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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 19, 2018 – 3rd Week of Advent

Dear St. Teresa School Family,

Pope Francis speaks about bringing back the good habit of being thankful. According to him, the more thankful we are, the more Christian we are. I find our students are very thankful in little ways: holding the door, receiving the food from the lunch line, and receiving their birthday gift from me, etc. As we approach the biggest gift day, Christmas, let us take time to thank God, our Loving Father, for sending His Son Jesus to us!

In Christ our Infant King,
Sister Anne Joelle, C.K.

DATES for: December

21 Sign-a-long, 11 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Please sit on the north side of the bleachers
Noon Dismissal End of 2nd quarter

22-Jan. 6 **No School / Christmas break!**

January

9 Wed. Leadership Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

11 Happy ½ Birthday, Mrs. Hraban! Mission Collection

16 Wed. **Report Cards issued**

19 Sat. Winter Band Rehearsal, Grade 5: 2:00-2:45 p.m., Grades 6-8: 3:00-3:45 p.m., Pius X gym

20 Sun. Winter Band Concert, 1:30 p.m., Pius X gym

21 Mon. **No School** / Faculty Meeting & In-service Happy Feast Day, Sr. Mary Agnes!

25 Happy ½ Feast Day, Fr. Hottovy & Bishop Conley, and Happy Birthday, Miss Volkmer!

27 Sun. Catholic Schools Week (CSW) begins!

THINGS BEING SENT HOME: No Communication Envelope this week

ATTACHMENTS: School and Hot Lunch Calendars

PRAY FOR SEMINARIAN: Robert Johnson, Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Theo. 3, St. Thomas, Lincoln

Dec. 23-29: Rev. Mr. Carson Kain, St. Charles Seminary, Theo. 4, St. Patrick, McCook

Dec. 30-Jan. 5: Matthew Kovar, Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Theo. 2, Appleton Assumption, David City

STUDENT COUNCIL are holding a fundraiser for the building fund this Friday, Dec. 21. Students may bring in \$1 to wear jeans and a Christmas or Religious shirt.

THANK YOU Teri Schilmoeller for planning an inspiring and devotional Christmas program for the 5th-8th students. It was one of a kind! Thanks also to all of the adult and high school singers who joined in for the Ave Maria, Nathaniel Cunningham and Dave Koperski for singing the solos, and Jean Timmerman for organizing and directing the adult choir. Thanks to Emily Hoeller's help, Melanie Kottwitz for playing the organ and Grace Raun for playing the piano. It was a beautiful evening!

HAND RAILS: We hope to replace the handrails over the holidays. We will send out an email to see if anyone can help.

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.

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

MOMS JANUARY 5TH MEETING: Jolie Vega will share general information about pregnancy and infant loss, her own story involving pregnancy and infant loss, and about No Footprint Too Small's mission. Jolie is the founding executive director of No Footprint Too Small. Her previous work experience includes suicide prevention and bereavement support in hospice care with an educational background in business and clinical counseling. Jolie is constantly striving to obtain more information and training related to pregnancy and infant loss and related subjects such as birth trauma, PTSD, and postpartum mood disorders so she can better support and companion the bereaved mothers, fathers, and families that No Footprint Too Small serves.

Lincoln Mothers on a Mission (MOMs) is a group of Catholic mothers searching for fellowship, hope, & joy in our ever-changing vocation. Monthly meetings are held every first Saturday, 8:30-10:30 am at Gianna's Java & Gelato, in The Guadalupe Center located at 2241 O Street. Your free-will donation helps cover the cost of speakers, reserved babysitting, and coffee/snacks (\$5-10 suggested). Before the meeting, moms and kids are also invited for 8:00 am Mass at the Gianna's Chapel. 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.

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: How do you give back to St. Teresa's School? There are SO MANY WAYS!! If finding extra money to give is a challenge, try giving without spending any extra! Every time you spend \$100 on groceries, \$3 goes back to St. Teresa's when you use Scrip. That's \$156/year if you use \$100/wk. \$15,600 if 100 people used \$100 of Scrip each week. Scrip will be available at school until Christmas break begins, sold after the weekend Masses before Christmas and at the rectory office over the break from 9-12:30 except on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. ScripNow! is available 24/7 when you are enrolled in Presto Pay! Plan ahead so you can use Scrip for gift-giving, gift-purchasing, food and drink for your festive gatherings, movie-going, etc! **DON'T FORGET:** Profits from our Scrip sales in December and January will benefit the school kitchen renovation!!! (\$2,700 if 100 people used only \$100 of grocery Scrip (3% rebate) each week). 12 days of Christmas Scrip Ideas:

Groceries...\$100 (\$3) Sugar cookies! (and of course real meals too!)
Gas.....\$ 25 (\$.75) Christmas lights!
Family Movie.....\$ 30 (\$2.40) \$5 before 10am
Coffee with friends..\$ 5 (\$.35) The kids are all home...you need a cup!
Vitamins.....\$25 (\$1.25) Keep everyone healthy
Random Act of Kindness.\$?? (\$??) Let your light shine!

\$8+ back to St. T's

UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

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! Nearly all of 2019 still needs to be filled! Please consider volunteering for one recess to help our students spend a few minutes with Jesus! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4aafac283-2ndfriday>

WINTER BAND CONCERT: Rehearsals: **Sat., Jan. 19**, Grade 5, **2:00-2:45 p.m.**, Grades 6-8, **3:00-3:45 p.m.** in the Pius gym; **Band Concert: Sun., Jan. 20, 1:30 p.m.** in the Pius gym

Students should be there by 1:10. **Wear:** school uniform **Bring:** your instrument, music stand, and music, all labeled with your name. Don't come if you have been sick or had a fever in the previous 24 hours, or if you don't feel well.

"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!