

*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



November 15, 2017 St. Albert the Great

Dear Parents,

When two ladies asked a 9-year-old boy a typical question they were surprised by his response. “What do you want to be when you grow up? A carpenter? A soldier? A doctor? I know, you would like to be a priest so you could say Mass and hear confessions and preach! That’s it, isn’t it?”

To all of these, the boy answered, “No. I don’t want to be anything. I just want to die and go to Heaven.” Francisco Marto, one of the three visionaries of Fatima, knew that he was going home (to heaven) soon and desired it with all his heart. He had a strong spirit of love and sacrifice. When he was very ill and confined to bed, Lucia asked him if he was suffering greatly. He replied, “Yes, I am. I suffer it all for the love of Our Lord and Our Lady. I want to suffer more and I can’t.”

Francisco had made his first Confession in the year of the apparitions, but failed to pass the catechism test so he had to wait to receive Holy Communion. This pained him greatly. On his death bed he said to his Father, “Before I die, I want to receive Our Lord.” When his father left to get a priest he called for Lucia to come and asked her to tell him if she ever saw him commit any sins. She told him that sometimes he disobeyed his mother by hiding or sneaking away when she wanted him to stay at home. He asked Jacinta the same question and she told him that he stole 10 cents and helped throw stones at the boys from Boleiros before Our Lady appeared. He replied, “I have confessed those already, but I will confess them again... even if I were not to die, I wouldn’t do it again. I’m sorry. My Jesus, forgive us... Lucia, you too ask Our Lord to forgive me my sins.”

The priest arrived that night to hear his confession and came the next morning with Communion. He received Jesus into his heart and was enveloped in the presence of God. He offered himself again as a victim of love, consolation and reparation to Jesus and Mary. This was to be his first and last Communion as the next day he went to be with Jesus and Mary in Heaven with an angelic smile on his lips.

How strong is our desire for heaven and to receive Jesus in the Eucharist? If it were stronger, how would it affect our daily choices? Can you offer three or more sacrifices today for the intention of increasing your desire for heaven and Jesus? Let us pray for one another to be fervent examples to our children of Love of God.

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,
Sister Mary Faustina, CK

DATES for: November

- 15 Grade 5 Confessions
- 17 Fri. PK-A Day
- 18 Happy Birthday, Mrs. Schilmoeller!
- 21 Grades 7 & 8 Fall Retreat
- 22-24 **No School** – Thanksgiving Break
- 23 Happy Birthday, Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Haffey!
- 26 Sun. Canonical Establishment for the School Sisters of Christ the King, 2 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral
- 29 Midterm grades issued; Blessed Sacrament Junior High Snowball Dance; Happy ½ Birthday, Mrs. Angie Schafers!
- 30 Thurs. Altar Server Training and Pizza Party, 4:30-6:00 p.m. (5th-8th servers) (See flyer)

NEW DATES:

- **No School**, Monday, **Feb. 5** for a faculty curriculum work day granted by Monsignor Perkinson to all Lincoln Catholic Schools. Time to align curriculum and build resource bank for new Theology of the Body Curriculum.
- **No School** all day, Friday, **April 13** (It had been a 12:30 p.m. dismissal.) Now Strategic Planning in a.m./Faculty Mtg./CLC in p.m.

- **Bishop's Day off** – Friday, **April 20** (It had been a 12:30 p.m. dismissal.) Now no school all day

PRAY FOR THESE SISTERS: S. Maria-Emmanuel of Merciful Love & S. Teresa Margaret of Sacred Heart of Jesus

THINGS BEING SENT HOME: Retake photo orders; Current Altar Server Training & Pizza Party RSVP flyer; Grade 7 Theology of the Body Parent Guides and Information/Signature Form; Lunch and Library notices; Grade 8 fun events flyer; School Family letter and envelope for Teacher/Staff Christmas Gift

ATTACHMENTS: Altar Server training & pizza party flyer; Dell Discounts; Propelr flyer; Thank-Scrip-ing Day flyer; My School Bucks letter; December 2017 School Calendar

JUNIOR HIGH DANCE: “Glow into the Night: Snowball Dance” is Friday, Dec. 1st, 7-9 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament School. See flyer in the Nov. 29th Communication Envelope for details. **Must bring flyer for admission.**

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 You only need to sign up for one of the two dates. This is a great way to meet other school parents, and to get to know our students. A short training starts at 8 a.m. sharp in the gym. We should be finished with the screening before noon. So far we have 8 out of 15 volunteers.

MY SCHOOL BUCKS: My School Bucks program convenience fee that parents pay when adding money to their student's lunch account has increased from \$1.95 per payment to \$2.49 per payment. This increase will be effective as of December 11, 2017. Please see the attached letter from My School Bucks for more information and explanation for the fee increase.

DELL DISCOUNTS: Daily Doorbusters start at 10 a.m. Nov. 15-17 and 20-22. Get up to 50% off. Proof of employment and/or student status will be needed at some point in the process. <http://www.dell.com/mpp/cdolinc> See attachment for more information.

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AMAZON SMILE: #StartWithaSmile at smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0393174 for your holiday gifts and Amazon donates to St Teresa Catholic Church of Lincoln.

BEST CHOICE: Turn in UPS symbols from Best Choice products and we receive 3 cents per label. What an easy way to make money for our School Family.



SCRIP AND PROPLR NEWS: Thank you for using \$CRIP for all your groceries, gas, and gifts!

October 2017 Profit: \$1,708. **Year-to-date profit:** \$15,083 which is 60% of the \$25,000 goal.

Go to www.shopwithscrip.com to see all available **SCRIPNow!** and reload options that **prestipay** has to offer.

In Nov., when you use your Propelr card at participating merchants, St. Teresa's will receive **DOUBLE** the normal rebate! See attached flyer.

Remember, if every school family uses \$100 of Scrip per week our school would earn over \$29,000. When parish families outside of the school are included, our earning potential is extraordinary and at just \$100/week could reach well over \$100,000!!

When you purchase **Visa Scrip cards**, please be aware of the following helpful information:

*Visa Scrip is available in the box! Cards are available in \$50 and \$100 amounts. Use Visa Scrip at merchants that don't participate in Scrip or Propelr. NOTE: Read over the instructions with your card(s) to learn how you can take advantage of special bonuses offered through participating merchants with the Visa cards. HINT: It is strongly suggested that if you are purchasing a Visa card to use at one particular store, that you would use the whole card to purchase a gift card from the store you are shopping at. This way you will not have to keep track of the Visa balance. You are not able to initiate a transaction for more than the available balance on your card. (If your store total is \$57.50 and you have \$55 on your Visa card, you must ask that \$55 be applied and then use another form of payment for the remaining \$2.50) If you have questions, please ask! We are happy to help make using Scrip simple and convenient!

New ScripNow! Retailer: The Northface. Now Barnes & Noble cards can be reloaded instantly with ReloadNow! Mark your calendars- Thank-Scrip-ing Day is on Tuesday, Nov. 21 this year! Get ready for all your Black Friday and Holiday Shopping with 24 hours of incredible ScripNow, Reload, and ReloadNow bonuses from dozens of your favorite

retailers. As always, our list of retailers is TOP SECRET, so you'll have to wait until the promotion begins to see who's participating. See attached flyer.

To participate, you just need a ShopWithScrip® account, and you must be able to login to place online orders. [Click here](#) to learn about PrestoPay™, our secure online payment system. Sign up ASAP if you haven't already so you can receive your ScripNow eCards and add funds using ReloadNow in minutes, or use Reload to add funds overnight!* Plus, with PrestoPay you can place your Thank-Scrip-ing Day order with MyScripWallet™, our mobile scrip experience.

<https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/N2Upload/promotions/2017/tsd-november-2017.pdf>

UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

ST. NICK IS COMING TO PIUS X: St. Nick is coming to Pius X on the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, Wednesday December 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please join us for a **Baby Jesus/Nativity Blessing at 5:30 p.m.** in the Pius X Chapel. **6:00-7:30 p.m.** come on down to the **Commons** and get your picture taken with an **authentic** looking **St. Nick**, decorate a sugar cookie, color a St. Nick page, and listen to our talented Pius X choirs sing beautiful Christmas Carols!

No charge, but free will donations will gladly be accepted. Please RSVP the number of kids attending to Kristin.heath@piusx.net to help give us an idea of the amount of cookies and cocoa needed! More details may be found at www.piusx.net.

THE SCHMOKER READING CENTER will provide one-on-one and small group tutoring for students in grades 1– 6. The reading instruction is designed for students who are reading one or more years below grade level, and whose primary school difficulties result from reading problems. Completion of the application does not guarantee acceptance into the upcoming session. A \$10 non-refundable processing fee must be included for all NEW applicants to the program. This is a one-time only fee. If you have previously applied to any session, you do not have to send this fee with your application.

- 60-minute sessions (two days a week); Tutoring provided by UNL education students under supervision of literacy faculty
- Tuition is \$225; limited scholarships available (lowers tuition to \$150) See Nov. 8 attachments for registration and dates.

EXTRA WTLW T-SHIRTS: 6 small youth t-shirts and 3 XXXL t-shirts for \$5 each. Contact the office if interested.

SONIC DRIVE-IN CONTEST: Pius X High School is in a contest with the other Lincoln high schools, which ends on **Nov. 30, 2017**. 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.

BOYS CHOIR Mr. Todd Krier at Pius X is starting a Diocesan Boys Choir for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade boys. Click on [Choir](#) for details.

SAC MUSEUM WINTER CAMPS: <http://sacmuseum.org/what-to-do/education/camps/>

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.)