

*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.*

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February 6, 2019  
St. Paul Miki and Companions

Dear St. Teresa School Family,

Dr. Marvin Marshall's four-level hierarchy of responsibility combines nicely with a similar hierarchy, the four levels of happiness, developed by Father Robert Spitzer for his use in forming people with a pro-life mindset. The levels are actually a wonderful tool for students – for making choices, for evaluating their choices, for being “in control” (with God at the helm, of course) of their lives. They are a wonderful tool to encourage students to be self-motivated and to inspire them to want to do their best. Below is a list of the four levels with the three contributions noted - 1. Marvin Marshall's four-level hierarchy of responsibility followed by 2. Fr. Spitzer's pro-life mindset, and 3. a Christianized version of Marvin Marshall's four-level hierarchy:

**Level A: All About Me/Anarchy** - Level A can also be described as self-centered/selfish. This is a “normal” level for a baby. We all fail and fall into this level at times, but it is an unacceptable level.

- 1. Anarchy:** Absence of order; Aimless & chaotic
- 2. Physical Pleasure/Material Possessions:** Addiction to things
- 3. All About Me:** Focus: Self; Characteristics: Obligation is to self alone, no desire for common good;  
Motivation: Basic needs and instincts (pleasure, pain, fear, greed)

**Level B: Being Better Than Others/Bothering Others** - Level B is typical of the toddler stage. In this level, the person isn't totally focused on self. Other persons come into the picture, but there is a sense of “me against you”. This, too, is an unacceptable level – a level which involves sin. We know we will make mistakes, but we should not be at this level frequently.

- 1. Bossing/Bullying:** Botheres others; Bullies others; Breaks rules
- 2. Ego-Gratification:** Seek to advance self at expense of others
- 3. Being Better than Others:** Focus: Self; Characteristics: Promotion of self, personal power, control;  
Motivation: Power, control, must be bossed to behave

**Level C: Communion/Community/Conformity** - Level C is an appropriate/desired level of behavior. Our focus is off of self and inclusive of others. There may be some sense of doing things to please others or being influenced by others, but we are moving to acting for purposes outside of ourselves. We most likely find ourselves at this level most of the time.

- 1. Cooperation/Conformity:** Considerate; Complies; Conforms to peer pressure
- 2. Contribution/Self-gift:** Need to contribute to family, friends, community
- 3. Community & Communion:** Focus: Others; Characteristics: Decisions are focused on the greater good;  
Motivation: External - needs; consequences (reward, punishment)

**Level D: Divine Dominion (Doing God's Will)/Democracy** - Level D is the level for which we desire to aim. It is a stretch, but it is a part of the call to holiness that God makes to all of us.

- 1. Democracy:** Develops self-discipline; Demonstrates initiative Displays responsibility
- 2. Faith in God's unconditional love:** Surrendering all that we are to God
- 3. Divine Dominion/Doing God's Will:** Focus: God; Characteristics: Desires to give and receive unconditional love;  
Motivation: Internal – Takes initiative

I encourage you to discuss these levels with your children. Ask them about their understanding – let them teach you! You can apply them at home, too. God bless you!

In Christ the King,  
Sister Mary Faustina, C.K.

**DATES for: February**

- 6 Wed. Leadership Board Meeting, 4 p.m.; Tuition Mtg., 7 p.m.; Midterms- see PowerSchool  
 8 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Confessions  
 9 Sat. Kitchen Renovation Dinner, 6 p.m. social, 7 p.m. dinner  
 11 Pius X Winter Band Concert, 2:00 p.m. (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders, see enclosed flyer invitation & attachment)  
 12 Tues **School Family Meeting, 7 p.m.**  
 13 **No PK or K** – Kindergarten Preview, 9:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.  
 15 **No School** – faculty meeting; Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
 16 St. Teresa Trivia Night, social: 6 p.m., trivia rounds 7 p.m.  
 18 **No School** – Teacher In-Service and CLC  
 21 Pius X Registration for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at St. Teresa School  
 22 Jr. High Trivia Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament School gym (Free-includes pizza, pop, popcorn)

**THINGS BEING SENT HOME:** Spring Vocal Concert, Grades K-4 Information; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Raffle Flyer; Scrip form; Lunch & Library Notices; Grades 7 & 8 Pius Band Concert Flyer

**ATTACHMENTS:** February Hot Lunch Menu; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Raffle Flyer; Summer Solutions; Grades 7 & 8 Pius Band Concert Flyer; Jr. High Trivia Night flyer

**PRAY FOR SEMINARIAN:** Andrew Ojeda, St. Gregory the Great Seminary, College 3, St. Mary Parish, Denton

**NEW TUITION/SCHOLARSHIP:** The second scholarship and tuition meeting is **Wed., February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Kaczmarek Hall.** Eva Fujan will present the diocesan scholarship information and be available for questions in the first hour. That will be followed by a presentation of St. Teresa's Parish Scholarship Program.

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:** Spring conferences will be held on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Click on the SignUp Genius link to sign up for a conference time for PK – 5<sup>th</sup> grades, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Quinto and Mrs. Conroy (Title I). <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F44ABA728A31-parentteacher1>

Mrs. Schilmoeller will be holding conferences in the morning from 9:00 – 11:45 by appointment only. Please email her at [Terri-Schilmoeller@cdolinc.net](mailto:Terri-Schilmoeller@cdolinc.net) for an appointment. The following teachers will be in the gym to hold conferences: Mrs. Kudron, Mrs. Pokojski, Mr. Morris, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Hoeller, Mr. Navratil, Mrs. Fusselman. No sign-up is required. Because it is Spring Conferences, we are limited on time. Please visit only with the teachers that you need to in order to discuss your concerns or touch base with your child's homeroom teacher. Please be courteous of the time and be aware of the other parents in line. These meetings should be brief updates. If more needs to be discussed, please set up another time with that teacher.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE RAFFLE!** St. Teresa's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is sponsoring a raffle to raise funds for their end of the year activities. Raffle items include a football signed by a current husker player, gift cards to Juice Stop and Marcus Theatres, a set of walkie-talkies, and a Game Basket. Tickets cost only 50¢. Students wanting to participate are asked to bring money in from February 11<sup>th</sup> through February 22. Drawing for prizes will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. See flyer and attachment for details.

**THANK YOU!** Students brought in \$673.66 for the Red Cross – sponsored by the Student Council

### **WAYS TO SERVE**

**SANDING BANISTERS:** If you are available to help sand **Saturday, Feb 9, from 9-11 a.m.**, please email Carrie Stratman at [cstratman@neb.rr.com](mailto:cstratman@neb.rr.com). Thank you for giving your time and talent to help beautify our school! If you have an electric sander please bring it. We will provide the sanding discs.

**BOX TOPS:** If you have any Box Tops, please send them to the school by **Friday, Feb 15**, to allow time to prepare them for shipping. Thank you for helping to raise money for our school!

**2ND FRIDAY RECESS ADORATION:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4aafac283-2ndfriday>

**SCRIP NEWS:** January's Scrip profit was **\$1,150.41**. Our 2019 goal is \$25,000. To reach this goal our monthly profit average needs to be just above \$2,000 each month. In 2018 we reached \$17,000. Each year our Scrip profits have declined. We can't reach our goal without using Scrip. If you're not using Scrip, please consider learning how to. Your Scrip purchases matter. Your \$100/week translates to \$156/year or \$15,600 for 100 families. This model is a minimum,

and remember, no one is spending more money because your \$100 HyVee card buys \$100 of groceries. Families that use Scrip consistently are easily exceeding \$152. Can you create a habit to buy Scrip every week? Watch what happens if you do.

### UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

**VOTE FOR ST. TERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL!** Each year, Spirit Catholic Radio promotes the *Superstar Catholic School Contest* to shine a light on Catholic education in our communities. This year's contest runs from **Jan. 28-Feb. 8**. Winning schools in each category will receive bigger and better prizes this year, including a grand prize of \$1,000 of free on-air promotion! Support Catholic education by voting online for your favorite Catholic school at [Superstar](#).

**KINDERGARTEN PREVIEW:** Kindergarten preview will be held on Wednesday, **February 13<sup>th</sup>** at St. Teresa School. Two sessions are available: 9:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Invitations to our current Preschoolers were sent home last week. If you have a future Kindergartener and are not in our current Preschool Program please call the school office to let us know that you are planning on attending. Also, spread the word to others that may have a kindergartener next year. Kindergarteners are required to be 5 years old by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**DENTAL SCREENING:** 79-248 states that "every school district shall cause every child under its jurisdiction to be separately and carefully inspected... to ascertain if such child is suffering from (1) defective sight or hearing, (2) dental defects, or (3) other conditions as prescribed by the Department of Health and Human Services. Therefore, if your children **have not** seen a dentist in the past year, please notify us by calling the office or sending an email to [TAEL-AA@cdolinc.net](mailto:TAEL-AA@cdolinc.net)

We have a dentist coming on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. to screen any students who haven't had a dental checkup in a year. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be screened first as they have an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade NAEP test at 10:00 a.m.

**MOTHER-DAUGHTER PROGRAM:** Sunday, **March 3**, for 10-13 yr.-old girls and their mother at John XXIII Diocesan Center, **1-4 p.m.** Registration opened 1/18 online. See flyer for more details. To register go to <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/mother-daughter-program>