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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



August 22, 2018 – Queenship of Mary

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another school year! “We saw God this morning!” A kindergarten student at recess emphatically asked Sister Teresa Marie, "Sister, guess what?!" Thinking this little one might say something about recess, snack, or the fact that it's the first day, Sister replied, "What?" With big bright eyes, hands waving, and every fiber of her body, she declared: "We saw God this morning!" What a blessing that Father Hottovy brought Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to all the classrooms on the first day of school, to receive Jesus' blessing! I can't think of a better way to start the school year off! Let us pray for each other!
In the Heart of the King, I am,
Sister Anne Joelle, CK

DATES for:

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| August | 23 | Back to School Night 6:30 for 6 th & JH in the lunchroom; & 7:00 School Family Meeting in the gym; 7:30-8:30 talks for PreK-5 th |
| | 24 | 8A Class Mass for St. Bartholomew |
| | 29 | Fr. Kelleher will be talking to 1 st –8 th grade students about Eucharistic Adoration and time for prayer. This is at the request of Bishop Conley for all our Catholic Schools. 5 th grade Class Mass for the Passion of Saint John the Baptist |
| | 31 | Picture Day (PreK-A & K-8), |
| September | 3 | NO SCHOOL – Labor Day |
| | 5 | Leadership Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m. |
| | 7 | MCA Collection / Benediction 3:00 p.m. |
| | 10 | Happy Birthday, Mrs. Mary Murphy (resource teacher) |
| | 11 | 7:00 p.m. Sacramental meeting for parents in Kaczmarek Hall (Postponed) |
| | 12 | Buddy Lunch; Marian Mass, 7:00 p.m. Happy Birthday, Father Hottovy |
| | 14 | 12:30 p.m. Dismissal for faculty meeting |
| | 14 | 8B Class Mass for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross |
| | 20 | 12:30 Dismissal , Parent/Teacher Conferences: 1-5, 6-8 p.m. |
| | 21 | NO SCHOOL , Parent/Teacher Conferences: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. |
| | 21 | Happy Birthday, Mrs. Guzman de Cruz (secretary) |
| | 25 | 7:00 p.m. Sacramental meeting for parents in Kaczmarek Hall (moved from Sept. 11) |
| | 30 | Happy Birthday, Mrs. Theresa Schafers (PreK teacher) |
| October | 1 | NO SCHOOL –Diocesan Teacher Institute |
| | 2 | Celebrate the Feast of St. Therese |
| | 3 | Leadership Board Meeting, 4:00 pm |
| | 4 | PreK-B Picture Day & Picture Retakes |
| | 5 | MCA Collection / Benediction 3 pm; 5 th -6 th field trip -Plum Creek Literacy Festival at Concordia |

CALENDAR CHANGES: No Sacramental Parent Mtg. on Sept. 11. The new date is Sept. 11.

THINGS BEING SENT HOME: Reduced Lunch Program packet; Boy Scout flyer; Picture Day reminder; Lunch notices

ATTACHMENTS: none

THINGS DUE: (please contact the school office if you have misplaced any forms)

+Parent Contact Sheet - Includes: Communication Envelope Carrier, Emergency Contact Info

+Tuition and fees forms (includes tuition, School Family fee, and bus fee), and School Handbook & Technology Use Policy Agreement form

COMMUNICATION ENVELOPE information is due to the office by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. If this deadline is not met, we will put the information in the following week.

WELCOME to Logan Morris teaching 7th/8th English and Jr. High resource support and Janet Johnston, PKA para and part time secretary.

REMIND.COM: *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. Thanks for joining!

IMPORTANT SAFETY CONCERNS: *Please call in your child's absence **to the office** by 8:30 a.m. at the latest; we are responsible and need to account for all of our students in a timely manner. The office will forward the information to the student's teacher. You can also email the office at TAEL-AA@cdolinc.net.

The following items need to be shared with your children's drivers:

*The area in front of the school is a loading zone only. Please do not park here. If you need to come into the school, park on a side street or in the church parking lot.

*Obey the "No Stopping Any Time" signs. Children cannot be seen in the crosswalks when vehicles are stopped or parked in these areas. This includes the area in front of the church.

*Please, no U-turns on 36th Street at Laura Avenue. This is a very busy intersection, and our children deserve to have a safe place to use the crosswalk.

CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM: St. Teresa School's CRT members are: Fr. Hottovy, sister Anne Joelle, Sr. Mary Faustina, Gary Harper, Rex Mulholland, Eileen Quinto, Jen Sager, Angie Schafers, Sara Stewart and alternates: Logan Morris and Sarah Dinan. The team will meet monthly. Things we are currently doing: Wasp spray for each classroom to use on possible dangerous intruders; met with a law enforcement officer for safety guidance; members attended an active shooter training and shared with faculty/staff; reviewed drop-off and pick-up procedures and will better enforce this year for safety; students will gather in the mornings from 7:45-8:00 in the gym with supervision.

GROWTH MINDSET: One of our goals this year is to foster a growth mindset in our students. We hope to share resources with you to reinforce this mindset at home. You can find a plethora of information on the internet about this from TED talks to lesson plans and posters. We are all capable of learning and improving when we persevere and don't give up.

POPSICLE SALES! Student Council is selling popsicles after school for \$0.25 on Aug. 21,23,28,30 and Sept. 4 & 6.

BACK to SCHOOL NIGHT SCHEDULE: On August 23, 6th - Jr. High teachers will meet with parents at 6:30 in the Lunchroom. Everyone will meet in the gym at 7:00 p.m. After an introductory session in the gym, parents will be able to visit classrooms for 10 min. presentations (7:45; 8:00, 8:15) by PK-5th grade teachers and to collect handouts with more information about the year. The evening will conclude at 8:30 p.m. Please plan on attending and getting to know your child's classroom and teacher! **New families are invited to come at 6:30 p.m.** to meet some families ahead of time and they will show you around our school.

PICTURE DAY will be Friday, August 31st in Kaczmarek Hall. We are using Pegasus School Images. If you pay for the first two children, the rest of the children get complimentary photos. This includes your students at Pius. Siblings three years and older are also invited to have pictures taken at 8:10 a.m. that day in Kaczmarek Hall. The School Handbook states: --On dress-up days (e.g. school picture days), students may wear standard slacks, pants, skirts (must reach just above the knee), colored jeans (no blue jeans). They may not wear sweat pants, leggings, or stretch pants. Baggy and other faddish clothing is not allowed. No writing (small logo is permitted). T-shirts and sleeveless shirts are not allowed. **Jewelry and make-up regulations remain the same.**

SHORTS: Students may wear shorts during **all of August, September, and May**. Students in grades 1-8 should come in uniform (pants, jumpers, or skirts); they may change after Mass. Kindergarten students may wear them to school since they do not attend Mass.

MEDICATION INFORMATION: If your child takes any kind of medication at school, even over the counter, the medication needs to be in the original container, and a Medication Permission form needs to be filled out. We cannot give any medications not in the original container or without this permission form. Please request a form from the office.

LUNCH ITEMS: Please be sure that lunch money is sent to the office in an envelope, clearly marked as lunch payment, with child's **name, grade, and amount of money inside**. Also, if a check is sent, please write child's name and lunch payment on memo line. All money is deposited into your child's account. Lunch is \$2.20 per meal. Adult lunch is \$4.00/meal. You may also pay for lunches through the online program, MySchoolBucks. For more information about this program, please contact the office. Milk only or extra milk is 40 cents. A reminder will be sent home in the Communication Envelope if you have a low balance or owe lunch money. If there are questions about your "bill", please contact Rosie Polak. Consider filling out a "Free and Reduced Lunch Form". The number of dependents in a family can make a difference. This packet is being sent home in the CEs to everyone today. This is an opportunity for students to receive a healthy meal each day either free or at a reduced price.

FAMILY PRAYER DAYS: The Family names on the monthly calendar are a reminder to pray for that family on that day. We announce the name each day for the students to pray for this family. Please join us in praying for them as well!

OUTDOOR MOVIE AND GAME NIGHT FOR 5TH-8TH GRADERS-Saturday, August 25 / 7:30pm-10:00pm / Kotopka's House-1030 Aldrich Road / Pius's Academic Decathlon Program is traveling to San Francisco in September and hosting one final fundraising event. This event is open to all 5th-8th graders and will offer Pius students and parents overseeing an Outdoor Movie in the backyard, Mafia games in the front yard, Ultimate Tag in a field across the street, Knockout on the driveway, and Texas Hold'Em inside. Popcorn and slushies for 50 cents. Please contact Ann Kotopka for more info: mkotopka@gmail.com

LITTLE FLOWERS: An informational meeting for families to join Little Flowers will be held on Wednesday, August 29th at 7:00 at Jean Timmerman's home (637 South 40th Street). If you plan to attend or have questions, please contact Jean Timmerman (jeantimmerman@neb.rr.com). Little Flowers is an extracurricular program, designed to teach virtue to young girls in a social setting. Families who join take responsibility of one meeting each year. Fees are minimal. If your daughter is in **1st grade**, this will be the organizational meeting for you to learn more and form your group. If your daughter is in **2nd, 3rd or 4th grades** and you are already plugged into the group you need not attend. If you are new to the school (or the program) and would like to learn more we would love to have you join us. If your daughter is in **5th grade** and you would be interested in getting a group together, please contact Jean Timmerman by email. If there is enough interest we will put a group together for 5th grade. There is currently not an active group for 5th grade, but we can certainly restart for their Confirmation year.

GIRL GENIUS: St. Teresa School offers spiritual/social groups for girls in 6th and 7th grades. These are the Little Flowers groups for the older girls. Each grade supports its own group with different meetings. We call the groups Girl Genius as we use the ENDOW Girl Genius Series as our starting point. Girls who are interested in joining the 7th grade group who are not already involved should contact Jean Timmerman (jeantimmerman@neb.rr.com) for more information. If a 6th grade parent would like to start Girl Genius for that grade (there is currently not an organized group) please contact Jean Timmerman.

MEALS FOR THE SISTERS: Perform a work of mercy and provide a meal for the Sisters at St. Teresa Convent. Please see the attachment for details and sign up <https://tinyurl.com/y76x4nv4>

USED UNIFORM CLOSET: St. Teresa School Family sponsors a Used Uniform Closet which is located in our school building. Families are encouraged to donate gently used, unstained, and untornd used uniforms to our school, so that we can make them available for other families to purchase at a very reasonable price. The Used Uniform Closet is open during our school day. Please contact the office for assistance. Purchase only those items needed for the current school year, so that more items are available for those who need them this year.

WAYS TO SERVE

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS: If you are planning on volunteering at St. Teresa School and have not volunteered for us or any other Lincoln Catholic School in the past, you are required to view the Safe Environment program and complete the paperwork for a background check. If you have volunteered in the past and you don't recall fulfilling these diocesan requirements, please contact the school office. The sooner you complete these requirements, the sooner you'll be on your way to "hassle-free volunteering!"

RECESS VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d45a5a92ca20-recess> We could use a few more parents to help with recess duty. Maybe you can share with someone, so it isn't every week. Either way, go to Signup Genius, or call the school office if you can help. What a great opportunity to watch your children at play and to enjoy the outdoors. You are an extra set of eyes to keep the students safe. A teacher is on duty with you. Thanks to all who signed up!

RECESS ADORATION: Volunteers are needed to help supervise children making a visit to Jesus in the Eucharist, during their lunch recess on the 2nd Fridays of the month. This is only when there is outside recess; during the winter if you are uncertain the kids will have outside recess, call the school to make certain. Thank you for assisting with this wonderful program! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4aafac283-2ndfriday>

SCRIP AND PROPLR NEWS: July 2018 **Profit:** \$1,194.34, for a YTD total of \$9,715.78, or 39% of goal. **Thank you for using \$CRIP!**

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AMAZON SMILE: Amazon donates to St Teresa Catholic Church of Lincoln when you shop @AmazonSmile. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0393174>. We received a \$53.01 donation from AmazonSmile as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between January 1 and March 31, 2018. Please bookmark the link!

POP CANS: We can easily bring in \$40-50 a month with your participation! Please continue to save your pop cans and put them in the fenced area by the rectory. These funds are used to purchase new library books.

BIG THANK YOU: To those who helped with the new office renovation:

- The crew that helped move the office furniture in May: Dan, Ryan & Jay Wesolowski; Jason, Jenny & Sam Nickolite; Kevin Fitzpatrick; Mike Szatko; Mike Fitzgerald; Bobby & Carrie Beltran; Clarence Waldman; and Robert Roselle
- Helped with the project: Cheever (for making sure the project stayed on track); Ryan Wesolowski (putting in the lights & electrical outlets); Kidwell Electric (donated lights); Sentry Electric (donating items); Bison Electric (storing lights); Dan Wesolowski (helping where it was needed); Peter Heath (intercom & data ports); Men's Club (willing to help where it was needed); LAIRD company (donated furniture); all the people who helped moved furniture back to the office space (With the move I misplaced the list of names. Sorry. God knows who you are!)

UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

LINCOLN MOMS MEETING: Please join us at 8:30 a.m. on **September 1** at Gianna's Java & Gelato for "For Better or For Worse" presented by Ashley Stevens. Ashley Stevens is a Catholic convert, collegiate athlete, wife, and mother of three beautiful girls. While serving as a FOCUS Missionary at UNL shortly after getting engaged, she was T-boned by a Mack truck and nearly lost her life. She lived to tell the tale and she writes and speaks to encourage those whose life isn't going according to plan. 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.

WALK THE LITTLE WAY will be held Friday, **Oct. 19**, 2018. Look for the order form for a FREE t-shirt being sent home next week. Please mark your children's sizes and return to the office by Aug. 31st. More details will be sent home in the future.

ASBESTOS NOTICE – In accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency regulations, St. Teresa School hired the Institute for Environmental Assessment (IEA) to conduct initial asbestos inspections in 1988. St. Teresa School again hired IEA to conduct re-inspection in 1991. Asbestos Management Plans were developed through these inspections in order to protect the health of our students and staff and to maintain compliance with EPA regulation concerning asbestos containing materials in schools. Since 1988, St. Teresa School has carefully followed these management plans. During the inspection of October 1994, the materials that contain or are assumed to contain asbestos were assessed to present negligible health risks. As a result of this inspection by the Diocesan Office of Environmental Management, a new management plan was developed. The administrators of St. Teresa School will closely follow these new management plans. The management plans are available for your inspection, in the school. During regular business hours. The program manager provided by the diocese is Mr. Ron Prochaska, Alfred Benesch & Company, 825 M St, Ste. 100, Lincoln, NE, 68508. Please feel free to contact St. Teresa School if you have any questions.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY: St. Teresa School admits students of any race, sex, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national and ethnic origin in administration in its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.