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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



December 12, 2018 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dear St. Teresa School Family,

Enjoy these **Travel Tips from the Magi:**

1. Keep a Large Focus—The Magi were led by a heavenly phenomenon, and by keeping their eyes on it, they found Jesus. Our focus this Advent also has to be something greater than can be found in any mall or website or video. It has to be God in our midst.
2. Trim Down for the Trip—The Magi could only take what would fit on their camels, so most of what they had was left behind. Advent is the time to leave behind anything that could slow us down: grudges, unrealistic expectations, unfair demands and, most of all, sins—leave them with God in the confessional, and you'll speed along toward Christmas.
3. Travel Together—One of the Magi traveling alone would never have made it. They needed each other for support and encouragement while they puzzled out the best way to go. Together with the whole Church, especially in the weekly liturgy, we encounter God concretely in our lives.
4. Be People of Hope—Hope kept the Magi going. Many had seen the star, but only these three risked everything to find the King. Christians need hope to overcome discouragement, the skepticism of others, and uncertainty.

Our celebration of Christmas will only be as good as our celebration of Advent. If you observe the season of Advent in your home and save Christmas until Christmas, that holiday will be all the more joyfully experienced. Our lives tend to be more hurried than usual at this time of year and we are surrounded by a culture hostile to many Christian values. Without conscious preparation, the tiny Christ child at whose Word the world came to be, can be replaced by the trappings of modern secular Christmas.

The Advent season provides an invaluable opportunity for you as Catholic parents to teach your children about the true meaning of Christmas and to experience it together as a family. It also provides the opportunity for us to concentrate on our spiritual lives and prepare our hearts to receive the Savior. We are given the opportunity at Christmas to be re-born and renewed in our faith. The Holy Spirit is alive: may He make your Advent and Christmas very alive so that you may be found rejoicing at the birth of our Lord!

May Mary who said “yes” give you strength to say yes to all the graces that will be sent your way as gifts! May God bless you and your families with His peace and joy!

In Christ our Infant King,
Sister Mary Faustina, C.K.

DATES for: December

- 12 4th Grade Class Mass; Happy ½ Birthday, Mrs. Minchow!
13 ^{Thurs} 2 p.m. Christmas Program Dress rehearsal for those who can't make the 7 p.m. performance;
5th-8th Christmas Program, 7 p.m. **in the Church**
Happy Birthday, Jody Degenhardt!
14 JH Retreat Grades 7 & 8 Confessions Lunchtime Adoration **12:30 Dismissal**
17 2nd grade field trip Chess Club Christmas dinner Happy Birthday, Pope Francis!
18 Adoration, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. 4th grade to Heritage School JH Choir Christmas Caroling in evening
21 Sign-a-long, 11 a.m. / **Noon Dismissal** End of 2nd quarter
22-Jan. 6 **No School / Christmas break!**

THINGS BEING SENT HOME: Jeans Day flyer; Lunch and Library notices; WTLW family reports

ATTACHMENTS: Christmas Wishlist; Page One Grades 3 & 4 Letter

PRAY FOR SEMINARIAN: Santiago Izquierdo, St. Gregory the Great Seminary, College 4, St. Peter Parish

THANK YOU: The “Village” team of parish and school families shared a whole lot of Heart and Love to provide a delightful and delicious Christmas dinner for the faculty/staff on Friday, as well as atmosphere! Thank you to the many helping hands that made this a special evening for all involved: Janet Anderson, Adam Bauman, Jean Brigham, Tim and Melissa Brox, Lynn Burda, TJ & Kristi Casady, Kevin & Laurie Clark, Jennifer Davis, Kevin & Kristina Fitzpatrick, Lorena Garcia, Jeff & Megan Knieval, Shannon Kohmetscher, Vincent Lombardo, Leslie Ottemann, Lindsay Owens, Sara Rajewski, Juanita Stell, Nikki Suesz, Ann Suyker, Kim Vacek, Ryan & Voni Wesolowski, and Emily Wischnowski.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND ALTAR DECORATIONS will go up on Thurs., Dec. 20th at 6 p.m. It’s a great activity for a family to do together while helping the Church. Think how proud your son or daughter will be when they can tell Grandma and Grandpa, "I helped put that tree up". Please help make our Church look its very best for the birth of Christ.

\$500 GRANT RECEIVED: The 5th grade classroom was awarded the money to bolster its library with high quality, classical literature that will fill students’ minds with truth, beauty and goodness. The grant is from the Cornhusker Motor Club Foundation.

PAGE ONE LEVEL II does not have a coach. If you are interested in leading or co-coaching this group, please contact Jean Timmerman jeantimmerman@neb.rr.com.

UNIFORMS: Please check the length of the skirts/jumpers. The girls have grown since August! Please make sure that the skirts/jumpers reach the knees. Also, some hems are in need of repair. Please have these taken care of before resuming classes in January.

WINTER WEAR: Please remind your children to come to school with the appropriate hats, scarves, mittens, coats, etc. that they need in order to be outside for recess.

WAYS TO SERVE

AMAZON SMILE: Shopping through Amazon for Christmas? Use Scrip and Amazon Smile: smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0393174 and Amazon donates to St Teresa Catholic Church of Lincoln.

SCRIP NEWS: Scrip will be available before and after weekend masses Dec. 1- Dec. 23. Scrip will continue to be available at the school and over the break at the rectory. To ensure you receive any special orders before the break, you must place your order by 1:00pm on December 16.

NEWS FLASH!! There has never been a better time to kick your Scrip habits into high gear! Scrip profits from the months of December and January will be designated to the school kitchen renovation project. Did you know that your Scrip purchases don’t have to be limited to the cards listed on the paper order form? Go to www.shopwithscrip.com and scroll to the VERY BOTTOM of the page and click on “retailer list” to see all the possibilities and the rebates offered back to St. Teresa’s School! You can write-in any of those cards and they will be ordered for you and available the following week. When you view the full list and hold your cursor over a retailer and see an exclamation point, it means that they offer electronic Scrip 24/7 almost immediately after you order it! Scrip provides so many opportunities to earn money for our school and there are many ways to purchase Scrip. If you utilize your mobile phone for more than calling and texting and you’re not using it for Scrip, you could be missing a huge opportunity to give back with almost zero effort! Using mobile Scrip is easy, but there is a learning curve that you don’t have to figure out on your own! Help is a message away! (402) 525-5500 or jeandreasen@me.com. You can also browse through the new 2018 Holiday Gift Guide from Scrip at <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/GiftGuide>.

UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT APPAREL (GRADES 5–8): Dec. 13, 7 p.m. Students should wear **all black** dress clothes. Black slacks (boys OR girls)

Black polos or button down shirts or blouses (boys OR girls)
Ties (optional!) must be solid black, or just forgo the tie
Black socks and shoes
Black dresses or skirts: must be no more than 3" above the knee
Dresses with short, long, and cap sleeves are acceptable; please wear a black sweater over sleeveless dresses.
If wearing tights or leggings under a dress or tunic, they should be solid black.
Tasteful (minimal) jewelry and makeup.

REMIND.COM: We will use Remind for emergencies or unexpected snow days (the morning of). We will not be sending emails. Please sign up for Remind. **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.

2ND FRIDAY RECESS ADORATION: I am very grateful to all of the parents who have helped with the second Friday recess adoration visits so far! We still need another volunteer for next **Friday, Dec. 14th**, and nearly all of 2019 still needs to be filled! Please consider volunteering for one recess to help our students spend a few minutes of their free time with Jesus! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4aafac283-2ndfriday>

ADVENT SERIES: St. Teresa's is pleased to announce an Advent scripture study taught by renowned Biblical scholar, Vern Steiner. As a professor of exegetical studies, Dr. Steiner will explore the rich and beautiful light shed by the Old Testament on the meaning and significance of each of these names. An expert in scripture study, Dr. Steiner will help us come to know and love the Word more intimately and deeply through this Advent journey.

Sunday, December 16th: 7-8:30 "Immanuel: With Us-God!"

Suggested donation: \$15/person or \$25/couple

Free babysitting is available! Please come join for this fantastic opportunity! Click below to register.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054CA4A92CA46-advent>

ATTENTION BAND FAMILIES: Your band students received band concert informational flyers today from Mr. Downey. The Winter Band Concert Rehearsal date and times are: Sat., Jan. 19, Grade 5, 2:00-2:45 p.m., Grades 6-8, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

The Winter Band Concert date and time is: Sun., Jan. 20, 1:30 p.m.

The Spring Band Concert Rehearsal date and times are: Tues., Apr. 30, Grade 5, 7:00-7:45 p.m., Grades 6-8, 8:00-8:45 p.m.

The Spring Band Concert date and time is Wed., May 1, 7:00 p.m.

Location of all events is Pius X High School Gymnasium. Please see flyer for other important details.

"EAT, DRINK & BE GIVING" You are invited to the fundraiser dinner for the kitchen renovation on **Feb. 9th, 6 p.m.** at the Pius X Commons. Tickets are \$50/plate or \$500 for a table of 8 and can be purchased through the school office. What a great way to support our hot lunch program!

PIUS TRAP SHOOTING CLUB informational meeting will be held **Sun., Jan. 27th** at 12:30. Pizza provided
Location: Lincoln Izaak Walton Club House 10801 S 134th, Bennet NE (1/2 mile South of 134th and Hwy 2)
Open to new shooters 6th grade and up, meeting should not take more than 1hr. Any questions contact Jr. coach Aaron Lyons 402-525-2548