

Oct. 9, 2009

St. Therese School Little Flower Preschool Friday Notes

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Upcoming Events

10/9
WUS Homecoming
No School Mass Today

10/10
Tuition Payment Due

10/13
MEAP Testing begins

10/20 & 10/22
Parent/Teacher Conferences

10/21
Senior's Harvest Luncheon

10/27
Casual Day
P3 Halloween Party

10/28
P4 Halloween Party
Halloweenfest

10/29 & 10/30
NO SCHOOL

10/30
Father Christian Halloween
Bash!

11/2
St. Therese in session
WUS - no school

11/7
School Auction

Help Needed

The school is still in need of volunteers to help several positions. Please contact Mrs. Gee if you are interested in helping in any of these areas.

Preschool Aide
Kindergarten Gym teacher
Spelling Bee Coach
Organize Harvest Luncheon on Oct. 21
Preparing Breakfast and Lunch for the Accreditation Team on Nov. 16&17

School Auction Baskets

Each classroom is donating a theme basket to the school auction on Nov. 7. Please contribute into your child's classroom basket. All proceeds from the auction and basket sales go to the H&S fund.

Preschool - Girl Toy and Boy Toy Baskets
Kindergarten - Arts and Crafts basket
1st & 2nd grade - Dr. Seuss basket
3rd & 4th grade - Beach basket
5th & 6th grade - It's a Guy Thing and I'll be Home for Christmas baskets

Auction Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to help out before, during and after the auction. Set up the day before, work at the auction or help with clean up beginning at 11:30pm after the auction, pick what works best for you. Call the office to sign up. If you do not sign up, please expect a phone call asking for you to volunteer. All school families are expected to help with this fundraiser for Home and School. Thank you.

Recycling

WUS is now offering a recycling drop off station at Central Services at 324 W. Sycamore. They are collecting cardboard, clear plastic and #10 tin cans. All items must be clean.

K-6th Grade Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Oct. 20 & 22. Your family schedule will be coming home next week. Please turn in your family form to schedule a time if you already haven't done so.

Children's Choir

Keith Weber and Kate Britton are inviting any student who would like to participate singing at Mass to come to their first practice. Practice will be on Wednesday, October 14 from 5:30 to 6:30 at church. If you have any questions or cannot make the practice, please call Kate.

Church Recipes for Cookbook

Please turn in your recipes for the church cookbook. The deadline is Oct. 10.

Calendar Correction

May 3 - No School
for 2nd graders ONLY

Volleyball Schedule

10/12 - St. Margaret 4:30
10/13 @St. Stan's 4:30
10/21 - practice 3:45-5pm
10/22 -@ East Martin

Cookbook

Parish Council is looking
for recipes for a cook-
book. Recipes can be
cute or real. Please
complete the enclosed
form by October 10.

Holy Cross Children's Services Calendars

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the sale of Holy Cross Children's Services Calendars. Each calendar will be sold for \$25. Part of the proceeds from the sales for the calendar will return back to the school. There is also a raffle card to complete with an opportunity to win cash prizes. Calendars are available in the school office. Please make checks out to Boyssville of Michigan.

WUS Schedule

WUS are not in session on Monday, November 2. St. Therese School is in session on this day. Please plan on alternative transportation for this day. WUS busing will not be running. Hot lunch will be available.

New Altar Server Training October 18 and 25

You can be part of this wonderful ministry if you are in the 4th grade or older, completed the sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion and attend these two training dates!! Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

The first session on Oct. 18 is at 12:15 in the church and will be one hour. If you are under 18, a parent must also attend. You will receive a booklet that we will review together and we will discuss responsibilities and parts of the Mass.

The second session on Oct. 25 is at 12:15 in the church and will be two hours. You will be sized for an alb, review sacred vessels in the sacristy and practice altar serving responsibilities from the beginning to the end of Mass.

Current Altar Servers - Retraining Oct. 18 or 25

Current altar servers must attend one of the dates to go through retraining. In addition to updating the personal information and Mass preferences, we will review needs for this ministry and changes for the future.

Virtus Training

Protecting God's Children Training is required to help at school or attend field trips. You must first register online at www.virtusonline.org. Please see the school office if you need assistance.

Upcoming Sessions

St. Margaret in Otsego - October 15 from 6 to 9pm

St. Rose in Hastings - October 11 from 12pm to 3pm

Supply Wish List

There is a bulletin board in school asking for supplies for the school. If you would like to help the school budget by purchasing some supplies, please remove the apple and bring the supplies to the school office. Thank you for your generosity.

Focus on Families

Mrs. Gee is looking to implement a new program for this school year. Families will be highlighted monthly in the parish bulletin at different intervals. Families will be sent a questionnaire in Friday Notes and they are asked to complete the form and return to Mrs. Gee the next week.

Fr. Christian's Halloween Bash

Hosted at: St. Cyril & Methodius Church, Rectory, Cemetery
When: Friday, October 30

Time: 7:00pm (5th - 9th grade) until 9:00pm

9:00pm (9th - 12th grade) until 11:00pm

Costumes, Flashlights needed.

Donations are also needed for the bash. Candy, hay, pumpkins, decorations, costumes, corn stalks, strobe lights, spooky, scary, and fun always in need! Contact Liz Ryan
Volunteers also needed.

St. Margaret's 18th Annual Halloween Carnival

Saturday, Oct. 24 from noon until 4pm. They will be having Trick or Treat Village - with over 20 candy stops, 20 games with prizes, delicious homemade foods, costume contest, dozens of winners, themed raffle baskets, and much more. Tickets are only \$1.

Grand Rapids Symphony

The Grand Rapids Symphony is excited to present its newly re-designed Family Series Concerts for the 2009-10 season. These concerts are sure to inspire your young musicians ages 8-13. On Oct. 11, 2009 join the symphony beginning at 2:00pm in the lobby of the Forest Hill Performing Arts Center for the ABC(Anything But Classical) orchestra from Pinewood Middle School playing music your students never thought they'd hear from an orchestra along with merchandise and materials provided by Meyer Music and more! The concert will begin at 3pm. Cost is \$9/child and \$15/adult.

FOCUS ON FAMILIES

Meet the Wagner family!

This week I'd like to introduce the Lonnie and Emmy Wagner family. Their son Jake is in the fourth grade here at St. Therese. Their household is busy taking care of a menagerie of pets including Bear, Midnight, Lilley, Riley and an assortment of fish! Both Lonnie and Emmy work; he is a business manager and she does MRIs. The Wagners enjoy lots of outdoor activities. They fish, hunt, golf and run quads. Jacob plays football, baseball and soccer. The Wagners enjoy having a parish school available for their son. They tell us, "We think St. Therese is a great school with smaller class sizes to focus on more individual learning abilities. The staff and parents work together as a team with great results!"
We're glad to have the Wagner family with us!