



*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

September 13, 2017

Dear Parents,

Today marks the 100th anniversary of the fifth apparition of Mary to the children in Fatima. On this day 100 years ago, Mary gave the world a message, a message that holds true today: peace in our world. Have you felt lately that we are in a battle? The spiritual warfare for our souls and those of our loved ones is going on all around us. I don't think I need to elaborate this point, a glance at the media tells the story. On September 13, 1917, around 20,000 people observed a change in the atmosphere much like we did during the eclipse last month: the air cooled suddenly, the sun dimmed and stars could be seen. Some even noticed a luminous globe moving slowly through the sky from the east to the west. Mary spoke these words, "Continue to pray the Rosary in order to obtain the end of the war. In October Our Lord will come, as well as Our Lady of Dolours and Our Lady of Carmel. Saint Joseph will appear with the Child Jesus to bless the world. God is pleased with your sacrifices." Lucia then began to put forward the petitions for cures, to be told: "Yes, I will cure some, but not others. In October I will perform a miracle so that all may believe."

Today our whole school will join in praying the Rosary in their classrooms at 10:00 a.m. led by the 8A and their 1st grade buddies over the intercom. May our prayers and Mary's powerful intercession help God's will for peace to come about in our world starting right here in our school. What is your relationship with our Lady like? Does she help you to find peace in your family and in your work place?

In the Heart of the King, I am,
Sister Mary Faustina, CK

DATES for: September

- 13 Happy Birthday, Father Hottovy; Annual Marian Mass, 7:00 p.m.; Grades 5 & JH Group B Confessions
- 14 JH Group A Confessions-**cancelled due to early dismissal** (Please try to get your student to Confession this weekend or come early to school-Confessions heard 7:45-8:05 a.m.)
- 14 ***12:30 p.m. Heat Dismissal***
- 15 Fri 4B Class Mass for Our Lady of Sorrows; PK-B Day
- 15 **12:30 p.m. Dismissal for faculty meeting**
- 20 Grade 5 Confessions (moved from Sept. 13)
- 21 Th Happy Birthday, Mrs. Guzman de Cruz (secretary)
- 21 **12:30 Dismissal**, Parent/Teacher Conferences: 1-5, 6-8 p.m. (midterms issued at conferences)
- 22 Fri **NO SCHOOL**, Parent/Teacher Conferences: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., (midterms issued at conferences)
- 27 Wed 7th- 8th field trip to Omaha Zoo; remaining midterms sent home
- 28 PK-B Picture Day & Picture Retakes; JH Group C Confessions
- 29 Fri 5th-6th 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); CK Outdoor Work Day, 1:30-4:00 p.m.

October

- 2 Mon Celebrate the Feast of St. Therese; Walk the Little Way
- 3 First Penance Meeting 7 p.m.
- 4 Grades 4 & 6 Confessions Leadership Meeting
- 6 MCA Collection Lunchtime Adoration **Living Rosary, 2:30 p.m.** (not 2:45 p.m.), PK-B Day

THINGS BEING SENT HOME: Lunch and library notices; Grade 2 and Grades 5 & 6 field trip forms; Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive form; Chess Club members' packets

ATTACHMENTS: Scrip Fall Promotion flyer

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

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: Here is the link for Pick-A-Time where you can sign up for a specific time for your conference with K-5th teachers: <https://pickatime.com/client?ven=11604375&evt=311135>. This link will be available today through 11 p.m. Wednesday, September 20th. 6th-8th teachers will be available in the gym. You do not need to sign up to see them. Midterms for Grades 6-8 can be picked up on a table in the gym. Midterms for Grade 5 will be handed out by your teacher.

ST THERESE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION: Monday, **October 2**, we will be celebrating St. Therese's Feast Day at school. Girls are welcome to dress as our patron saint on this day. All girls dressing as St. Therese will sit with their classes at the school Mass. Following Mass they may change into their uniform or may keep their "habit" on for the rest of the school day. We have one outfit, in school, if someone wants to borrow it. If your child has outgrown their outfit please donate them to school for others to use.

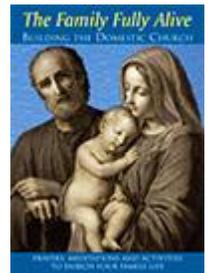
WALK THE LITTLE WAY: Our walk will be held October 2, which is close to our parish feast day. How are your pledges coming? Each family is working for **\$250 of pledges** to help the school reach its goal of \$35,000. **Turn in your pledges by Sept. 29.** Donors can make a gift to St. Teresa's School online at <https://www.thelittleflower-lincoln.com>. Please email Mary with any questions at dougmarykoenig@inebraska.com. Funds will be used for textbooks, teacher supplies, NCEA convention, Student Council stipend, carpet for 5th grade and science lab rooms, two technology air conditioners, desk repairs, and boiler repair. Have you sent letters to your friends and family? Thanks for reaching out!

HURRICANE SUPPORT: We collected \$442 for Catholic Charities. 100% of funds raised goes to those affected by Hurricane Harvey and related floods. Thank you for being so generous to our brother and sisters in Christ.

LB295 (TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS) was voted out of the revenue committee and will be brought to the floor of the Legislature for debate in the next session. This is a huge step as it is the first time it has made it out of committee. We need to continue to pray for the legislators and be ready to share our stories in support of parental choice of education.

DISCERNMENT Opportunity for Young Women: Fiat Ministries is hosting a discernment retreat on Friday, Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m. through Sunday Oct. 1 at 3 p.m. for single women ages 18-26 at Camp Kateri (McCool Junction). Fee of \$25 includes meals, lodging, and materials. To register or for more information www.fiatministries.org. Please register by Sept. 27.

THE FAMILY FULLY ALIVE: Adapting This Program to Your Family: The family fully alive program is designed to be flexible to meet the continuously changing needs of your family. This program can be started during any month of the year, completing projects and saying prayers at the times and places most suitable for your family. Some suitable times would be after family dinner or shortly before bedtime, making it easier to deal with the challenge of bringing the entire family together.



However you decide to incorporate the family fully alive program into your family's busy schedule, one thing is certain — it will change your life. The monthly cycle of themes, prayers, reflections, meditations and family projects will help your family focus on the important things in the world. They will help build your domestic church as a place of faith, hope and charity, where each member will grow with grace toward his or her full potential in God. [The Family Fully Alive](#) – click for an electronic version and more resources.

Suggested Weekly Format: Designate a space in your home where your family can gather together for prayer. The space should be free from distractions and, if possible, decorated with religious images and sacramental to help direct the family's thoughts toward God. Open each week with the Our Father, Hail Mary or one of the other prayers included in the "[Prayers for Every Family](#)" section. Next, ask a family member to read the theme. Then, proceed with the month's prayer and activities. Then, offer some petitions with each family member, adding personal intentions to the prayer. Conclude together by reciting the [Consecration to the Holy Family](#). Feel free to add to this basic structure other devotions, songs and whatever your family finds spiritually enriching for prayer. This resource was provided free from the Knights of Columbus.

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.

ST. TERESA SCHOOL MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS: Remember, you can order magazines and renew your subscriptions online at 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!

SCRIP AND PROPLR NEWS: We're excited to announce our next Thank-Scrip-ing Day bonus bonanza on Monday, September 18! Don't miss 24 hours of incredible ScripNow, Reload, and ReloadNow bonuses from dozens of your favorite retailers. As always, our list of retailers is TOP SECRET, so you'll have to wait until the promotion begins to see who's participating.

To participate, you just need a ShopWithScrip account, and you must be able to login to place online orders. To learn more about PrestoPay, our secure online payment system, you can go to www.shopwithscrip.com. Sign up ASAP if you haven't already, so you can receive your ScripNowCards and add funds using ReloadNow in minutes, or use Reload to add funds overnight! *Plus, with PrestoPay, you can place your Thank-Scrip-ing Day order with MyScripWallet, our mobile Scrip experience. Check out the flyer attached today for more information.

August Profit: \$1,072.00. **Year-to-date profit:** \$12,022.00. Remember to use **SCRIP** for supplies, entertainment and groceries. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com to see all available **SCRIPNow!** and reload options that *prestipay* has to offer. Email your questions about how you can use Scrip and Propelr to support St. Teresa's School to jeandreasen@allophone.com.
Thank you for using SCRIP!

UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

DILLON SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY: 1. Meet Free or Reduced Meal requirements 2. Maintain C+ GPA
3. Maintain a satisfactory attendance and discipline record 4. Pay at least 20% of tuition/fees.

The application is attached and will be sent home to those receiving free & reduced meals. If you do not participate in this program and meet the criteria you may print the application or request one from the office.

Deadline: September 20, 2017 to Sister Mary Faustina. Any questions contact Sr. Mary Faustina or Sr. Anne Joelle.

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>.

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 if you would like to come and help. Villa Regina Motherhouse, 4100 SW 56th 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

Contact Abbe Edgecombe if you have questions about the content, 402-327-6841.

LIBRARY: 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 <http://destiny.cdolinc.net/quest/servlet/presentquestform.do?site=507&viewMode=0>

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (TOB) PARENT REQUIREMENT: To assist you, 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. 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.

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.

SPANISH CLASS: The Language Project is offering a full immersion after school Spanish class this year. Through the TLP play based methodology Pre-K, Elementary, and Middle schoolers at St. Teresa can have the opportunity to learn a new language by reading stories, playing games, and writing in activity books. Claim your spot before it's too late. Join now! Visit: www.languageprojectkids.com.

MATHCOUNTS: Mathcounts for 6th-8th graders will begin meeting, Thursday, Oct. 5 from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Mathcounts is a fantastic math-enrichment program and competition series that promotes middle school mathematic achievement. St. Teresa has a long tradition of success in the program and is excited to get this season underway. Please see the attachment for more information. Contact Ann Kotopka with any questions: mkotopka@gmail.com

PIUS STUDENTS AS MATHCOUNTS MENTORS: Parents, if you had a past Mathcounts student, please encourage them to come back and act as Mathcounts mentors during our Thursday evening meetings. It'll continue to benefit them and is an excellent service opportunity. If they are able to help, have them send me an email and I'll communicate with them regarding time, place, and problem sets. Ann Kotopka - mkotopka@gmail.com

ORATORICAL CONTEST: Sponsored by the American Legion here in Lincoln. Jr. level (6th-8th grade) and Senior level (9th-12th grade) See attachment from Sept. 6th for more details.