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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"

April 25, 2012

Dear Parents,

Clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for: *God opposes the proud but bestows favor on the humble.* So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:5-7)

These words are taken from the first reading for today's Mass – the feast of St. Mark. Every day we are given opportunities to humble ourselves – and allow God to be God. It is so easy to think that we have all the answers and solutions and that every problem can be solved by our own hands. The reality is that we must allow God to be God – and cooperate with Him. We need to use the tools that He has given us – our gifts, talents, the ideas & inventions of others – but we must let Him be God. When we worry and fret over things that are not in our control and lose our patience and feel that we are not successful in what we've been asked to do, we must let go of our pride and humble ourselves to kneel before the Lord and beg Him to guide and take care of the situation. There are things that will always be beyond our control – and we must acknowledge that and go from there. We can be upset that we haven't cooperated in the manner that we would have liked, but we must let go of the frustration and the worry – that is the work of the Evil One – trying to draw us away from God and His peace and joy in our lives. May we all grow in true humility and trust in the Lord.

In the Heart of the King, I am,

Sister Mary Cecilia, CK

THINGS BEING SENT HOME TODAY: lunch reminders; SCRIP forms; Midterms (grades 5-8); TerraNova test scores (grades 3-7); Sewing flyer; Recycling guide; field trip information for grades 3 & 6; May Crowning flyer; Dennis Uniform information; Tutoring flyer; Junior High finals schedule; May Calendar & Lunch Menu; Dental reminders

Built Up & Rooted In Christ: How often do we read the Bible/Scripture together as a family? How difficult would it be for us to take a parable of Jesus or a Psalm and read one either each day or once a week?

St. Teresa Enrichment Awards: Each year the St. Teresa Enrichment Awards are given to selected eighth graders who have applied for these awards. The award is given directly to Pius X High School to help with the cost of their freshman tuition. If you would like to donate to the Enrichment Award fund, please send your contribution marked *Enrichment Award* to the school office or the rectory and we'll add it to the fund. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the continuing Catholic Education of our current eighth grade students.

Dental Screening: Just a reminder that the dental screening will be in May. Please let the office know if your children have been to the dentist. If we have no record of them visiting with a dentist since last May, your child will have the opportunity to do so at school during the annual dental screening. If you have already visited a dentist this year, you can call the office or email Mrs. Anderson (tammy-anderson@cdolinc.net) with this information. Thank you!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

April	27	2 nd grade field trip
May	1	3 rd grade class Mass / 8 th grade Math Placement Exam
	2	Dental Screening / 4:00 Leadership Board Meeting
	3	4 th grade class Mass / 7:00 Spring Program (performed by grades 5-8)
	4	Mission Collection / Lunchtime Adoration / 2:15 May Crowning
	9	3 rd grade field trip
	10	6 th grade field trip

VET CAMP: information regarding junior & intermediate vet camp can be found in the school office.

Winners of the Serra Club Essay Contest: From St. Teresa's includes Rose Kotopka (2nd place) & Carson Henry (3rd place) – Congratulations!

SCRIP NEWS: March profits totaled \$1,966. Profits for January – March totaled \$5,390. The 2012 profit goal is \$25,000. With **your support** we **can** reach the goal!! **Thank you** to everyone who uses **SCRIP!**

Why PrestoPay? For every PP order, the time spent by a volunteer is reduced by a minimum of 5 minutes. If twelve people used Presto Pay in a week, an hour of time is saved! So not only is PP convenient for those who use it, it saves volunteer time and reduces bookwork. Therefore, your \$.15 convenience fee is minimal for you, and priceless for others! J

STAPLES is the newest **SCRIP now!** Retailer – “that was easy”!

****Beginning to plan a summer vacation?** Be sure to keep **SCRIP** in your plans. In addition to using **SCRIP** for your gas and eating out, there are numerous hotels that have **SCRIP** available. Best Western, Comfort Inn, and Econo Lodge are included in the over 50 hotels listed on the www.shopwithscrip.com website..

****PrestoPay online set-up** will enable you to receive a **SCRIP** order via your St. Teresa's student the same day if the order is placed by 10 a.m. (on a school day) of regular in-stock **SCRIP**. Individuals who do not have children attending school can orders **SCRIP** on-line and pick up their order before or after any weekend mass. **PrestoPay** has lowered its **convenience fee to only .15 cents per order!** Contact Jenny at jnickol@gmail.com or Janel at jeandreasen@windstream.net to begin your set-up.

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Spring Band Concert: The Spring Band Concert will be Thursday, May 10th 7pm @ Pius gym.

The concert rehearsals will be as follows:

Beginner's Band – 7:00-7:45 pm Wednesday, May 9th @ Pius gym

Advanced Band – 7:45-8:30 pm Wednesday, May 9th @ Pius gym

LAST CHANCE!!!! Summer Solutions: A few weeks ago a flyer was sent home on how to order summer “review” material for your children. There are many options – Math, English/Grammar, Study Skills, Reading Comprehension, Problem Solving – so think about what your child needs to keep up on and order the books you need to make that happen. St. Teresa's received \$1 from every book ordered – all orders are due by April 29th in order to be delivered to you by the end of the school year (books are shipped to school and we send them home to you). Thank you for working with us to alleviate some of the “summer loss of knowledge” that tends to happen every summer! If you are in doubt about what your child may need, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher – they will be able to help you decide on a topic or two – or review the test scores sent home today!

BEGINNING BAND INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS: 4th grade students and a parent should attend ONE of the following two meetings, ESPECIALLY if you have not previously had a student in band:

Monday, April 30th 7-8 p.m. or Tuesday, May 1st 7-8 p.m. meetings at the L-PAC at Pius X High School, 60th & A Streets

Meeting will be: information about band class. Instrument demonstrations. Dietze Music instrument display & rental/purchase information. Meet your band director. Get answers to your questions.

Voice Lessons: Now accepting students for music/**voice lessons for this summer!** Lessons are taught by experienced vocal student from UNL's Newman Center and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. Please call Jenna Prather at [\(402\) 699-6046](tel:4026996046) for enrollment or more information.

Congratulations to Mrs. Stewart for writing and receiving a \$500 Creative Catholic Teacher Grant. The grant was funded by West Gate Bank and by the advertisers of the Catholic Business Connection magazine.

Thank you: to these parents for helping with the Teacher Appreciation Day – Jean Timmerman, Monica Sedlak, Karrie Seeman, Jamie Wiechman, Connie Sanders, Melissa Brox, Sheri Jablonski, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Kim Vacek, Laurie Clark, Mary Huggenberger, Dea Mandery, Kristi Casady, Janel Andreason, Megan Bauman, Patty Lang, Cori Mooberry, Shannon Kohmetscher (and Kim Theisen for organizing it!)

High School Sports Physicals The Pius X Booster Club will sponsor 2012-13 Sports Physicals on Wednesday, May 23, from 6-9 pm at Pius X. All 2012-13 Pius X students are welcome to attend which includes incoming 9th grade students that are currently 8th graders. Lincoln area physicians and staff will conduct the exams. The cost will be \$15 with checks payable to the Pius X Booster Club. Participants must bring a completed NSAA 2012-2013 PreParticipation Physical Form signed by a parent or legal guardian. Forms will be available in the Pius X main office after May 1, or on the NSAA (Nebraska School Activities Association) website at www.nsaahome.org. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Moore at jake.moore@piusx.net.

Pro-Life Poster Winners from St. Teresa's: Congratulations to the following winners for the Diocesan Pro-Life poster contest:

First Grade: Ava Knievel – 1st place, Celia Herrera – 3rd place

Second Grade: Abby Vacek – 3rd place

Third Grade: Juliana Koperski – 3rd place

Fourth Grade: Rosemary Lang – 2nd place, Catherine Shassere – 3rd place

Fifth Grade: Samantha Selting – 1st place

Carpool needed: If you are interested in carpooling and you live in the Eastridge area, please call Kathy Knollenberg at 402-484-0218. I can take the mornings, if you would be able to pick my child up in the afternoon and drop him off at Kid's First, 62nd and L Street.

CTBS tests go home today. If you have any questions regarding the performance of your child with regard to these tests, please contact your child's teacher. Please remember they are one piece of information that informs the teacher regarding the academic progress of your child.

We are honoring Monsignor Nemecek on St. Joseph Feast Day May 1st. If you would like to add to the gift basket by providing any of his favorite items, bring them to the school no later than **THIS FRIDAY April 27th!!!** Some ideas are nuts, almonds, potato chips and chocolate chip cookies. What a great way we can "shower" Monsignor with our appreciation and love.

AMENDED COSTUME REQUESTS for May 3rd Spring Music Program:

5th/6th Girls - dress or skirt with blouse/top & an umbrella

5th/6th Boys - nice blue jeans with plain white T-shirt

7th/8th Girls - skirt/top or dress with white or colored dress gloves and a flower to wear in their hair

7th/8th Boys - nice blue jeans with either a tie-dyed or picture/lettering shirt (for example - Beatles, Rocky, sports team name) and a button down shirt over the top

CAST COSTUMES remain the same:

Carmen (Morgahn) - red dress or suit, dress shoes, red hat

Chief (James) - suit with dress shoes

Detectives (Joseph & Julia) - dark or khaki pants, collared shirt, trench coat

Viles (Phil & Josh) - black pants and black shirt

Professor (Lindsay) - dress or skirt/top with lab coat with dress shoes