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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

March 3, 2010

Dear Parents,

We're now into the second week of Lent. One of the Sisters was looking at her calendar on Sunday evening and said to the rest of us "Lent's almost over!" In one way she was right – March is just going to fly by and then we'll be in the midst of Holy Week and gearing up for Easter. However we can't just let March go by without making the most of every day – and making sure that our Lenten journey through March is one that strengthens us all the more so that when our Easter journey begins in April we don't fall back into the same spiritual patterns we had before Lent began.

One area that is noticeable almost everywhere is the area of gossip. No matter how much we want to believe that gossip doesn't "happen" at St. Teresa's, the reality is that it does. Maybe not to a huge degree, but any little gossip that happens isn't right – and I don't believe that the Lord "turns the other way" when it happens. He is hurt by it – even the "little" gossiping that we think we can justify.

Gossip isn't just talking about someone or sharing information about a person. The most hurtful forms include rash judgment, detraction and calumny. Rash judgment happens when someone assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a person. Detraction is the disclosing of another's faults and failings, without an objectively valid reason, to persons who did not know them. Calumny occurs when someone, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them.

Every person has a natural right to the honor of his name and reputation and to respect. We do our best to instill this in the children in our school. Sometimes it is very easy to fall into the "judgment" routine and feel that we are speaking to someone for the good of that person. We need to examine ourselves and see if our motives are pure (do we have that objectively valid reason mentioned above) or are we sharing this information to influence the thoughts of others toward or against an individual (to change their minds to mirror our own). This might be the best way to make our March one that can change our lives for the better.

In Christ the King,
Sister Mary Cecilia, C.K.

Upcoming Calendar Dates:

March	1-5	CTBS Testing (please try not to schedule appointments this week)
	3	4:00 Leadership Board Meeting
	5	2:45 Stations of the Cross
	8	3:45 Junior High Committee meeting / 7:00 First Communion Parent Meeting
	11	Gloria Deo Book Fair @ Gloria Deo (a percentage of the proceeds will benefit the school)
	12	Confirmation Retreat Day / 2:45 Stations of the Cross
	13	10:00 Confirmation
	16	Student Council Buddy Activity
	17	St. Patrick's Day (see dress code information below)
	19	1:30 Dismissal / Faculty meeting / End of 3 rd Quarter
	20	Page One Fun Day
	22	NO SCHOOL / Teacher Workday
	26	2:30 Living Stations
	29	9:30 Hampstead Theater performance
April	1-11	NO SCHOOL / EASTER BREAK / Teachers to NCEA convention
	12	7:00 Junior High Orientation Meeting (Kaczmarek Hall)

THINGS BEING SENT HOME TODAY: lunch reminders; SCRIP form; Mayor's fun, run flier, Gloria Deo Bookfair flier

March 17th Dress Code: Students may wear jeans and green shirts, socks, shoes, hats, jewelry, etc. in the spirit of the Irish and in honor of St. Patrick on Wednesday, March 17th. Clothing must still be appropriate for a Catholic School. *IF they choose to wear green nail polish it MUST be removed before coming to school on Thursday, March 18th.*

SCRIP: Thanks for supporting this fundraiser for the school! *We are no longer able to do SCRIP exchanges.*
~JCPenney will no longer allow the use of gift cards to pay off balances on your JCPenney charge cards

Thank you to the approximately 40 families who have brought in over \$17,000 by using SCRIP. This money goes directly to help support the school. God bless you, and keep using SCRIP!

NEW TO SCRIP: \$25 VISA cards – use anywhere Visa credit/debit cards are accepted – even those places who don't participate in SCRIP! *This is a pre-paid Visa gift card you use as you would any gift card.* Game Stop \$25, Marcus Theatres \$25 (along with the \$5), Noodles and Company \$10, and Qdoba \$25.

FUNDRAISERS: Please help support the school through these easy fundraisers:

~SCRIP

~Office Depot 5% Back – mention that you'd like to have your purchase count towards St. Teresa School and we'll receive 5% of your total back to use for office supplies.

~Box Tops – save the Box Tops for Education – they bring \$ back to the school

~Campbell's Labels – save the Campbell's Labels for Education – we can redeem them for school supplies

~Best Choice Labels – The UPC symbols on Best Choice products bring \$ back to the school

~Printer Cartridges, Cell Phones

~GoodSearch & GoodShop

~Pop Cans (please place them in the "pop can storage area" near the church parking lot. If you don't know where that is, please ask!)

A Father/Son Program to promote respect for human sexuality and chastity will be presented on Sunday, March 14, 2010, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at Bl. John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln, NE. Boys 10 - 14 years old and their fathers are invited to register. Registration forms can be found in the school office (or we can email it to you). This program is presented by the Lincoln FertilityCare Center and the Family Life Office.

A Mother/Daughter Program to promote respect for human sexuality and chastity will be presented on Sunday, March 21, 2010, from 2:00 - 4:30 pm at Bl. John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. in Lincoln. Girls 10 - 13 years old and their mothers are invited to register. Registration forms can be found in the school office (or we can email it to you). The program is presented by the Family Life Office and the Lincoln FertilityCare Center.

Would you like to win \$10,000? That's just one of the four cash prizes for the BOLT lottery, which helps raise money for special projects at Pius. This year the money will be used to upgrade our existing kitchen. To purchase a lottery ticket and support Pius X, please contact Tim and Jennifer Conzemius at 421-1830 or email Conzemius1@hotmail.com. Ticket sales end on April 24, the night of the BOLT dinner and auction.

Information for the following may be found in the school office: Camp Superkids (summer residential camp in Nebraska for children with asthma), Red Cross Babysitter's Training, detassling information, and the following Pius X summer camps (next year's grade indicated if mentioned on the flyer): Boys Basketball (grades 4 and up), Softball (grades 4 and up), Girls Soccer (grades 3-9), Football (grades 9 and up), Lincoln Basketball School (grades 5 and up), Cheer (ages 3 and up), Dance (ages 3 and up), Girls Basketball (grades 4 and up), Volleyball (grades 6-8, grades 9-12), Theater Arts (ages 5-14), Wrestling (grades K and up), and Baseball (grades 6-9).

Junior High Orientation for the 2010-2011 school year will be held on Monday, April 12th, 7 pm, Kaczmarek Hall. Please mark your calendars now. Parents of this year's 6th & 7th graders are invited to attend.

Pius X Cheerleading Tryouts: Any girl who will be attending Pius X High School next year and is interested in trying out for the 2010-2011 cheerleading team should attend an informational meeting. It will be held in the Pius X commons at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9. All girls and parents who would like information about the team and tryouts needs to attend. We look forward to seeing you! If you have any questions or are unable to attend, please contact the head coach, Jess Largis, at jessica.largis@piusx.net. The tryout process will begin Monday, April 12, and tryouts will be on Friday, April 16.

Wish List: Thank you to those who donated to the Christmas Wish List! The Lincoln schools and parishes raised \$68,782. We were able to purchase some basketball uniforms, music & art room supplies, some calculators and some tables for Kindergarten & preschool. Thanks!

Office Depot Rewards: We recently received \$62.08 for office supplies at Office Depot. Thank you for mentioning us with the 5% Back to Schools Program!

TRACK: Sign-up for 6th, 7th and 8th grades boys/girls track will continue through Monday, March 29th. The season will begin the week of March 29th. Participation fee is \$10.00 per student. A completed parent permission form is also required (along with the sports fee) to the school office by March 29th. Track meet dates and information can be located at www.cysi.org under the "Track" tab.

Page One Fun Day help needed: Anyone able to help with set up, running, or clean up of the Page One Fun Day, Saturday, March 20th, please contact Ann Kotopka, mkotopka@gmail.com, or 489-6860. We will set up Friday, March 19th, after school. We need parents or even high school students to run the games from 9:30am-11:15am. Finally, we'll need a crew to help clean up from 11:30am-noon. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated!

Gloria Deo Gift & Bookfair: Join other St. Teresa's families on Thursday, Mar. 11, in helping to raise funds for our school. Shop at Gloria Deo from 10 am to 8 pm, and **up to 25% percent** of your purchases will be donated to the school. It's just like regular shopping at Gloria Deo, except you'll help our school in the process on this one day specially designed to benefit St. Teresa's! Choose from thousands of books and gift items, including gifts for the upcoming sacraments like Confirmation and First Communion. Make your purchase a double benefit to the school by using Gloria Deo Scrip! Be sure to use your school voucher when you make your purchase, or tell a Gloria Deo Sales Associate that your purchase should count towards the St. Teresa's event. Gloria Deo is located in The Alamo Center at 56th & Highway 2. Call 420-1830 for more information.