



# Saint Teresa of Avila School

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## **Faith Grows • Excellence Abounds**

### ***MID-WEEK EXTRA***

December 22, 2009

Dear Saint Teresa of Avila School Families,

**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AND  
MAY 2010 BE FILLED WITH  
PEACE  
IN YOUR HEARTS,  
IN YOUR HOMES  
AND  
IN OUR WORLD!**

**SCARVES/HATS/MITTENS COLLECTION** Thanks for your kind and generous response! Over 100 sets of items and \$400.00 was donated to the children of Greene county through the ministry of the Benedictine Sisters who minister there! The families of St. Teresa of Avila School have blessed the families of Greene County!

**DIME COLLECTION** During the month of December we collected "a grand" in dimes"...That's right! One thousand dollars worth of dimes were generously donated by students, families and friends of our school!

All "coin" gifts are split between TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT and general fund raising.

# INCLEMENT WEATHER

As we move into the winter weather, we may, from time to time, have delays and/or cancellations. As soon as I receive notification from the *North Hills School District*, I notify KDKA radio and WPXI TV. Both post it on their websites and make announcements. In addition, at 6:00 a.m. or later, if the notification comes after 6:00 a.m., all homes will be notified via our ONE CALL telephone messaging system. The announcement will also be on our school website.

Also, please note, when school is closed due to weather *all school related activities are also canceled.*

## H1N1

Please continue to use your good judgment in keeping your child home if he or she is demonstrating sickness. Also, if you are requesting homework, it must be requested by 8:30 a.m. and it cannot be picked up until after 3:15 p.m. Thanks for your cooperation and consideration.

## DIOCESAN DATA BASE/PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

As part of our on-going effort to provide maximum safety and security for all of our students we are continuing our efforts to have all of our adults who work with our children in any way to have a complete file on our diocesan database. Currently we have over 200 adults registered and are working diligently to have the records complete and up to date. We have 143 adults who have a complete file with all items noted below. All adults who are involved in any school related activity must have, or be in the process of completing the following:

- ✓ *Registration on the diocesan database.* Register at \_\_\_\_\_, Use password "protect." Those of you not yet registered are encouraged to do so.
- ✓ *State Police clearance* Completing the application provides this.
- ✓ *Child Abuse clearance* When you complete the registration mentioned above, a form will be sent from school which you are asked to return and we will process that for the individual. **This form will be processed by the Commonwealth and returned to YOU and you are asked to return it to school.**
- ✓ *Protecting God's Workshop* This two and a half hour workshop is scheduled frequently throughout the diocese on line at the above site.

Please register on line at the above website.

- ✓ *Code of Pastoral Conduct* Once the database registration is complete, a copy will be given to you to read and complete the form at the end of the booklet.

While this is a somewhat involved process, I cannot stress too strongly its importance in providing a safe environment for each of our students!

**TUITION PAYMENTS** Thanks to all who are current in making tuition payments. Eighty percent of the yearly tuition is due January 1. All families having at least 70% of the annual tuition paid have access to Gradebook.

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick, especially the maternal grandfather of the Bensch children, those who have died, and for peace in our world.

Blessings,

Sister Karen R. Brink, OSB  
Principal

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**STUDENT ARRIVAL** Any student who arrives before 8:00 a.m. is required to go to the Library for Extended Care services. No one is available elsewhere in the building to supervise students prior to 8:00 a.m. If you bring your children to school before 8:00 a.m. and do not wish to send them to Extended Care, please have them remain in the vehicle with you until the 8:00 a.m. bell rings.

Our ONE CALL communication was used to notify you that this week's EXTRA is available on line and no paper copy will be sent home.

*Through our doors walk the most important people in the world ~ Our Students.*