



Saint Teresa of Avila School

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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 26, 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 CONCLUDES VISITS SAINT TERESA OF AVILA SCHOOL After three days of visiting classrooms, meeting with staff, parents and students, the visiting team presented a brief oral report which will be included in a longer comprehensive report which we will receive in about six weeks.

Among their commendations were the following: the achievement test scores of our students, the faculty commitment to professional growth, the use of technology across the curriculum, the sense of collaboration among the faculty and the cleanliness and order of our building. Their recommendations included the consideration of hiring a part time tech person to deal with the many issues of our expanding technology program and the pursuit of service-oriented programs and experiences for our students. The strategic goals which we wrote for the visit include these two recommendations.

The experience was a good one for all of us! Thanks to all of you who participated in any way in making the visit a very positive one for our school community.

NOMINATION FOR A CLOROX GRANT In today's envelope you will find information about a proposal we submitted to the Clorox company in the hope that we may receive one of their grants. Winning the grant is as "easy" as email and texting! Please get involved in this very simple project and ask your relatives, neighbors and friends to assist us. This information is also going out to our parishioners in this weekend's bulletin.

This opportunity would be an absolutely marvelous way of raising funds for continuous improvement of both our science and technology programs. Thanks in advance for your help.

SERVICE AND SCIENCE COMMITTEES: We had good turnouts and lots of excitement for our two new committees for this year. Members of the service committee include Beth Bozik, Susan Thornton, Ellen Muth, Beth Braddick and Kara Mosbacher. Science committee members, whose main focus will be opportunities to research, build and maintain a greenhouse for student use, are Jennifer Giunta, Doug Barrante, Jeff Jezerc, Maria Mankie, Luann Groll, Heidi Hoffman, Chris Wolff and Chris Yakim.

We would love to have additional members on both committees. Please consider attending the service meeting on Monday, November 14, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. and/or the science meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

These are wonderful opportunities to get to know other committed parents as well as to share your expertise!

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

- Veterans Day celebration, Friday, November 11, 2011, 10:30. Please return the form in today's envelope..
- Grandparent/Special Persons Event, Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. Please return the form in today's envelope.

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, especially the great-grandmother of the Kenna and Fischer children, all those who are ill, especially Robby Yoho's grandmother, and for peace in our world especially in the Middle East.

Blessings,

Sister Karen Brink, OSB, Principal