

May 14, 2010

St. Therese School Little Flower Preschool Friday Notes



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Upcoming Events

5/13 & 14

Preschool Conferences
NO PRESCHOOL

5/14

No Mass today

5/17

Walk-a-thon money due
to count for incentives
All School Picture

5/19

Youth Ministry Dodge ball
5-8 graders 7:00-8:00pm

5/25

Casual Day

5/27

Kindergarten Celebration 2:45pm

6/4

6th Grade Farewell Mass

6/6

Schwann's Sale

6/6

Youth Ministry White Caps Game
More details to come

6/7

Last Day for 4-yr old Preschool

6/8

Last Day for 3-yr old Preschool

6/10

Last Day for Students
Field Day

6/18

Youth Ministry Touch/Flag Football
Bonfire, Hot dogs & chips 5-8 graders

The character trait for the month of May is:

Self Control

Synonyms: willpower, self-discipline, restraint

Thank You

Thank you to Dawn Stein for organizing the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. Thank you Dawn and all you helpers for the wonderful meals and treats during the week. Everything was delicious.

Walk-a-thon

All money for the Walk-a-thon that will count toward the incentives must be turned into the school office by 1:00 on Monday, May 17. Incentive for \$5000 is the day off on Friday before Memorial Day and the incentive for the \$8000 is Father Christian shaving his head at school.

The Walk-a-thon went great. We had a nice day to complete all our laps. We walked around the entire school and church property. Kindergartener's completed 2 laps, 1st & 2nd - 4 laps, 3rd & 4th - 6 laps, and 5th & 6th graders completed 8 laps. Several students completed more laps than required. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped during the Walk-a-thon and Carol Henry for providing juice pouches for everyone.

Earn \$5000 for Our School

Support our school by downloading the Goodsearch web browser into your toolbar. Our school will earn \$1.00 for every toolbar downloaded from noon on May 19 until noon on May 21 EST.

Our school will receive \$.01 each time you browse the internet using the Goodsearch. Shop through Goodshop.com and the school will receive a donation.

Sports Physicals

The Wayland Middle School will be offering Sports Physicals on Wednesday, May 19 from 4:00 - 7:00pm. The cost is \$20.00. No appointment necessary - first come, first serve.

Sports Physicals

Remember to get your child's sports physical for the fall with any summer doctor appointments. All sports physicals expire April 15 regardless of when they were given. Students will need a sports physical to participate in volleyball and basketball in the fall.

St. Therese Brownie Troop Non-Food Drive

The St Therese Brownie Troop is currently working on their final journey badge, which involves making a difference in their community. The girls have placed in the K-6 classrooms a box to place non-food items, such as soaps, toilet paper, baby items, etc. They will be collecting these items throughout the month of May and then the items will be donated to the pantry. Thank you so much for sending these items, please remember that the need is great all year, not just in the winter time.

All School Picture

A picture of all the students and staff will be taken on Monday, May 17. All preschool students are invited to join in the picture. The picture will be taken at 9:15. Rain date is May 24.

Criminal Background Check

The Diocese of Kalamazoo values the safety of children in its care, its employees and volunteers, and the people of whom it serves. Accordingly, the diocese must take prudent measures to protect its human and material resources. Effective September 2, 2003, the bishop of Kalamazoo mandates that criminal history background checks be conducted for all the church personnel as well as volunteers working in any parish or diocesan institution having contact with a child, the elderly or persons with disabilities. Criminal history background checks are required in addition to proper screening, interviewing and reference checks conducted by all hiring agents. **These checks need to be renewed every five years.**



Mass May 21, 2010

Commentator

Michael Kelly

Profession of Faith

Robert Mucci

Altar Servers

Marina Marchesotti

Anthony Hall

Sydney Calkins

Readers

Kaci Lewakowski

Jacob Wagner

Gift Bearers

Zackary Hoffman

Angelo House

Ethan Rogers

Registration Papers

Complete and send in your registration papers for the 2010-11 school year. Remember to include a copy of the first page of your federal tax return with any financial aid papers. Please return your registration in the red folder provided. Thank you.

Kitchen Wooden Chairs Wanted

The art teacher is looking for a donation of 2 to 3 wooden chairs. The chairs are asked to be flat in the back. They will be painted by the 5th & 6th graders and donated to the school auction.

Tuition Payments for 2010-2011

SMART has been chosen for the automatic tuition payment company. More information is included within your Friday Notes envelope.

Cookbooks Are In!

Cookbooks may be purchased after Mass on the weekends.

School Plaid

Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct school plaid. Lands End refers to the plaid as "Hunter/Classic Navy Plaid". A sample is hanging in the school office.

Dress Code issues for spring

Kindly remember the school standardized dress code as the days begin to get warmer. Students are expected to be ready to go outside every day for recess. Shorts, skirts, skorts and jumpers must be finger tip length. Also, all layered shirts (except boys white undershirts) must have collars and be red, white or blue.

Paper Gator

After a long awaited time, St. Therese is getting a Paper Gator. The Paper Gator will be at St. Therese 24/7. You can place any newsprint, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, phone books, office/school paper, and hard and soft cover books. Please do not place any cardboard or grocery item paper in the bin. The Paper Gator will replace our paper drives in the future, we will be having a paper drive every day from now on. Please watch for the Paper Gator to arrive. It should be here within the next few of weeks.



Recruitment Credit

All school families are eligible for a recruitment credit. Any current school family that recruits a new K - 6 school family is entitled to a \$100 tuition credit. Current families that recruit a preschool family are also eligible when that family begins kindergarten.

TRIP

Please remember that TRIP orders are due on Sunday at noon. Please remember to thank our TRIP workers for volunteering their time each week to keep the program going.

TRIP Payouts for 2010-11 School Year

The TRIP payout schedule is going to be changing to the months of September, December, March and June. This change is due to the statements needed to be printed at the end of the calendar year for tax donations. The accounts electing to use their TRIP proceeds to go to any account other than a specific tuition family are tax deductible.

Home and School

Positions Available: President, Vice President and Secretary - If you are interested, kindly notify Mrs. Gee or one of the current officers - Gianni Marchesotti, Sharon Jansma or Jessica Harnish.

School Board

School Board members for the 2010-11 school year are: Pat Chandler, Dawn Stein, Anna Wierenga, Pat Neuman, Hilary Anes and Dave Tubergen.

Focus on the Family

Meet the Chandler Family!

This week we'd like to introduce the Pat and Jackie Chandler family. Jackie and Pat have two children at St. Therese School. Eric is in the fourth grade and Grace just made her First Communion in the second grade. The Chandlers also have some pets: Stewie the dog, Gladys the cat, and Zoom and Dug the gerbils. Jackie is on the faculty at WMU and is a social worker. Pat recently retired from the U.S. Army. He will soon be a full-time Art student at WMU. In their spare time Grace and Eric enjoy scouts and the piano. The whole Chandler family enjoys camping, bocce ball and board games. During the summer they like to swim. Favorite vacation spots for the Chandlers include New York, especially NY City and Niagara Falls, and states neighboring Michigan. When we asked the Chandlers why they send their children to St. Therese, Gracie offered the first response, "The teachers are nice and they teach really well." Mom added, "We enjoy the family-type atmosphere, the availability of the teachers, and the individual student attention."

We are thankful to have the Chandlers as part of our school and parish families!



PANTHER PRIDE *a Section Just for Kids*

The 5th & 6th graders had a great time at Science Camp. We did get a little wet when the dock broke while we were fishing. For more funny stories and details see a 5th or 6th graders. Thank you Home and School for funding this event.

Congratulations to Zackary on becoming a big brother on Saturday, May 8. His little brother Noah James came into the world weighing 6 lbs. 1 oz and measuring 19 1/2". Congratulations to mom Jennifer and dad Jacob.

18 more school days before summer vacation. 17 if we make our \$5000 Walk-a-thon goal!

Joke of the Week:

A little girl is running down the street with her bible under her arm. She is all dressed up in her Sunday best. As she runs she is praying. "Please Lord, don't let me be late for church. Please don't let me be late for church."
As she rounds the corner she stumbles on the curb and falls down. Her bible flies out of her hands and hits the sidewalk. Her dress is all dirty. She picks herself up and brushes off the dirt the best that she can. She begins to run again saying "Please Lord don't late me be late for church. And please Lord, stop pushing me."

submitted by Jenett Harnish