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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



September 5, 2018 –

Dear Parents,

On most evenings when the Sisters come home from school we have a holy hour from 5:30-6:30 p.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We are grateful for the time that our schedule allows for prayer and community. Immediately after our holy hour we eat dinner together and enjoy sharing stories of the day. Now that school has started we have had more interesting stories—children are such a joy to work with and are full of surprises!

These stories remind me of the value of our Catholic Schools in imparting the faith and illustrate how the simplicity of children can help us realize the deeper mysteries of our faith.

- This past week I was touched by a conversation I had with our new LPS resource teacher. She said she loves coming to St. Teresa School and it is a highlight of her week. I asked why and she responded that there is a peace here that she can feel when she walks in. I can't remember the rest of what she said, but it is reassuring to know that others can pick up on the working of God's grace that is happening at St. Teresa School. May we carry His grace and blessing to everyone we meet.
- One of the Sisters introduced a lesson on the Queenship of Mary by asking kindergarteners if they knew who Mary was. Sister was pleased by their responses, "Our Queen," "Our Mother," "Jesus' Mother." Then one little child asked pensively, "Isn't she the one who was looking for sheep?" I think he was confused by the nursery rhyme *Mary Had a Little Lamb*. And, yet, symbolically, he was right. Mary is a loving Mother who searches out lost lambs to bring them back to the flock of the Good Shepherd, Jesus, her Son. Right on, little one!
- Sister Anne Joelle shared already that one of our kindergarteners was very excited to share that she saw God!" She was right, as Jesus had been carried around in the monstrance to each of the classrooms and blessed the children and that was a highlight of her day. They may be young, but they know Jesus!
- At another school a kindergartener said he saw Jesus. When asked where he saw Jesus he said with confidence, "in church." The rest of the dialogue went something like this: "What did he look like?" "He was tall... wore black...was bald" "That wasn't Jesus. That was Father Major." "Who is Father Major?" We might laugh at his innocent mistake, but really, he was right. When the priest celebrates Mass, he is in the person of Jesus, offering the gift of himself. Something mystical is happening, but our adult, analytical eyes can't always see it.
- One of our Sisters was explaining that the first weeks of school will feel slow, and it is helpful to know that in advance. It takes time to be awesome! To which a student responded, "What if we already are awesome?" What a comeback! Yes, they are already awesome, because they are children of God.

We are blessed and thank God for the opportunity to teach your beautiful, awesome children how to be the good, holy, and giving people God created them to be. Thanks for allowing us to share in your mission as parents.

In Christ our King,
Sister Mary Faustina, CK
Assistant Principal

DATES for:

September	5	Leadership Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
	7	MCA Collection / Benediction 3:00 p.m. Confessions Grades 4, 5, 7, and 8
	10	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Mary Murphy (resource teacher)
	11	7:00 p.m. Sacramental meeting for parents in Kaezmarek Hall Canceled
	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)
 28 Confessions Grades 3 and 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 pm
 4 PreK-B Picture Day & Picture Retakes
 5 MCA Collection /Adoration/Benediction 3 pm; 5th-6th field trip -Plum Creek Literacy Festival at Concordia

THINGS BEING SENT HOME: Lunch notices; WTLW packets; Buddy Lunch flyer; Fleece Order Form; Grades 6-8 Rosary Group; Grade 5 PEERS letter; Grade 8 Snack Shack Sign Up form

ATTACHMENTS: Mathcounts Registration; Grade 8 Snack Shack Sign Up

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

SCHOOL DIRECTORY CORRECTION: Please change Juanita Stell's phone number to 870-489-9923. The one printed in the directory is incorrect.

COMMUNICATION ENVELOPE Please remove items from the Communication Envelope (CE) when your child brings it home on Wednesdays, and return the CE to school **by Friday**. The CEs are the safest way to send items to school. Please label your smaller envelopes with student name, grade, what is contained in the envelope, and how much money is enclosed. Information for the newsletter 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.

MEALS FOR THE SISTERS: Thank you for your generosity! May God bless and reward you! Slots are still available at <https://tinyurl.com/y76x4nv4>

8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER: 8th Grade Parents, please see the attachment to sign up to help with the Snack Shack this year. Each 8th grade family should sign up for one night. The form has also been enclosed in the Communication Envelope. Thanks for your support of this fundraiser!

KITCHEN ASSISTANT NEEDED: For St. Teresa School; 11 a.m.-1:15 p.m. on school days. Please contact Rosie 402-476-3961 / 402-429-8465.

S.T.A.G.E. STUDENT THEATRE will begin fall classes Sept. 11. Please visit our website to learn more about these classes in Art, Theater, and Creative Writing, plus information on our One Day Theater Camp set for October 8. Space is limited so register early! Classes are for ages 7 and up! <http://www.stage4kids.com/upcoming-events.html>

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

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)

WAYS TO SERVE

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS: You are required to complete the Safe Environment program online and the paperwork for a background check. The sooner you complete these requirements, the sooner you'll be on your way to "hassle-free volunteering!" [See the attachments](#) – [Safe Env & background check forms](#).

BOX TOPS: When you buy 5 products with Box Tops for Education **before 9/10/18** and scan your receipt with the Box Tops Bonus App, you automatically earn 50 Box Tops = \$5 for our school!

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: August profit was \$1,225.97, for a YTD total of \$10,941.75, or 44% of goal. There is still time to be entered in a drawing for one of 3 - \$1000 Home Depot gift cards with every online order of \$200 of Home Depot Scrip. Plan ahead for [Thanks-Scrip-ing Day](#) on September 17 where select merchants will offer rebate bonuses. New merchant alert! DSW ScripNow! electronic gift cards are now available. (Must be enrolled in Presto Pay to place online orders). For questions regarding Scrip, please contact Janel at jeandreasen@me.com

The Pius X Booster Club will have a spirit merchandise "Blast Sale" with new styles and designs not carried in stock that will begin soon and run only for a week. Check the [Booster Club](#) tab on the Pius website for more details: www.piusx.net

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.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (TOB) PARENT REQUIREMENT: About 30 parents completed this training last year. This is for your benefit. Please view *A Safe Haven Starts at Home*, an 18-min. 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. Please 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.

WALK THE LITTLE WAY will be held Friday, **Oct. 19, 2018**. Look for the order form for a FREE t-shirt being sent home this week in the WTLW packet.