



Saint Teresa of Avila School

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Dear Saint Teresa of Avila School Families,

The classrooms are sparkling, the halls are shiny, the books and supplies are arriving, and as I write this, the “countdown” on our school website tells me that we have 28 days, 22 hours, 45 minutes and 57 seconds until school begins! This is very exciting to me because I am anxious for school to begin. School is much too quiet without students!

Our summer has been busy as we have added wonderful new touches to our school environment including bright new paint in Rooms 9-16, the completion of the work in our library with the addition of new shelves and other new furniture, and the enhancement of our art and music rooms which will now be called the Palumbo Art Studio and the Palumbo Music Studio due the generosity of the grant from The A.J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust. We have also received 55 “gently used” laptop computers from Highmark! The lower level of our school is like a whole new learning area. I can’t wait until you are all able to see it!

We are so very pleased with the wonderful improvements and updates made to our school. And because of that we look forward to the opening of school!

The purpose of this letter is to give you information that I hope will be helpful for our opening days!

OPENING DAYS: Classes will begin for Grades One through Eight on Monday, August 29, 2011. On both August 29 and 30, dismissal will be at 11:15 a.m. The school dress code will be in effect the first week of school. Wednesday, August 31, will be our first full day. On August 31, September 1 and 2, lunch will be in classrooms so each student will have to bring a lunch. There will be no cafeteria service on those days.

BUS TRANSPORTATION: Each school district notifies families individually concerning bus stops as well as times when you can expect the bus to arrive at your stop. We do not have this information at school. If you have not received the information the week before school begins, please contact your local school district.

MINI-MEET THE FACULTY EVENT On Thursday, August 25, 2011, as part of our in service day, our faculty will be available from 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. to meet students and their families who may want a “sneak preview” of the exciting things to come.

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE And while you're marking your calendars, please pencil in Monday, September 12, 2011, as our Open House, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This will be an adult only event and will give you an opportunity to hear first-hand about our plans for the year as well as to tour the school, see the many new features and meet our faculty.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ORIENTATION Parents and guardians of students in the three- and four-year prekindergarten as well as half day and full day kindergarten are asked to plan on attending one of the orientation programs scheduled. These meetings are "adult only."

Monday, August 29, 2011, 9:00-10:00 a.m. or 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 30, 2011 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Each of the above meetings will be for parents of prekindergarten and kindergarten students and will be held in the particular classrooms.

Students (with an adult) may visit on Wednesday, August 31, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Please plan on attending one of the adult only meetings.

Kindergarten classes will begin on Thursday, September 1, and prekindergarten will begin on Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

SAINT TERESA OF AVILA 45TH ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL: The parish festival which is always a wonderful event will be held this year from Monday, August 22, 2011 through and including Saturday, August 27, 2011. The event has something for everyone including wonderful dinners, rides for the children, games of chance and bingo! In addition the flea market will be held on Saturday, August 20, and items are still being accepted for this event. One of the things I like best about the festival is the opportunity to see so many of our school family and friends. Each evening I will have 10 "dress down coupons" for the first students who can tell me how many years our school has been in existence! (Start your research now!)

SCHOOL DRESS CODE: Kindly refer to our handbook which is on our website to be reminded about the specifics of our dress code. We would like to begin the school year with everyone "on the same page" in reference to how we look as a school family! Thanks in advance!

TUITION PAYMENTS: Thanks to all who have been making tuition payments throughout the summer. One fourth of the total payment was due on August 1, 2011.

Hopefully this information will be helpful as we move toward the 105th opening of St. Teresa of Avila School!

Blessings,
Sister Karen Brink, OSB
Principal

Through our doors walk the most important people in the world ~ Our Students.