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Saint Teresa School

*We are a faith-filled Catholic community called by God
to teach, nurture and guide our children
to achieve their God-given potential on life's journey to heaven.*

Faith Community Academic Excellence
"In the heart of the Church I will be love"



September 1, 2010

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patient understanding with the past heat dismissals. I know that it is difficult to make arrangements for your children at such short notice. So I thank you for your understanding. While the new fans are doing what they can to keep our building comfortable, they pull the outside air into the building, so if it is hot and humid outside, that's what we have in the classroom. But it is an improvement over what we've had in the past!

The winning class from the "St. Teresa Piggy Bank" at the Back-to-School / School Family meeting was Miss Hoeller's 6th grade class with 89.92% parents attending the meeting in the gym. Thanks! And congratulations to the 6th graders. As you will notice below, the winner of the Scrip summer pizza party was 2nd grade. Congratulations to them! We have so much to be thankful for!

We are in the midst of our magazine drive. Our first "turn-in" day was yesterday – we only had a little over \$500 turned in...that leaves us with \$14,500 to go! We can do it! Our next turn-in day will be Tuesday, September 7th. Our goal, set at \$6000, will earn the students a jeans day. Will we make this goal? I hope so!

Our main theme this year is Stewardship. The teachers have been talking about stewardship and finding ways to bring stewardship out in their classroom in various ways. I've mentioned to the teachers that I'd like to award a "Principal's Award" to students who manifest, in an outstanding way, one of the four pillars of stewardship: hospitality, formation, service, and prayer. These four pillars will be the topic of a few of my upcoming newsletters. We shouldn't partake in stewardship for the awards given, but the awards do help us recognize those gifts of stewardship in each other and to celebrate the workings of the Lord in the children entrusted to our care.

In the Heart of the King, I am,
Sister Mary Cecilia, CK

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

September	1	4:00 pm Leadership Board Meeting
	3	Mission Collection; Recess Adoration; 2:45 Benediction; 5A Starbase field trip
	6	NO SCHOOL
	7	5B Starbase field trip
	10	5A Starbase field trip
	13	5A Starbase field trip; Health screening; Junior High Committee meeting
	14	5B Starbase field trip; Health screening
	15	Student Council Buddy activity
	17	1:30 Dismissal; Magazine drive ends; Faculty meeting
	21	5B Starbase field trip
	24	5A Starbase field trip; 4 th grade Heritage School
	27	4 th grade Heritage School; School Pictures
	28	School Pictures; 12:30 Dismissal; Strategic planning
	29	Midterms issued

THINGS BEING SENT HOME TODAY: SCRIP form, lunch reminders, lunch letter, ACE Advocates, McGruff House flyers, family album page, Catholic Prayers, Boy Scout flyers (grades 1-5), SCIP letter, Room parent letters: 8, 5A, 2, KB

THINGS DUE: (please contact the school office if you have misplaced your form sent home during the summer)

+Parent Contact Sheet - Includes: School Directory information, Communication Envelope Carrier.

+Medication Permission Form, if applicable.

+NFCSP \$3.00 &+ School Family Fee of \$5.00 (each child). Please make 1 check payable to School Family.

+Free and Reduced lunch form

+Volunteer form to the school office. Our goal is to have every family volunteer for at least one activity they feel they can help with this school year. Thanks to all of you who have returned the form. Your time and talent is greatly appreciated!

SCRIP: A reminder that SCRIP is available in the school office during school hours. It is also available after Masses on weekends.

We now offer Once Upon A Child in \$10 denominations. They give us 6%.

Also, I want to encourage school families to check out our extended vendor list. The list is 7 pages long and we can special order them. It can be accessed by going to the St. Teresa website, click on the scrip link and then click on extended vendor list.

SHORTS: Students may wear shorts until September 17th. Students in grades 1-8 should come in uniform; they change after Mass. Kindergarten students may wear them to school since they do not attend Mass.

\$CRIP NEWS: The top three classes that had the highest percentage of \$CRIP use during the pizza party promotion included KB, 2nd grade and 7A. Congratulations to the winning 2nd grade class. They will be treated to a pizza party in September. Please support St. Teresa's and use \$CRIP for groceries, gas and entertainment.

VOLUNTEER REMINDERS: If you are planning on volunteering at St. Teresa School and have not volunteered for us or any other Lincoln Catholic School in the past, you will be required to view a 30-minute video and complete some paperwork for us, including a background check. If you have volunteered in the past and you don't recall fulfilling these diocesan requirements, please contact the school office. The sooner you complete these requirements, the sooner you'll be on your way to "hassle-free volunteering!"

RECESS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to help assist teachers with recess duty on Thursdays from 12:30 – 1:00. A teacher will be on duty; you are an extra set of eyes to help the teacher monitor the children. If you are able to help on a regular basis, or are willing to be a "recess sub" please call the school office or contact Sister Mary Cecilia (sr.mary-cecilia@cdolinc.net).

MAGAZINE DRIVE: We've begun! A good magazine drive will help us to get a good start in covering next years costs and give us a head start on paying for the 2011-12 books. Last year's goal of \$15,000 was met. Our goal this year is \$15,000. This money will be saved to help purchase new Reading books next year. PLEASE help as much as you can. If you wish not to participate consider making a donation.

MAGAZINE DRIVE DRAWING: 2 tickets to the Huskers-South Dakota State football game are up for grabs! To enter the drawing sell 6 magazine subscriptions (every 3 after that puts your name in an additional time) or make a donation of \$60 or more (additional entries will be added for every \$30 above that). The drawing will occur on Sept. 17th – the final day of our magazine drive.

MAGAZINE DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to assist in helping on turn-in days. Help can be used in a variety of ways on these days. The more volunteers we have the less time it takes to go through all the orders that come in. Contact the school office if you are able to assist the magazine drive in this way.

HEALTH SCREENING will be held on Monday, September 13th and Tuesday, September 14th. ***Be sure to have your child bring their glasses or contacts to school that day for the vision part of the screening.*** Also, if your child has an ear infection or just finished taking antibiotics for an infection, please send a note for the volunteers performing the hearing screening. Thank you.

HEALTH SCREENING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: It's that time of year again! We are again looking for volunteers to help with this project. Our goal is to screen all of the students, except 5th graders at Starbase, on Monday (September 13th) and then to follow-up on Tuesday (September 14th) with any students who were absent on the first day and 5th graders who were at Starbase. We try to get started at 8:30am and end by noon on Monday. Tuesday lends itself to starting later but ending easily by noon as well. You do not need to be a health professional to help out. Our biggest need is for volunteers for the vision screening. If you are interested and would be able to find daycare for the morning, we would love to have you join us. If you have any questions please contact Tina Selting at 499-1593 or email tselting@live.com. Thanks.

SCHOOL PICTURE DRESS CODE: In the School Handbook it states: --On dress-up days (e.g. school picture days), students may wear standard slacks, pants, skirts (must reach just above the knee), colored jeans (no blue jeans). They may not wear sweat pants, leggings or stretch pants. Baggy and other faddish clothing is not allowed. No writing except a small logo is permitted. T-shirts and sleeveless shirts are not allowed. **Jewelry and make-up regulations remain the same.** ---Thank you for taking this into consideration as you plan for school pictures. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me before the school picture dates.

Thank you to all who helped with the Back to School Luncheon. It went very smoothly with all the help. Thanks to: Jan and Julia Swanson, Christine Behne, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Mary Huggenberger, Teresa Kottwitz, and Bernadette Howie. God's blessings!! Tricia Butler Teacher Appreciation Chair

SWEATSHIRT ORDER: If anyone is interested in ordering St. Teresa School sweatshirts (kids or adult sizes) for this school year please contact Carrie Herrera this week at 484-5646.

RECESS ADORATION PROGRAM: This is the fifth year the Recess Eucharistic Adoration Program will be offered to St. Teresa students. Beginning this Friday, September 3rd, the program is available on the First Friday of each month for students to make a voluntary visit to our Lord, for a few minutes, over their recess period. The students ask the playground monitor for an Adoration pass and make the visits in small groups which cross in the crosswalk over to church. A parent volunteer will be waiting to collect their passes and supervise while they make their visit to our Lord. This program encourages the children to seek out time before the Eucharist in the middle of a busy school day. Please talk at home about the beauty of this program with your St. Teresa students and encourage them to take advantage of this quiet time with our Lord. If you would like to volunteer for a First Friday recess period, please call or email. May God bless you, Kristi Casady 730-0292 or t.j.casady@earthlink.net

Boy Scout Troop 28 will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 7 in the church basement 7-8:30. Questions please call Randy Polak 476-3961.