

*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 19, 2018 – St. Januarius

Dear Parents,

“Fire and heat, bless the Lord.” I thought of this quote from Daniel 3:66 this past week. However, I was not praising God too much with the heat. So it was a good reminder to praise God for whatever He sends! Thank you for everyone’s flexibility with the heat dismissal days! I know it is a burden for many, and it is not an easy call for me; but being in the building in the afternoon has been pretty unbearable. With this kind of heat, very little learning occurs.

Getting air conditioning in our school is costly; but this improvement would also include updating the heating system. The system we are looking to implement is called VRF (Variable Refrigerant Flow) HVAC and is used in older buildings. Our current office has a system like this, and it is amazing how quiet and effective it is. The cost is \$1,000,000. If this were only for air conditioning it may seem too costly, since it is only needed in the fall and spring. However, the cost includes not just adding the air conditioning, but also replacing the boilers and upgrading the electrical power. Thus, we would need to get the city involved. Let me count the top 10 ways it would benefit our school.

1. Eliminates heat dismissal days, which interrupt the students’ routine and opportunity to learn.
2. Creates a better learning environment. We often have school when it is quite warm.
3. Eliminates boiler repairs or replacements.
4. Replaces fans, which are loud and distracting and blow students’ papers around.
5. Allows for windows to be closed, which lessens distractions from outside, especially when recess is going on.
6. Helps students with allergies and keeps other nasty smells out.
7. Adds electrical power and outlets for safety and meets the standards for today’s electrical needs.
8. Results in less body odor on the third floor. 😊
9. Helps students cool off better after coming in from recess & PE.
10. Boosts morale for faculty / staff who will have more pleasant work conditions & happy teachers = happier students!

What is the solution? Much prayer and generous donors and grants. God bless!

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

DATES for:

September	19	Midterms-check PowerSchool
	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)
	28	Confessions Grades 3 & 6 Grades 7 & 8 Field Trip
	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 p.m.
	4	PreK-B Picture Day & Picture Retakes
	5	Happy Feast Day, Sr. Mary Faustina; MCA Collection /Adoration/Benediction 3 p.m.; Grades 5 & 6 field trip -Plum Creek Literacy Festival at Concordia

THINGS BEING SENT HOME: PowerSchool Learning parent access code letter; Lunch and Library notices; Grades 1, 5, and 6 field trip forms; Grades 3, 4, and 6 Arts are Basic forms; School photo proofs

ATTACHMENTS: No attachments this week

CLASS BASKETS: Thank you to all who have signed up to donate for class baskets for the silent auction. There is still time to sign up for those of you who've not yet had the chance. If you can't find your sign-up link, please let your teacher or Melissa Brox know. Donations should be sent to school by Oct. 2nd.

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT (From Seth Odgaard, Safe Environment Coordinator, Office of Child & Youth Protection) Nebraska law requires all suspicions of child abuse or neglect to be reported to law enforcement or DHHS (Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-652-1999).

REPORTING MISCONDUCT: Notify the Diocese of Lincoln of any misconduct involving diocesan personnel by calling the misconduct hotline: 1-844-527-0596 (English and Spanish).

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN: Have you viewed the NEW and IMPROVED Safe Environment online training course? If you haven't, please do it soon! You don't have to complete it in one sitting. It will pick up where you left off. Once you've completed the program, please email Wendy your certificate (Wendy-GuzmandeCruz@cdolinc.net). Instructions were attached last week.

PARENTING FOR PURITY with Jason Evert, Monday October 15, 7 pm at St. Peter Church. See attachment.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: Pick-A-Time is now offline. Should you wish to schedule a conference, please call the office at 402-477-3358. 6th-8th grade teachers will be available in the gym. You do not need to sign up to see them. Conferences will be held on **Thursday, Sept. 20th**, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and **Friday, Sept. 21st**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM (CRT) – The CRT encourages parents to sign up for Remind.com to be able to get emergency information efficiently. We sent a message through Remind on Sunday evening to inform parents about the 12:30 heat dismissal on Monday. If you didn't receive it, you aren't signed up. The benefit is that it will send the message to your phone so you are more likely to see it sooner. The CRT also talked about recess safety and we plan to practice the emergency re-entry plan. We also worked on updating our emergency procedures.

WALK THE LITTLE WAY: Our walk will be held October 19th, which is a 12:30 dismissal day. How are your pledges coming? Each family is working for \$300 of pledges to help the school reach its goal of \$40,000. Turn in your pledges by Oct. 10th. Donors can make a gift to St. Teresa's School online at <https://www.thelittleflower-lincoln.com>. Please email Mary with any questions at doumarykoenig@inebraska.com. Funds will be used for textbooks, teacher supplies, NCEA convention, Student Council stipend, and a gym makeover. Have you sent letters to your friends and family? Thanks for reaching out! Our goal is 100% participation! The focus this week is prayer for the success of our walk and fundraising.

THANK YOU to the Men's Club for purchasing the poles and net that will cover the rest of the fence area of the south side of the playground area. Thank you to these men for helping installing the poles: Mike Szatko, Dan Wesolowski, Ryan Wesolowski, Clarence Waldman, Bob Elle, Zach Sposota, Joe Schroedl.

WAYS TO SERVE

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER DRIVERS: If you ever drive students on a field trip, you will need to complete the **Safe Driving online program**. The instructions are attached. This only needs to be done once. If you are unsure if you have already fulfilled this requirement, feel free to email or call the office. Every year, if you are driving students, a **Private Vehicle Form** must be completed for insurance purposes. You may complete it now, especially if you know you will be driving anytime this year. This form is also attached. We keep these forms on file and can let you know when the field trip approaches if we need it from you or not. If you have any questions regarding these forms and online programs, please feel free to email Wendy at Wendy-Guzmandecruz@cdolinc.net or call 402-477-3358. Attached is an explanation from the diocese insurance company explaining passenger van restrictions.

SCRIP AND PROPLR NEWS: What would happen if you could donate money to St. Teresa's when you buy groceries or fill gas—the things that you can plan for? Wait...we have that! What would happen if you could donate money to St. Teresa's when you purchase things that you don't plan ahead for? A quick trip to the auto repair store, or when you pull through the drive thru between soccer games, or go to a movie on a whim? We have that too, and now it is improved. MyScripWallet.com isn't an app, but when added to your homepage on your smart phone, it functions like one. You can:

- Enroll and set up online payments (PrestoPay™)
- Order all card types—physical gift cards, reloads, and eGift cards (ScripNow®)
- Use filters to search and add partners to your Favorites for quicker access
- Easily switch between organizations

- Change your password and username
- Add a reloadable card
- Easily access order history

Here is a list of just a few neighborhood stores that offer ScripNow!: TJ Maxx/HomeGoods, Goodscents, AutoZone, Marcus Theatres, DSW, Target, Starbucks, Village Inn, Krispy Kreme, Express, Forever 21, Sears, JC Penny, Whole Foods, Chipotle, not to mention online retailers and also merchants like PlayStation, Spotify, XBox, SlingTV that can be used to pay for your TV subscriptions.

That's just ScripNow!. When you throw in physical cards that can be reloaded in an instant, there are still more possibilities for convenience in a different manner. Maybe you like your money in your hand? You can reload your physical WalMart card, Marcus Theatres card, Starbucks, Whole Foods, and more. ****Your original card must be purchased through Scrip to be reloaded.****

It may not seem like much, but when you use Scrip for planned purchases, as well as those made when you haven't had time to plan for Scrip, the donations to St. Teresa's continue to grow.

UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

REMIND.COM: Thanks for signing up! **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.

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.* If you meet the criteria you may print the application or request one from the office.

Deadline: September 20, 2018 to Sister Mary Faustina. Any questions contact Sr. Mary Faustina or Sr. Anne Joelle.

LINCOLN MOTHERS ON A MISSION -"Making Sense of the Insensible" with Fr. Sean Kilcawley – Oct. 6

Its been a rough few months for Holy Mother Church, locally and universal. Many of us find ourselves confused, doubting, angry, and unsure. We have little eyes looking up at us, trusting us to lead them in the right direction. As women, the life bearers of the world, we can bring new life into the Church. We are raising the next generation of Catholic Christians. Please join us for coffee, fellowship, and a discussion with Fr. Sean Kilcawley addressing the role of mothers in combating the current crisis in the Body of Christ.

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.

Sign up NOW for **YMCA WINTER BASKETBALL**. YMCA Youth Sports offers basketball programs for boys and girls, Kindergarten through 8th Grade. The early registration deadline is **Tuesday, Oct. 9**. YMCA Spirit Basketball, a competitive basketball league, is offered for boys and girls 3rd - 8th Grade. The registration deadline is October 9. The YMCA of Lincoln offers a financial assistance program and all Youth Sports information can be found at ymcalincoln.org/youth or call 402-434-9217.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is **September 26th through November 4th**. Can you make a commitment to being with Jesus for 1 hour per week for 6 weeks? St Teresa's hours are 11am-7pm on Thursdays, which are Planned Parenthood's open hours. If Thursday does not work for you, can you make a weekly commitment on some other day?

MATHCOUNTS: Mathcounts is open to all 6th-8th grade students and will begin meeting on **Tuesday, October 2nd** from after school until 4:45 p.m. Please see registration form for more information or contact Ann Kotopka - mkotopka@gmail.com. It is fine to begin after Cross Country is over.

ST THERESE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION: Tuesday, **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. Following Mass they may change into their uniform or keep their "habit" on for the rest of the school day. We have two outfits and some costume pieces in school if someone wants to borrow them. If your child has outgrown their outfit, please donate it to school for others to use.

CK SISTERS OUTDOOR FALL WORKDAY – Sat., Oct. 13, 1:30-4:30 p.m. We will be doing a fall clean-up of our garden as well as cutting down trees. Helpful items to bring include gloves, pruning shears, clippers, wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, 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. (no rain date)

AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEEDED: I am looking for help with after school care for my two daughters (4th & 3rd graders), Mon.-Fri, 3:15 p.m. – 5 or 6 p.m. I am a caseworker and generally get off at 5:00 p.m. If I have to stay any later than 5 p.m., I will let you know in advance. The girls are well behaved. I can provide an afterschool snack and compensation. If interested, please contact me and we can set up a time to meet and discuss further. Thank you for considering. Raquel Dean (Raquel.Dean@live.com, 402-802-4245)