



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

December 7, 2011

Dear Saint Teresa of Avila School Families,

We are in the midst of the beautiful season of Advent as we prepare for the real “reason for the season!” And while our focus will be “the real reason” we also know that this is a very exciting time for all of us, and especially our students. Let us all enjoy all the precious moments that this season provides!

GENESIS TOY COLLECTION: Thanks to all who participated in the toy collection. Two large tables were piled high and the toys were also stacked underneath! Five vans full of toys were joyfully transported to the Genesis location to bring smiles to many, many children during this wonderful season!

COLLECTION FOR GREENE COUNTY: For several years during the Advent season, we have been having scarves, mittens and hats collections for the children of this poverty stricken county and our near neighbors. This year our collection will take place on Tuesday, December 13, 2011. A flier was included in the monthly envelope.

Students are asked to bring two of the above items or a \$5.00 donation (\$10.00/family). Those who participate may “dress down” and they will receive a coupon for a dress down day of their choice.

Our gifts will make wonderful gifts to the less fortunate and will bring warm and happy smiles to many faces.

LOOKING AHEAD...INCLEMENT WEATHER: In the event that weather causes a delay or cancellation of school, St. Teresa of Avila School follows the plan of the North Hills School District. Once I am informed, I immediately notify KDKA and WPXI and the announcement is posted on their screens and listed as a radio announcement. A call is then made to One Call and you will receive that call at about 6:00 a.m. (10:00 p.m. if I receive the information in the evening). The information is also posted on our website.

If we have a two hour delay, Morning Care is available at 7:00 a.m. If families do not use Morning Care, then students may arrive at 10:00 a.m. and go to their homerooms at that time. Classes will begin at 10:30 and the lunch schedule remains the same.

JANUARY ENVELOPE: The December calendar indicates that the January envelope will be distributed on December 14. A change in the date has had to be made, so look for the envelope on January 4, 2012, and then you won't have to worry about losing it in the "busy-ness" of Christmas!

INSPIRATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT: Students on every level are busily preparing for two very important and exciting Christmas events.

The first is the Christmas Pageant, performed by our second grade students, and band concert, involving all members of our band, Grades 4-8. This performance will take place on Friday, December 16, 2011, at 1:15 and 7:00 p.m.

The second is the Christmas Festival, scheduled for Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at 1:15 and 7:00 p.m. Prekindergarten, kindergarten, Grades 1,3,4, and 5 and the chorus with students from Grades 4-8 will entertain us!

The entire school family will be present for the 1:15 "dress rehearsal" and a free will offering will be taken at the evening performance.

UNANNOUNCED DRESS IN BLACK AND GOLD DAY: Students and staff may dress in "black and gold" (Steelers/Penguins/Pirates!) on Friday, December 9, 2011.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP December 5, 6, and 7: Thanks to all who were able to help with this event! Santa had a lot of help and the students did a lot of shopping. Special thanks to Lori Kenna and Susan Noker for coordinating the event!

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR 2011-12: New student registration will begin in January, 2012. Families having students who will enter our prekindergarten or kindergarten in the coming year are invited to register early to "save a space." (This year our four year old program was closed at twenty students.)

You may find the necessary forms on our website at www.saintteresas.org. Complete them and return them to school. For students entering Grades 1-8, a formal appointment is necessary.

DELAY IN "DIME-OND CLUB": Due to the many activities of December, the dime collection will be postponed until early in 2012!

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.

If you are purchasing large amounts (\$300.00 or more) of any one gift card, please call at least a week ahead so that there are sufficient cards available.

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!

TUITION PAYMENTS: Your timely payments enable us to be accountable stewards to all to whom we are responsible. The seventh of twelve payments was due on December 1, 2011. Gradebook is currently available to all families whose tuition is current as of November 1, 2011.

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

Blessings,

Sister Karen Brink, OSB, Principal

REPEATS OF IMPORTANCE:

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