



Saint Teresa of Avila School

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Faith Grows • Excellence Abounds

The mission of St. Teresa of Avila School is to provide a foundation in the Catholic faith as we integrate Christian values with the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of the child. Committed to the highest standards of academic excellence, we enrich our students with the knowledge and skills essential for life-long learning in the 21st Century.

MID-WEEK EXTRA

October 19, 2011

Dear Saint Teresa of Avila School Families,

Thanks for taking the time each week to review the contents of this letter. It is one way of keeping you informed about the many happenings related to our school family.

MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS: ELEMENTARY DIVISION VISITS SAINT TERESA OF AVILA SCHOOL

Hopefully, your children will give you some details of the visitors they saw around! Some details of the final report will be shared in next week's EXTRA and when we receive the final report you will receive a summary.

FRIDAY EARLY DISMISSAL: October 21, 2011, is a scheduled early dismissal at 11:15. Only the City of Pittsburgh, Shaler, and Avonworth will provide transportation home. All other students will need to have rides home.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The following dates are important to note:

- Veterans Day celebration, Friday, November 11, 2011, 10:30. Please return the form that was sent home last week.
- Grandparent/Special Persons Event, Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. Please return the form that was sent home last week.

REPORT CARD CONFERENCES: The first parent/teacher/student conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2011, from noon-6:45 p.m. The conference form was sent home last week. If you have not already done so, please return the form as soon as possible.

Please note that only one conference per child can be scheduled. If a conference is needed with another teacher, on conference day you can check the teacher's schedule and sign up for a conference if that teacher's schedule permits.

HELP YOURSELF! Remember to purchase Bonus Bucks that are available for sale at the beginning and ending of each school day. By purchasing these gift cards to over 40 establishments in our area, you are also able to "pay down" your fund raising fee and/or tuition.

GRADEBOOK: Please take the time regularly to review your child's grades on line. Our teachers make a conscientious effort to record all grades regularly (all within one week of submission). Your review of grades, and also any comments, will help to insure that your child is on task as well as to note areas where reminders and other kinds of encouragement may help the student to "be the best version" of himself or herself as a student at St. Teresa!

REPORT CARD PICK UP: Student report cards will be available for pick up on Friday, November 4, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The report cards are available to all families who have paid at least thirty per cent of the total tuition due.

Report cards may also be picked up at the office prior to your scheduled conference.

TUITION PAYMENTS: Your timely payments enable us to be accountable stewards to all to whom we are responsible. The fourth of twelve payments was due on September 1, 2011. Gradebook is currently available to all families and after **October 5, 2011**, will be available to all families who have paid at least thirty percent of the total tuition.

Please remember in your prayer all those who have died, all those who are ill, and for peace in our world especially in the Middle East.

Blessings,

Sister Karen Brink, OSB, Principal

REPEATS OF IMPORTANCE:

VOLUNTEER ROUND-UP The advancement committee is welcoming additional members. Please see the flyer on our website about a variety of roles that need your talents! This committee helps to ensure a bright future for our school and our students!

We also have immediate need for volunteers to help finish the Music Studio on a Saturday in the near future. Carpentry skills and men to help hang heavy wood panels would be welcome, but many other tasks of unskilled labor are needed such as touch-up painting and wrapping panels in fabric. We are also accepting donations of used

musical instruments for display and demonstration purposes. Call Andrea McHugh at 412 635 9830 for details on the date and time.

TRAFFIC PATTERNS

Thank you for your efforts in regard to the following: We continue to work diligently to insure the safety of all of our students and school families and staff. Parents and others who bring students to school in the morning are asked to observe the following:

- Please pull up in front of the school as close as possible to the flag pole. This enables a number of cars to unload students at the same time, and allows for a steady flow of exiting vehicles, including school busses.
- As a safety factor, please have your student exit on the school side of your vehicle rather than the traffic side.
- The bus drivers have been asked to allow students to exit the bus as close to the entrance as possible. This can happen if there is a steady flow of vehicles.
- If you need to come into the building, please park your car in one of the designated spaces along the hillside.
- Please do not drop off students before 8:00 a.m. as there is no one to supervise them until that time.

If you exit your vehicle at any time, please do not leave it running.

Thank you for your consideration of the above which provide the highest measure of safety possible for everyone on our campus!