



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

November 1, 2011

Dear Saint Teresa of Avila School Families,

As we start our third full month of school, I would like to say “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.

GRATITUDE CONTINUES *We have received a gift of \$856.00 from The Dr. and Mrs. George P. Boucek Scholarship Fund to be used for general support. We are most grateful for this gift which will enhance our total education program!*

NOMINATION FOR A CLOROX GRANT Last week you received information about a way every single family can assist us in securing a grant from the Clorox company. Simply by going to www.powerabrightfuture.com, registering and clicking the “vote” box for St. Teresa you may help us to win a grant for our science and technology program this year. If every family would vote only once each day between now and December 9, 2011, we could get over 15,000 votes and if every person in every family would vote, as well as your relatives, friends and neighbors, that number would increase exponentially! Please help us continue to help our students! (You may also text a vote!) Thanks in advance for your help.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS The following dates are important to note:

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

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. 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.

Each conference is limited to fifteen minutes. As most teachers' schedules are rather full, it is important that the "fifteen minute rule" be observed. If more time is needed, you are welcome to make an appointment at another time with that teacher.

Mrs. Brungo will not be available for conferences due to the illness of her husband.

LOST AND FOUND Please take the opportunity to look through the Lost and Found cabinet located outside the school office. Any items not claimed will be either disposed of or given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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**, and report cards 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 Mrs. Brungo's husband, and Colin Kulmoski's grandfather, and for peace in our world especially in the Middle East.

Blessings,

Sister Karen Brink, OSB, Principal

REPEATS OF IMPORTANCE:

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!