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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 5, 2018 – 1st Week of Advent

Dear Parents,

Pope Francis invites us during this Advent, “to prepare for the coming of the Lord, by assuming three attitudes. First, constant joy; second, steadfast prayer; third, continuous thanksgiving.” How simple yet profound ways to prepare for the Infant King. I know I question myself: Do I bring joy to others or do I think about all the things I have to do and have a pity party? One of my Advent practices is to spend an extra fifteen minutes each morning in prayer. I just spend time with Jesus! Finally, how true that a grateful heart is a humble heart! I give thanks to God who has blessed me with so many graces and blessings. I also thank God for my dedicated staff, faithful parents and beautiful students. St. Teresa School is a blessed place to be.

In the Heart of the King, I am,
Sister Anne Joelle, C.K.

DATES for: December

- 5 4 pm School Family Leadership Board meeting
- 6 ^{Thurs} 1st Grade Class Mass; Happy Birthday, Mrs. Berrick!
- 7 First Friday – MCA collection; Adoration; 3 pm Benediction Grades 3, 4, 5, & 6 Confessions
- 11 Adoration 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
- 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 **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: Scrip form; lunch and library notices; Grades 4 & 5 Field Trip forms; Preschool tuition statements

ATTACHMENTS: JH girls Christmas Caroling flyer; Dance flyer; Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe; Parent Grief Letter

PRAY FOR SEMINARIAN: Caleb Hile, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Theology 3, St. Joseph Parish, Lincoln

GRANT AWARDED: We received a \$5,000 grant for our kitchen project from the May L. Flanagan Foundation!

PRAYERS: Please pray for Perla Torres-Robles, a 14-year-old with Ewing's sarcoma. She will have surgery to remove a tumor on Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Her brother, Jose, in 6th grade and her sister, Estrella, in 3rd grade attend St. Teresa School. Attached is a novena you might be interested in praying for her. It would have started Dec 3rd, but God isn't bound by time. The family will be featured on the news this Friday receiving Christmas gifts. The filming will take place at school. Thank you for remembering them in your prayers.

SAFETY: Students with older siblings who have after school activities should be picked up at dismissal time, rather than waiting at school for their siblings' after school activities to complete, because they are not supervised at that time.

FOR THE SECURITY OF OUR SCHOOL BUILDING we need everyone to refrain from propping doors open with cones or other objects, in order to let students in for after-school activities/practices.

OUR CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM (CRT) examined the NE Safety & Security Standards Technical Assistance Guide and rated our school based on the standards. We will revisit these guidelines periodically.

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.

“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!

SCRIP PROFITS in December and January will go towards the kitchen renovation project. Remember to use SCRIP!

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>

GIRLS CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Dec. 16, 1:15-6:30 p.m. for Jr. high to college-aged girls. Vespers and Dinner with the Sisters is included. See the flyer enclosed and attached for more details.

THUNDERBOLT WRESTLING CLUB starts its season **Monday, Dec 10th** in the Pius X wrestling room 6:30-7:30 p.m. for all boys K-8th. It is free for the first 4 practices so come join us or join us in January! We welcome all skill levels. For more information & the schedule go to www.thunderboltwrestling.info or contact Marg Bohy bohybozymom@yahoo.com 402-770-4432.

GIRLS DANCE CLINIC: Girls ages Preschool-6th grade may join the Pius X Thunderettes on **Sat., Jan. 12, 9:00-Noon**. See Dance flyer for details and registration. **Due by Dec. 14.** Mail in the registration and keep the flyer.

HOMEMADE COOKIE & CANDY SALE sponsored by Sacred Heart Altar Society will be Sat., Dec. 8th from 4-6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 9th from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Rectory basement, 3128 “S” Street. Enjoy free hot cider, coffee, and cookies while you choose the cookies you would like to buy for your holiday events, gifts, or your own sweet eaters. All proceeds go to the Parish Hall Building Fund.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS) is a Montessori-based approach to teaching young children about the Catholic liturgy and Jesus Christ as their Good Shepherd. Anyone interested in learning more about CGS is invited to a Come & See on Dec. 16th at 2 pm. Please meet 3700 S. 35th St. and carpool to the Blessed Sacrament Atrium for a presentation. Contact Beth Ruhl at 701-388-1041 with questions.

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 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

Scrip will be available before and after most weekend masses Dec. 1- Dec. 23. Please be flexible and patient as selling Scrip is completely a voluntary task. Scrip will continue to be available at the school and over the break at the rectory.

You can also browse through the new 2018 Holiday Gift Guide from Scrip at <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/GiftGuide>.

NEWS FLASH!! There has never been a better time to kick your Scrip habits into high gear! Scrip profits from the month of December 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! Some retailer offer low denomination cards perfect for gift giving!

UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

WALKIE TALKIES: We are selling our used walkie talkies for \$5. We have 1 set left (2 walkie talkies and a charger).

ST. NICK AT PIUS X: St. Nick is coming to Pius X on the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, Thurs., **Dec. 6** from **5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Please RSVP to Kristin.heath@piusx.net to help give us an idea of the amount of cookies and cocoa needed! Go to <http://piusx.net/foundation/st-nick-at-nite/> to register and for more information.

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.

Thursday, December 6th: 7-8:30 "Christ: The Anointed Prophet, Priest, and King"

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>

CHRISTMAS CONCERT APPAREL (GRADES 5-8): **Dec. 13, 7:00 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. (Recommendation: check at the Thrift shop for black dress clothes)

ADULT and high school SINGERS FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: For the school Christmas program this year, our students will be singing Biebel's "Ave Maria". This piece requires two choirs who sing in complimentary motion. Mrs. Schilmoeller is inviting adults to sing the "Choir II" portion of the song with the students. Jean Timmerman will organize and direct. Even if you are not familiar, we'd love to have you join us, though we do ask that you familiarize yourself with your part before we practice. Music will be sent home to those interested. Contact Jean Timmerman (jeantimmerman@neb.rr.com) if you would like to sing or for more information. Very likely we will be in special need of male voices. There will be one practice before the program. That date will be determined by best availability of those singing, sometime in December. Thank you for considering! Jean Timmerman

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.learning.powerschool.com/theresa-kottwitz/st.teresaschooloffice/signup>. Your invitation code is **WL9Q5**. All newsletters, calendars, menus, attachments and volunteer forms can be found here!

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