



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

September 6, 2011

Dear Saint Teresa of Avila School Families,

It is so hard to believe that we have a week of school in already! When I visited all the classrooms last Monday between 8:45 and 9:00 a.m. everyone was busy and engaged! It was truly delightful to see everyone and to welcome all of our students, including our 37 kindergarten students. Today we welcome 20 four-year olds and 7 three-year olds and our enrollment will be complete with 281 students. (We opened last year with 272 students!)

OPEN HOUSE, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011. We are hoping that all school families will be represented at the annual Open House next Monday. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Henninger Hall. Various presentations will be made along with the introduction of the teachers. Following the presentations you will have the opportunity to tour the building and meet the teachers. You will want to “linger” on our Fine Arts floor and see the changes that have been made in the art and music studios as well as the library.

Please take the time to introduce yourselves to our faculty. Because our curriculum guidelines are now on-line on our school website, there will not be presentations by individual teachers. You will have the opportunity to meet the teachers and ask any questions you may have.

There will also be a consignment sale available for school dress code and Spirit wear. Please make every effort to be present...there's always something new to learn!

A \$25.00 gift card will be given to the homeroom teacher having the highest percentage of students represented. Help your child or children's class be a winner!

VARIOUS FORMS The opening packet had numerous forms to complete. These are needed by various departments, including the Schools Office of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Your cooperation in completing and returning each form is very much appreciated!

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.

TARGET REIMBURSEMENT \$1555.03 Today we received a check for \$1,555.03 which came to us from Target Department Stores as a return for those who use their Target cards and designate St. Teresa of Avila School. What an easy way to help the PTG which helps all of our students! Thanks to those who participate and an invitation to others to begin!

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN The pennies are rolling in and are most appreciated. These gifts will be added to our Second Century Fund which has been designated for science and technology for the 2011-2012 school year. You will hear much more information about our project at the Open House!

MARKET DAY PROMOTION Information was included in the opening packet. Please be reminded that thirty per cent of **your** sales go directly to your tuition/fundraising account. Twenty per cent of your total goes to the PTG for its activities. This event is totally optional.

NEW LUNCH SCHEDULE We would love to have a few more volunteers to assist us as either lunchtime monitors or cafeteria servers. Monitors should arrive at school by 11:30 a.m. and cafeteria servers should report to the café by 11:00 a.m. Completion of the diocesan database is required for all volunteers.

MIDDLE STATES SELF STUDY This week our chairperson and Middle States will receive a copy of our self-study. The next several weeks will be busy for us as we take care of the many details of hospitality and hosting three professional educators who will work with our self-study, visit all classrooms, meet all faculty, and meet with parents at a time to be announced. This is truly an exciting time for our school. Please keep the entire process in your prayer.

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 September 30, 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 Mrs. Mueller's mother-in-law, and the Arlia's paternal grandfather, all those who are ill, and for peace in our world especially in the Middle East. Please also remember those affected by the violent weather in our country.

Blessings,

Sister Karen Brink, OSB, Principal

REPEATS OF IMPORTANCE: none