



# 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**

June 1, 2011

Dear Saint Teresa of Avila School Families,

This will be the last EXTRA of the year and as I write this, I ask myself, “where did the time go?!” It has been a wonderful year full of blessings and challenges and we are blessed in having the opportunity to educate your children. Thank you for all you have done in cooperating with all of us!

**END OF THE YEAR PACKET:** There were a number of forms for next year that were included in the packet. By returning these before the end of the year, you will have the opportunity to begin your various volunteer opportunities at the very beginning of the new year.

**2011-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR:** As you begin to plan activities for the new school year, we are respectfully requesting that when planning family trips during the school year, that you take into consideration the “long stretches” of time when school is not in session. The more a student is present in school the less “make up” work that needs to be done. Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

**JUNE 8 EARLY DISMISSAL:** Only the City of Pittsburgh and Avonworth will provide transportation home that day at 11:15.

**REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION:** End of the year report cards for all families with tuition paid in full for the current year will be available in the school office on Friday, June 10, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The report cards that have not been picked up will be mailed later that day.

**TUITION PACKETS:** Kindly return all forms as soon as possible so that we can return these to you in a timely fashion. Tuition payments for 2011-2012 begin on **June 1, 2011**.

**MIDDLE STATES SELF STUDY:** The faculty spent a considerable amount of time yesterday developing a strategic plan for the next seven years, the timeline of the next accreditation period. The three areas that we decided to focus on were technology, which include upgrading all of our equipment while we add to our growing number of computers. We will also focus on creating and developing a “hands-on” service oriented program for all of our students. Finally we will look to improving overall student performance through improving our already outstanding test scores as we develop good study habits and personal responsibility in each student.

Each of the above goals is outlined in our self study document which you will have the opportunity to review at the beginning of the 2011-12 school year.

**SECOND CENTURY FUND:** Thanks to all who have returned your gifts. As of this writing we have received over **\$79,000** which includes cash gifts, pledges, our coin drive and proceeds from the Great Pumpkin event. Thanks to all who have contributed and we are still accepting gifts to this fund. Look for an important mailing in the next few days.

**SPRING CLEANING = FLEA MARKET SAVING** As you begin the challenge of spring cleaning and of disposing of items that you no longer need, please remember the St. Teresa Flea Market that takes place in August. All of the proceeds from the Flea Market go to our tuition assistance fund so this event is a total benefit to our school. And while the collection of items does not take place until early July, it’s a good idea to know that your “trash” will become someone’s “treasure!”

**TUITION PAYMENTS:** Thanks to all for your timely tuition payments. One hundred percent of the tuition was due May 1, 2011, and Gradebook is available to families who are current with tuition payments.

Please remember in your prayer all those who have died, especially Mrs. Viscusi’s aunt, all those who are ill, and for peace in our world especially in the Middle East, and for our “neighbors” affected by the recent tornadoes.

Have a blessed and peace filled summer!

Blessings,

Sister Karen Brink, OSB, Principal

**REPEATS OF IMPORTANCE:**

**LOOKING AHEAD...OPENING DAYS!** Monday, August 29, 2011, will be the first day of school for Grades 1-8. Both August 29 and 30 will have 11:15 dismissals. Thursday, September 1 will be the first day of school for all kindergarten students and Tuesday, September 6 will be the first day for our prekindergarten students. Mark your calendars now!