



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

January 25, 2012

Dear Saint Teresa of Avila School Families,

We have settled in to a new year and the regular routine which is usually anything but regular. Let us enjoy the blessings and the surprises that each day brings!

ADVENT MISSION COLLECTION: Through the combined effort of the students in our school and the parish religious education program, a total of **\$1124.18** was collected for the Holy Childhood designated specifically for children in foreign missions. One-fourth of that amount will be sent to the Anna Seethaler Clinic, Oaxaca, Mexico. We continue to be so very grateful (and impressed!) with the generosity of our students!

SOUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE: The entire foyer was filled with boxes, baskets and bags of grocery items which were distributed to the North Hills Community Outreach for the needy in our area. Thanks, too, for this kindness on the part of our families.

PTG GIFT: Thanks to the PTG Board for designating a gift of \$2,000 to The Second Century Club. This gift was received last week and will be well used in our plans for the current year!

You will be interested to know that over \$55,000 has already been donated by generous friends of our school and for that we are very grateful!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK CELEBRATIONS: Included in the monthly packet is the calendar of events scheduled for Catholic Schools Week which will begin this

coming Sunday, January 29, 2012. You are invited to attend any or all of the events. (In order to attend the service projects as a chaperone, an adult must be registered on the diocesan database.)

When attending weekend Masses at St. Teresa, students are encouraged to wear “school spirit” clothing and they will be asked to stand and be acknowledged by the congregation.

Please be certain to return all forms and fees for the February 2 field trip events! Parents who have volunteered to be chaperones as of Tuesday, January 24, 2012, will find the confirmation in the February envelope.

ART FRAMES: Frames are still on sale in the art studio. Please note that students with frames from last year do not need to bring in that frame. We have sold many frames already and look forward to a wonderful art display. The theme is *metal embossing*.

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION: Report cards will be available for distribution in the office on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. They may also be picked up any day between now and conference day. Any report card not picked up by February 3 will be mailed on Monday, February 6, 2012.

Report cards are available to all families whose tuition payments are current as of January 1, 2012.

PTG SKATING PARTY: What a wonderful time was had by all who attended our second “annual” skate! Over 260 students, parents, faculty, staff and clergy attended. Special thanks to Kristen Dougherty for handling the many details of this event!

IRISH FEST: In the monthly packet you will find a letter about the St. Teresa of Avila Annual Irish Fest. This is a wonderful “adult only” event which benefits our school. And while the letter indicates that proceeds will benefit “future capital projects”, those projects are closely linked with all the many improvements we are making in our school.

We hope you can make it!

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR 2012-13: 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.

“DIME-OND CLUB”: The form for this event was included in the monthly envelope. This is a wonderful way for students to participate...donations in any amount are welcome!

As of this writing over \$800.00 has been donated and these gifts will benefit the renewal of our middle school science lab as well as the purchase of iPads for our students in Kindergarten-Grade 3!

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 eighth of twelve payments was due on January 2, 2012. Gradebook is currently available to all families whose tuition is current as of January 1, 2012.

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:

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.