



ALUMNI CONNECTION

Hello, Alumni!

Welcome to St. Teresa of Avila School's first *Alumni Connection* newsletter. At St. Teresa School, we're proud to be able to say we are in our second century of educating students. You have been an important part of that! This newsletter will allow us to share with you the latest news about our school.

We are also proud of our graduates and want to know what is happening in your life. **Please take a minute to complete the Alumni Survey on the back of this page.** Families of incoming students love to know how successful our graduates are, and all of your hard work deserves recognition. So go ahead and brag a little about your classes and activities, then mail the form back in the enclosed envelope. We hope to hear from you soon.

If you haven't been in the building recently, you might be pleasantly surprised at some of the recent renovations, including two mobile laptop labs as pictured below. Watch for more about school renovations in the next newsletter. ♦

Laptops Bring Technology Directly into Classrooms



Last spring, two mobile laptop labs went online at school thanks to a generous grant from the Palumbo Foundation. This technology upgrade helps streamline computer instruction by allowing upper elementary students to use laptops in the classroom instead of moving to the computer lab. Teachers utilize these laptop labs to integrate exciting Internet-based teaching tools as well as to teach computer basics such as keyboarding and report research. Paired with numerous SmartBoards, these laptops enhance traditional teaching in the classroom. ♦

Two Teachers Say Goodbye



Mrs. Beverley DiCicco



Mrs. Kathleen Kozlowski

The halls of St. Teresa School are not the same since Mrs. Beverley DiCicco and Mrs. Kathleen Kozlowski retired in June. Many of our alumni will recall fun days learning from these two dedicated teachers.

Mrs. DiCicco taught afternoon kindergarten for 26 years at St. Teresa. You might remember learning the alphabet letters using the inflatable Alphabet People in her room. Mrs. Kozlowski taught at St. Teresa School for 21 years. Learning how to spell *supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* is a fond memory for her former first graders.

The school family celebrated Mrs. DiCicco's and Mrs. Kozlowski's many years with us at a retirement party in June. We're happy to still see these newly retired teachers at parish activities and at Mass. Mrs. Kozlowski has even spent a few weeks at school this fall substitute teaching. ♦

Upcoming Events

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| December 10 | Christmas Pageant (Nativity Story) |
| December 14 | Christmas Music Festival |
| January 30 | School Open House |
| January 30– | Catholic Schools Week: |
| February 5 | Check online in January for details |

Visit our school website at SaintTerasas.org for current information on sporting events and other calendar items.

School Introduces New Logo, Wins Marketing Awards

Many months were spent developing a formal logo for St. Teresa School that would tell something about our Catholic identity. We are grateful to school parent Mark Baskinger, of the Letter Thirteen Design Agency, who spearheaded the effort.



Teachers, parents and students were asked to submit ideas for a tagline, and the winner was **“Faith Grows... Excellence Abounds.”** The logo features a shield with symbols that are important to our school:

- **The Cross:** The foundation of our faith.
- **Beaming rays:** Radiate faith and academic excellence.
- **Row of seven diamonds:** Seven is a holy number; these diamonds represent the seven sacraments.
- **Dove and olive branches:** These represent the Holy Spirit, a sign of peace, a messenger from heaven, and a focal point in many of St. Teresa’s writings.
- **Quill:** a symbol of the writings of St. Teresa.
- **Cluster of seven diamonds:** A tribute to St. Teresa’s book, *The Interior Castle*, in which a person’s soul is described as a diamond with seven rooms.
- **1906:** The year the school was founded.

The Titan mascot is alive and well even though we introduced a new formal logo for the school. The Titan

has been the mascot for many years and will continue to be a symbol of our athletics program and school spirit.

St. Teresa School won two Diocesan marketing awards recently. The school website was given a first place award for design and updated content. We thank school parent Gary Marangoni, who was instrumental in getting our current website online. In addition, the school won a second place marketing award for the school’s recent print advertisement, which was designed by Mark Baskinger.

To stay in touch with more alumni online, we are looking for tech-savvy graduates who would be interested in helping us establish a **Facebook** page for St. Teresa School. If you are interested, please call the school office at 412-367-9001 ext. 530. ♦

Alumni Updates

If you have any news to share, please let us know. We will include highlights of alumni news in this newsletter as space allows.

To see an online article from the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* about how alumni Margo, Shannon, and Mary Malone and Clare Brown secured a Section 3 title in cross country for North Hills High School, google “Malones runaway success.” Congratulations to all of them.

Alumni Survey

Name & Address _____

E-mail address _____ Year Graduated St. Teresa School _____

High School Name _____

Math courses _____

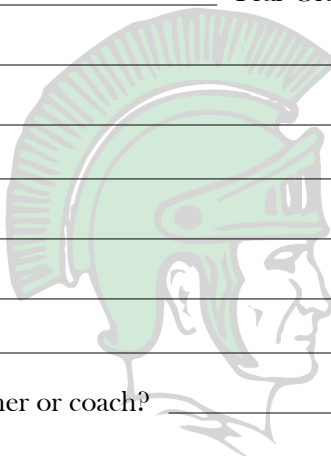
Science courses _____

English courses _____

Any honors or AP/IB courses not listed _____

College Name and Major _____

Would you like to send a message to any teacher or coach? _____



Please return the survey to St. Teresa School, or go to our website for an online survey.