:30-8:00 p.m.**

CANDY TITHING: Our annual candy tithing takes place **Nov. 5-9**. This is a great opportunity to teach our students how to tithe and how to be stewards, giving back to God a portion of all that we've received. Also, it teaches them to not only give what they don't like, but to make an extra sacrifice of giving the candy they enjoy the most. Students may place the candy in designated boxes on the second floor.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR: Jessica Compton-Crocker has been named Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Lincoln. The Victim Assistance Coordinator has three key responsibilities: providing advocacy, outreach, and pastoral assistance to victims of sexual abuse by church personnel, especially to those who were/are minors at the time of the abuse; engaging the diocesan community in education, training, and abuse prevention efforts; and participating in and coordinating with the personnel misconduct response team. Jessica has a background in counseling for individuals, couples and families, and provided advocacy services for victims of domestic violence. She can be reached at (402) 613-2488 and victimassistance@lincolndiocese.org

RADA CUTLERY FUNDRAISER FOR KITCHEN REMODEL! Catalogs and order forms are coming home today for our kitchen remodeling fundraiser. You will also have the opportunity to order online from the link below. Fundraiser is in effect from Nov. 1st to Nov. 30th, 2018. Orders placed by Nov. 30th have a guaranteed delivery before Christmas. Our kitchen is badly in need of a makeover in order to provide a safe and productive environment with proper storage space to prepare hot meals for our students and to provide for efficient service to our children. Rada Cutlery is quality cutlery that lasts a lifetime and offers "100% made in the USA since 1948" kitchen products, including kitchen knives, cooking utensils, cutlery gift sets, quick mixes, and cookbooks! These items make wonderful Christmas gifts and are a fantastic addition to your own kitchen items inventory.

Important Ordering Information (Two Options):

1. **Paper Order Form:**

- On the order form please write student's name.
- All merchandise must be pre-paid.
- Checks payable to St. Teresa School.
- On the check memo line please write Rada.
- If you choose not to order, please return the catalog to school.

2. **Online Ordering Link:** <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1925982.0f74a4>

PARISH BAZAAR: Thank you to all those that have had a chance to sign up to help work at the bazaar games coming up on **Nov. 11th** from 11am – 3 pm. Please see attachment for your scheduled time. Please note families with multiple slots...Thank you SO much!!! If you haven't had a chance, no problem! **We still need 13 more workers in order for the games to stay open.** Please consider working a game so we can make it another successful year for the bazaar! Games run from 11-3 and we need workers each hour for each game. Some games are best with a parent and student. Students can also use this time as service hours. (Face painting booth, etc.) See the link below to sign up. Thank you so much! Jill Zimmer, jillzimmer81@gmail.com <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49ADA72FAB9-bazaar1>

BIRTHDAY REMINDER: It seems we have a variety of non-healthy, as well as healthy snacks coming into school. Please be attentive to the health of our students. The handbook states: Birthdays may be recognized in many ways without involving food. Therefore, **the school will move towards not allowing edible treats for birthday** celebrations by students or faculty. If food is brought in, it should follow the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards: <https://foodplanner.healthiergeneration.org/smart-snacks/>. **Please, no pop or gum, sheet cakes, cupcakes, donuts, or items which need to be refrigerated or frozen.** Preferably, food items would be pre-cut or individually packaged. Teachers will distribute gifts at a time that is least disruptive to the class. If students wish to celebrate their birthday/baptismal date, it is preferred that they bring something non-edible such as a sticker, pencil, eraser, or something educational for each student. Students may also donate a book as a gift to the class or library rather than a sweet treat. The librarian will label the book with the student's name and birth date inscribed on the first page. The librarian has a list of suggested books available upon request. See the Office Power School Learning page or website for more healthy food ideas. (<https://cdol.learning.powerschool.com/theresa-kottwitz/st.teresaschooloffice/signup>. Your invitation code is **WL9Q5**.)

REPORT CARDS AND OUTSTANDING FEES: A reminder of fees owed, overdue library books, or lunch accounts in the negative was sent home two weeks ago. Report cards will be released to you as soon as all fees are paid, library books returned or renewed, and lunch accounts settled for the 1st quarter. Report cards went home in the Communication Envelopes, Wed., October 24th. Please try to settle all accounts ASAP.

REPORT CARDS IN BROWN ENVELOPES: Report cards were sent home in brown labeled envelopes in your Communication Envelopes on Oct. 24th if you did not have any outstanding fees. Please remove any report cards, and

honor roll certificates, sign the brown envelope on the 1st Quarter line, and return the brown report card envelope in your Communication Envelope next week. We use the same brown envelope all four quarters.

WAYS TO SERVE

RECYCLED PAPER NEEDED: St. Teresa School is in need of 8 ½” X 11” recycled paper to make one-sided worksheet copies. Please drop off donations of recycled paper during school hours.

HEALTH SCREENING: Our annual health screening is on **Wed./Thurs., Nov. 14 & 15**. **Please avoid making appointments on these mornings.** We need **volunteers** to help this run efficiently. Please sign up if you are able. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4DABAB2F4-saint> This helps it go quickly so students can get back to class. Thanks for your generosity!

UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

DADS DO - Saturday, November 3, 10:30 a.m. to noon at three locations: Bennett Martin Public Library (136 S. 14th), Anderson Branch (3635 Touzalin) and Gere Branch (2400 S. 56th). Fathers and their children are invited to play, create, learn and explore using the building and makerspace kits. The program includes snacks, special guest dads and a scavenger hunt for a chance to win a gift card.

LINCOLN MOMS: "Spiritual Warfare" with Matt Simmons - **November 3, 8:30-10:30 am** at Gianna's Java & Gelato - Matt Simmons is the newly appointed director of evangelization for the new Office of Spiritual Formation and founder of Sacred Heart Ministries and director of UnBound deliverance ministry. Matt has been evangelizing for years— even back in his days as a tattoo shop owner. His passion for a relationship with Christ and his understanding of spiritual realities provide the foundation for conversations on spiritual warfare. Matt and his wife, Demetra, have four children and are members of St. John the Apostle parish in Lincoln. Let us know in advance if you need babysitting (available after Mass), and please bring a friend! Contact us at lincolnmoms@outlook.com or our Facebook page.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION AROUND THE STATE CAPITOL: Sunday, **Nov. 4, 3 p.m.** (find your spots by 2:30 p.m.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN2KdrmSGtI>

IMPACT OF STRESS & ANXIETY ON OUR YOUTH: **Nov. 4, 2018, 6:30 p.m.** at the Lincoln High School Theatre - Presentation by Melissa Lafferty, a therapist with Nebraska Mental Health Centers. She works with children and adolescents of all ages. Melissa will discuss the difference between stress and anxiety and the impact that both have on children and adolescents. The influence of social media on stress and anxiety in today's youth will also be addressed and the role teachers and parents can play to help support youth by promoting positive coping techniques and problem solving skills.

GROUNDS CLEANUP: **Saturday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m. – finished.** Duties include: Kaczmarek Hall preparation for the spaghetti feed, trimming bushes, raking leaves, cleaning gutters, and putting up the canopy between the church and rectory. If mulch is delivered, we will spread that in the southeast corner of the school parking lot and under benches on 36th Street. Please come and help make our church and school grounds look the best for our Bazaar! Any questions please contact: Mike Szatko 402-429-4740

BREAKFAST WITH DAD - Saturday, November 10, 10:30 a.m. to noon at two locations: Walt Branch (6701 S. 14th) and Eiseley Branch (1530 Superior) Enjoy a cereal bar at the Walt Branch and the Waffleman at the Eiseley Branch. The event includes stories, crafts, a free drawing pad and crayons for each child, special guest dads and a scavenger hunt for a chance to win a gift card.

Vicki Wood, LCL Youth Services Coordinator, said a Harvard University study showed that children who are read to by their fathers are more likely to create imaginative discussion, resulting in positive cognitive and language development. "A cape and tights are not required for dads to be seen as heroes," Wood said. "Lincoln dads participating in the 'Dad Up and Read' campaign will achieve hero status in 15 minutes a day simply by reading aloud to their children."

SCHOOL INFORMATION on PSL: Once you have a PowerSchool Learning (PSL) account, you can join the St. Teresa School Office Class by following this link: <https://cdol.learningpowerschool.com/theresa-kottwitz/st.teresaschooloffice/signup>. Your invitation code is **WL9Q5**. All newsletters, calendars, menus, attachments and volunteer forms can be found here!

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN: Please complete the Safe Environment Training course prior to volunteering for this year.

You don't have to complete it in one sitting, but you should finish a video segment before stopping for it to track your progress. Once you've completed the program, please email Wendy your certificate (Wendy-GuzmandeCruz@cdolinc.net). Instructions were attached to the Sept. 12th newsletter: SE Training Instructions-CMG, or on the PSL office page.

REMIND.COM: Thanks for signing up! *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.

SAC WINTER CAMPS: Registration is open <https://sacmuseum.org/what-to-do/education/camps/>