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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 30, 2017

Dear Parents,

We have been blessed with such beautiful weather! However, it is not so nice with our brothers and sisters in Texas. I know I can be complacent about the availability of anything I need and sometimes, sadly, I expect to have things that I want. When the Sisters were watching the news my heart went out to the people who have lost everything! I cannot imagine going to a shelter and not having enough food or water, and then, when all is done, to go back to nothing or a lot of muck and clean up. I have asked the students to pray for them. Sister Teresa Marie is spearheading a collection of money and prayers for them. See note below. So, when things do not quite go our way or we want something, let us offer it up for those in need of the essentials. God bless!

In the Heart of the King, I am,  
Sister Anne Joelle, CK

Message from Sister Teresa Marie: As a school family, we would like to extend our missionary support to the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

**What:** Collection of prayers and money

**When:** This Friday- 8/29 at Mass (our monthly MCA Collection, will be given to Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church)

**How:** If your family would like to give a donation of prayers, please send them to [sr.teresa-marie@cdolinc.net](mailto:sr.teresa-marie@cdolinc.net). (Students will be offering a spiritual bouquet within their classrooms as well.)

St. Teresa, Patroness of the Missions, pray for us!

**DATES for:**

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| September | 1  | Fri | Picture Day for PreK A & K-8; Mission Collection to CCUSA / Lunch Adoration / 2:45 p.m. Benediction/ PK-A Day |
|           | 4  |     | <b>NO SCHOOL – Labor Day</b>  |
|           | 5  |     | Freeze Pop Sales  |
|           | 6  | Wed | Buddy Lunch; Leadership Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m.; Grades 4 & 6 Confessions                                    |
|           | 7  |     | Grade 3 Confessions; Freeze Pop Sales   |
|           | 8  | Fri | 5 <sup>th</sup> grade class Mass for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; PK-A Day                        |
|           | 10 |     | Happy Birthday, Mrs. Mary Murphy (resource teacher)   |
|           | 11 | Mon | 7:00 p.m. Sacramental meeting for parents in Kaczmarek Hall   |
|           | 13 |     | Happy Birthday, Father Hottovy; Annual Marian Mass, 7:00 p.m.; Grades 5 & JH Group B Confessions              |
|           | 14 |     | JH Group A Confessions  |
|           | 15 | Fri | 4B Class Mass for Our Lady of Sorrows; PK-B Day   |
|           | 15 |     | <b>12:30 p.m. Dismissal for faculty meeting</b>   |
|           | 21 | Th  | Happy Birthday, Mrs. Guzman de Cruz (secretary)   |
|           | 21 |     | <b>12:30 Dismissal</b> , Parent/Teacher Conferences: 1-5, 6-8 p.m. (midterms issued at conferences)           |
|           | 22 | Fri | <b>NO SCHOOL</b> , Parent/Teacher Conferences: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., (midterms issued at conferences)                |
|           | 27 | Wed | 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> field trip to Omaha Zoo; remaining midterms sent home                       |
|           | 28 |     | PK-B Picture Day & Picture Retakes; JH Group C Confessions  |
|           | 29 | Fri | 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> field trip to Plum Creek Literacy Festival at Concordia; PK-A Day            |
|           | 29 |     | 2A Class Mass for Feast of the Archangels   |
|           | 30 | Sat | Happy Birthday, Mrs. Theresa Schafers (PK teacher)<br>CK Outdoor Work Day, 1:30-4:00 p.m.                     |
| October   | 2  | Mon | Celebrate the Feast of St. Therese; Walk the Little Way   |

**THINGS BEING SENT HOME:** Scrip form; Fleece Order form; WTLW packet; Teacher Email Addresses; Buddy Lunch flyer; Lunch Notices; Class Lists

**ATTACHMENTS:** September School Calendar; September Lunch Menu

**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

**LIBRARY UPDATE:** The Library catalog is online and your children can access it from home. This will allow them to find books they would like to check out before they even come to school. The link for the catalog is <https://destiny.cdolinc.net/quest/servlet/presentquestform.do?site=507&viewMode=0>

### **WALK THE LITTLE WAY**

- Is on Monday, **Oct. 2, 2017**. More details will be sent home in the future.
- T-Shirts: If parents would like to order a shirt, you may add it to your child's order form that was sent home last week. These will cost \$5 per shirt (2XL is \$6.50 per shirt). Shirts are free for students. If you have already returned your child's form, email your shirt size and name to Mary Koenig at [doumarykoenig@inebraska.com](mailto:doumarykoenig@inebraska.com). You may send the money to school in a labeled envelope. **Please make checks out to Mary Koenig.** Orders are due Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

**FLEECE JACKETS/SWEATSHIRTS:** Grey (new logo) Sweatshirt YL - \$18; Men's XL Fleece - \$30; Jayhawks Sweatshirts (\$10): Green – Adult M & XXL, Navy – Adult L & XL These are available in the school office.

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT:** Thanks for the great turn out! We received \$64.52 for the Coffee/tea/hot chocolate/ Shop thanks to your donations! We hope it was a beneficial evening for you and welcome your feedback.

**CLASSROOM BASKETS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION** for this year's Parish Bazaar will again be centered on children's picture and chapter books. After Labor Day, please look for an email from each of your children's teachers which will contain the link to a sign-up genius for that class's assigned book and suggested items to donate. We were overwhelmed by your generosity last year and anticipate nothing less this year, and so we thank you in advance. +Melissa Brox and Pam Hammack, Basket Chairs

**POPSICLE SALES!** Student Council is selling popsicles after school for \$0.25 on Aug. 31 and Sept. 5 and 7.

**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (TOB) PARENT REQUIREMENT** Many of our teachers and administrators of the Catholic Schools throughout the diocese took a week-long Theology of the Body training to learn how to make sense of the way God creates and lend clarity to the chaos in which we live. To assist you as parents, we are asking all parents to view *A Safe Haven Starts at Home*, an 18-minute program at <http://cmgparent.org/>. Click "Start Learning", then Signup for Free, and on the main page choose "A Safe Haven Starts at Home". Following the video, please take the 2-minute quiz and submit your certificate either on paper or email it to [Wendy-GuzmandeCruz@cdolinc.net](mailto:Wendy-GuzmandeCruz@cdolinc.net). I found the video to be very practical and well presented. I would like each of you, or at least one parent from each family, to watch the video, take the quiz and provide us with the documentation noted above. In order for us to serve your children well, your support is essential in this critical matter.

**PICTURE DAY** will be **Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** 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.**

## WAYS TO SERVE

**RECESS VOLUNTEER:** If you can help take recess duty on Thursdays you can alternate weeks with another parent. Any of the three recesses: 11:40-12:05, 12:10-12:35, and/or 12:40-1:00. Please call the office if you are able to assist.

**GUITARS & UKELELES:** The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are learning to play the guitar and ukulele in music class. If any parishioners have guitars or ukuleles that are no longer being used, we would gratefully accept donations of gently-used instruments! Thank you!

**ST. TERESA SCHOOL MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS:** We raised \$23.20! Don't forget that you can order magazines and renew your subscriptions online at [my.fundraising.com/stteresascatholicschool](http://my.fundraising.com/stteresascatholicschool). 40% of your purchase is returned to the school. For magazines, click on the magazine link under "shop now for our cause". Please share the website with family and friends. There is also other merchandise available to purchase. This site is open to us for the entire year!

**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!"

**SCRIP AND PROPLR NEWS:** Visit the ShopWithScrip page on Facebook to enter a \$50 Fandango Giveaway! Contest ends Thursday, August 31.

Do you have projects on your Labor Day weekend agenda? Did you know that the average HOME IMPROVEMENT SCRIP offers a 4% rebate back to St. Teresa's? If you're having a hard time planning ahead, The Home Depot and Lowe's offer ScripNow! so you can shop spontaneously and still use Scrip, and Glenn's True Value stores accept the Propelr card. Don't forget to use Scrip and Propelr for all of your BBQing needs too! The average rebate of our local grocery stores is 3.5%. Super Saver and Russ's Market accept Propelr, Whole Foods, SAMs, Walmart and Target offer ScripNow! and our inventory is full of HyVee, Fresh Thyme, Natural Grocers as well as the others already mentioned.

Email your questions about how you can use Scrip and Propelr to support St. Teresa's School to [jeandreasen@allophone.com](mailto:jeandreasen@allophone.com).

**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.

### **THANK YOU:**

+ To the parents and students who helped make the Back-To-School Luncheon a success this year. Everyone's donations and efforts combined to give the teachers and staff a very warm welcome and "delicious" gesture of thanks for all they have done and will continue to do for the children attending St. Teresa's School.

Tricia Butler, Connie Rosno, Erin English, Melissa Eusterwiemann, Karen Bentz, Michelle Johnson, Monica Pettit, Kimberly Harper, Ann Suyker, Kelly Halverson, Kristi Casady, Lori Morin, Jenn Carter, Jody Duchesneau, Kim Vacek, Betsy Switzer, Lynn Burda, Emily Pfeiffer, Kim (& Connor) Theisen, Janice (& Ellie) Swanson, Melissa (& Ellen) Brox, Sarah (& Hannah) Tlamka, Elena (& Eddie) Arteaga

## UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

**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 at <http://bit.ly/ckmeals2017>.

**LINCOLN MOMS MEETING:** Join us **September 2** for "Uncomplicated: Six words to simplify and amplify your life," with Melissa Yindrick. Lincoln 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 a.m. **Our new fall semester location is Gianna's Java & Gelato at The Guadalupe Center** (2241 O St., Suite T, Lincoln, NE 68510). Free-will donation (\$5

suggested) helps cover the cost of speakers, reserved babysitting, and coffee/snacks. Contact us at [lincolnmoms@outlook.com](mailto:lincolnmoms@outlook.com) or our Facebook page. Bring a friend!

**FATHER/DAUGHTER DAY RETREAT:** For girls ages 7-11 and their dads and grandpas. Saturday, **Sept. 9**, from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. A flyer was sent home last week.

**SACRAMENTAL PARENT MEETING** Parents whose children are making First Penance, Communion, and or Confirmation please plan on attending a required meeting on Monday, **September 11**, 7 – 8:30 p.m. in Kaczmarek Hall. Father Sean Kilcawley of the Director of the Family Life Office will be speaking.

**CK SISTERS OUTDOOR FALL WORKDAY** – Sat., **Sept. 30**, 1:30-4:30 p.m. We will be cleaning up our vegetable garden, transplanting young trees, as well as cutting down trees and brush. Helpful items to bring include gloves, wheelbarrows, shovels, pickups, chain saws and energy! Children are also welcome! Mark your calendars now and contact Sister Mary Angela at [sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net](mailto:sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net) if you would like to come and help. Villa Regina Motherhouse, 4100 SW 56<sup>th</sup> St., about 2 miles west and south of Pioneers Park.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR VALUABLE SCIP PRESENTATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY:**

September 26, 2017 - Promoting Student Mental Health, Lux Middle School, 6:30 PM

November 16, 2017 - Digital Citizenship, Lincoln Southeast High School, 6:30 PM

February 27, 2018 - Healthy Relationships, Lincoln Southwest High School, 6:30 PM

April 26, 2018 - Promoting Healthy Choices, Lincoln North Star High School, 6:30 pm

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