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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 4, 2017 – St. Francis of Assisi

Dear Parents,

God is so good to us! I count my blessings each day for such generous and loving families and friends that we have here at St. Teresa School! This is the first year we combined St. Therese's Feast Day with the Walk the Little Way! What a blessed day! The weather was beautiful for our walk! When I woke up during the night and heard the rain I prayed, "God and Mary, You can make the rain stop for our walk." The prayers were answered. I'm always touched with the reverence the students have in walking to the cemetery and back, praying the Rosary, the Divine Chaplet of Mercy, and singing religious songs. Our students were truly Joyful Witnesses ("J" in Jayhawk) to those we walked by in cars and homes. When the students returned to school after the Walk, they enjoyed the Rice Krispie bars made by Mary Koenig and Kim Vacek! (See below for the current donation count! You will be impressed!) The day continued with different activities in honor of St. Therese; and coloring sheets and math sheets with St. Therese and Carmelite themes. The St. Therese Museum tour tradition continued with Fr. Hottovy. The 5th graders enjoyed the tour in the Rectory and the pictures in the hallway by Father's office and the dining room. Father then asked them if they wanted to see the "secret, secret" door; of course who wouldn't? The students enjoyed the fruit bearing trees and other plants of the priests' garden. As the students left, a couple of them whispered to Sister Mary Agnes, "I think we just found the Garden of Eden." While studying the creation story, the students learned that no one knows the exact location of the Garden of Eden. Well, I guess our 5th graders now know! ☺ Take care and God bless you all!

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

DATES for: October

- 4 Wed Grades 4 & 6 Confessions Leadership Meeting 4 p.m.
- 6 MCA Collection Lunchtime adoration Exposition, starting at 9 a.m., followed by Benediction and **Living Rosary, 2:30 p.m.** (not 2:45 p.m.), PK-B Day
- 9 Mon **NO SCHOOL** – Diocesan Teacher Institute
- 10 Confirmation Parent Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Grade 5 Confessions
- 12 Grade 8 Confessions
- 13 End of 1st Quarter; PK-A Day
- 16 Mon **NO SCHOOL**, Teacher Workday
- 18 Wed **School Family Mtg., 7:00 p.m. (moved from Nov. 14) Doernemans speaking about protecting our children**
- 20 Fri **12:30 dismissal**, Faculty Meeting; PK-A Day
- 23 Grade 4 field trip
- 25 Wed Report cards issued
- 26 PK & K field trip; Grades 6, 7, & 8 field trip
- 27 PK-B Day
- 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 at 9 a.m., with Benediction at 2:45 p.m.; PK-A Day
- 4 Sat. Mass of Intention for Sacramental Students and Parents **Saturday at 8:15 a.m.**

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.

THINGS BEING SENT HOME: SCRIP forms; lunch & library notices; PK, K, & Grade 4 field trip forms; bazaar raffle tickets

ATTACHMENTS: Super Bowl of the Saints flyer; SCIP newsletter

WALK THE LITTLE WAY UPDATE: We surpassed our goal by over \$7,000!!! Yesterday's total came to **\$42,048.75**. Thank you to all who gave generously. There are still 34 family envelopes out. Please turn those in this week. 100 percent participation is still the goal. More details will come out next week!

TO ALL ALTAR SERVERS: Please remember to neatly hang your cassock and surplice after Mass, using the hanger that corresponds to the size. It is an awesome privilege to serve for Mass and this is but a small way of showing your love for our Eucharistic Lord as well as respecting the time of those individuals who so lovingly clean and iron these items. Also as a reminder, please wear black shoes when serving Mass.

USE OF VEHICLES FOR FIELD TRIPS: We have been informed by the diocesan insurance policy that we are not allowed to transport students for school and/parish events in these larger Transit vehicles. Basically any vehicle that has the capability to seat more than 10 passengers, including the driver, are **not** approved. Vehicles such as mini vans and SUV's that seat 7-10 passengers are acceptable modes of transportation. Only the 2016 or 2017 Ford Transit Wagon 150 with 130 inch wheel base with either the low or medium height roof is allowed. The following vehicles are **not** allowed (Please note, this is not a complete list):

- Nissan NV3500
- GMC Sevanna 2500
- Ford Econoline E350
- Ford Transit Van
- Ford E350

We ask that you please be mindful of this when volunteering to drive for field trips. If you are unsure about your vehicle, please email the school, giving us the year, make and model of your vehicle and we will check with our insurance company. We will be forming a list of approved and not approved vehicles as we learn about more of these.

ILLNESSES-SCHOOL POLICY: If a student has symptoms of illness, parents should keep the student home. Parents will be called to take their child home when their temperature is **100 degrees F (or greater) or if they exhibit symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea or other contagion.** Students may return to school when:

-Free for 24 hours of: fever, vomiting, diarrhea or other contagion

-Chicken pox: symptom-free, no longer having an elevated temperature & the pox are scabbed -**Strep infections: being on an antibiotic for 24 hours, and being free of fever for 24 hours.**

-Ringworm, impetigo, and pink-eye: after one full day of treatment outside of school.

-Hepatitis: receiving a written permission from the family physician

TEACHERS HONORED: Congratulations to these teachers who will be recognized at the Diocesan Honor Night for their service in the Lincoln Catholic Schools: Mrs. Grace Raun - 5 years; Mrs. Theresa Schafers - 20 years; Mr. Mark Navratil- 30 years; and Mrs. Cindy Werner - 37 years!!!!!! We are blessed to have such dedicated, faithful, holy teachers!!!!

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 the St. Teresa's School Family Meeting on **Oct. 18 at 7:00 p.m.** Watch this preliminary video of our speakers: [The FIRST Video! 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.

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 for details.

FOR SALE: Sixteen orange student chairs for \$5 each. Chair size is 15 inches from the floor to the seat. Picture was attached last week.

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**.

TELEPHONE USE: (handbook reminder) Students and teachers may not be called to the phone during school hours unless it is an emergency. Parents may call and leave a message for the student if it is necessary. If you are calling for a teacher, we will take a message and he/she will call back when he/she is available.

Permission will be granted for students to use the phone for emergencies and legitimate needs (such as forgotten eyeglasses or prescription medicine) or by teacher's request. **Forgotten books, field trip permission forms, assignments, lunches, band instruments, and sports clothes do NOT fall under the category of emergency.** Students are asked to make after school plans with their parents before coming to school and not to use the school phone for this. Disciplinary measures may be taken if students use cell phones during school hours.

WAYS TO SERVE

THANK YOU: To Lisa Butler, Kristina Fitzpatrick, Allison Harper, Gary Harper, and Fr. Hottovy for their help with the St. Teresa feast day activities and gifts! Also, a special thanks to Carrie Stratman for organizing the day.

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 with the screening before noon.

ST. TERESA SCHOOL MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS: 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: The Scrip team needs your help: Each week, all of the Scrip orders are gathered and entered into our software system. The current inventory is counted and reconciled and new Scrip is ordered to fill our orders and keep our inventory filled. Many of our cards are ordered from a company called Great Lakes, so they are shipped right to us each week, but our local inventory—grocery stores, gas stations and a few restaurants are picked up each week by volunteers. We are in need of 4-6 volunteers to help pick up orders. If you would like to help with this, please contact the office and leave your name, phone number, and email. This job would involve communicating with the volunteer who places the orders, driving to 1-3 different locations in Lincoln on a Tuesday or Wednesday to pick up gift cards and deliver them to the school once every 3-6 weeks. A volunteer schedule is usually made to accommodate your personal schedule.

*Did you know that you can order Scrip that isn't listed on the form? Everything on the order form is in stock, but there are hundreds of other merchants to choose from that we don't keep stocked. The Darden Restaurant card can be used at Cheddars Scratch Kitchen Restaurant. You'll find Arby's, Burger King, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Bath & Body Works, Sears, JCPenny, Land's End to name just a few.

*Beginning Oct. 7, the following merchants will offer rebate bonuses: Bath & Body Works (18%), TGIFriday (10%) and Under Armour (13%). Each of these merchants offers ScripNow!, in addition to physical cards.

*Can't find Scrip for the stores you shop at? Consider purchasing a Visa Gift card to purchase store gift cards.

*Have questions? Submit your questions to the school office before October 15 to be addressed at or before the upcoming School Family Meeting on October 18.

POP CANS: Thanks for saving pop cans & placing in the fenced area by the rectory. Funds purchase new library books.

UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

FALL JUNIOR HIGH DANCE for 7th & 8th Grade Catholic School students, sponsored by the Pius X Thunderette Dance Team, is **Friday, Oct. 6th, 7-9 p.m.**, in the Pius Commons. Flyers which serve as tickets were in last week's CE.

LINCOLN MOMS MEETING– Join us **October 7** for "Heads Up on Human Trafficking in Nebraska," with Senator Carol Blood. Our location is Gianna's Java & Gelato (2241 O St., Suite T). Free-will donation (\$5 suggested) helps cover the cost of speakers, reserved babysitting, and coffee/snacks. Contact us at lincolnmoms@outlook.com or our Facebook page. Let us know in advance if you need babysitting.

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. JCDA is a program for Catholic girls with its purpose and mission being one of Message, Service, and Community. Overview meeting for 1-8 grade girls and their parents is on **Sat., Oct. 21, 10 am** at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 60th & South St. For more information, contact Diane Fry at kldmfamily@gmail.com.

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. The program is presented by the Family Life Office and the Lincoln FertilityCare Center. **Register by Nov. 5**. More information is attached. 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.)

NE TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: This program can provide credit on one landline or wireless phone bill per month. Eligibility – Medicaid; SNAP, SSI, Federal Public Housing Assistance, LIHEAP, Children's Health Insurance Programs, National School Lunch Program FREE Lunch Program, TANF, income at or below 135% of poverty level, must be a citizen or qualified alien, must be a NE resident. **How to sign up:** fill out an application at psc.nebraska.gov or for further questions call NTAP at 800-526-0017 or 402-471-3101.

THE FAMILY FULLY ALIVE: The monthly cycle of themes, prayers, reflections, meditations and family projects will help your family focus on the important things in the world. For an electronic version and resources for [The Family Fully Alive](#). Have you started using them with your family, yet?

SAVE THE DATE FOR VALUABLE SCIP PRESENTATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY:

November 16, 2017 - Digital Citizenship, Lincoln Southeast High School, 6:30 PM

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.