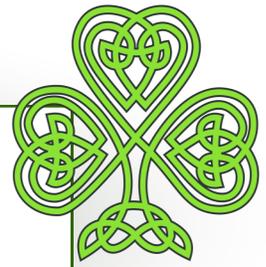




St. Therese Nursery School March 2016 Newsletter



Welcome to the Rainforest Pasta Dinner/Silent Auction! April 15th!

Our annual Pasta Dinner/Silent Auction is a little over a month away! The final preparations are daunting but our fundraising committee and families have been steadfast in their efforts! You will be traveling through the rainforest for an evening of good food, dancing, and of course our auction and raffles! We are excited to bring our school community together to share in a meal and fun! Ticket order forms will be sent home next week. Simply fill in the number of adults, and children. The menu will consist of pasta, meatballs, pizza, salad, bread, and dessert! Please feel free to invite extended family members and friends!

In addition to our

auction items, each child will be composing a piece of art work that will be auctioned off at the dinner. This year we will be donating these proceeds to Matt's Mission.

Our auction items include everything from jewelry, theme baskets, gift certificates for services and restaurants and kid activities! We are also raffling off one month of tuition for May 2016! Children will also have an opportunity for kid themed raffle baskets! One of our most popular auction items is the classroom designed furniture! Each child's handprint is somewhere on the furniture! We have had parents in bidding wars to capture that special memory!

In an effort to have our kids helping kids, we have added a donation of 15% of our proceeds to go toward the new Matt's Mission. If you would like to assist in any way with the dinner or auction, please feel free to see me! Our next meeting is this Friday, March 4th at 9:15 a.m.

If you are donating an item to the auction or taking out a business ad for the program, please return the tear off portion from the donation letter a.s.a.p. so that we can generate our donation list!

Thank you in advance for your support of this event!

Miss Michele



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Special points of interest:

- Don't forget to visit us on Facebook! We have been having record number visits to our posts!



Annual Easter Egg Hunt Holy Saturday 10:00 a.m.!

Save the date!!!

Saturday, March 26th
10:00 a.m.

On the back lawn weather permitting!

Hop on by!

The Easter bunny and the Easter chick will kick off our hunt and will also be available for pictures! Please remember to bring an Easter basket to fill up

with delicious eggs from Thompson Candy Company! Families are welcome to invite close family and friends to attend!



Miss Patsy's Brother



As many of you may have been aware, Miss Patsy's brother Mortimer passed away last week in Ireland. Mortimer leaves behind his wife and three children ages nine through nineteen. Miss Patsy had been blessed to visit with him last month before passing and re-

turned last week for his funeral. Coming from a family of nine children, Miss Patsy is accustomed to being around quite a crowd. Miss Patsy thanks everyone for their prayers and condolences during this difficult time. As with the passing of any family member in our school staff or community, the sanctuary candle will be lit for Mortimer O'Shea next week here at St. Therese Parish.

St. Patrick & St. Joseph's Day

We will also be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on March 17th and St. Joseph's Day on March 19th at the end of that week! St. Patrick's Day ties in nicely with our study of healthy foods and the color green!

We need to be a little more creative with St. Joseph's day! We have a song to the tune of Bob the Builder as Joseph the Builder. Our focus is on how Joseph was the earthly father of Jesus and how he shared his devotion with Jesus

here on earth.

The teachers will be integrating activities into their curriculum that celebrate these two saints. Our books, songs and activities are just one aspect of learning about our faith. When you visit church, point out the saints to your children. You will be amazed by their knowledge of the saints. Tomie DePaola is a wonderful author who has many picture books on Saints. We have quite a collection here at the nursery school.

Tax Time!

Federal Tax

I.D. Number!

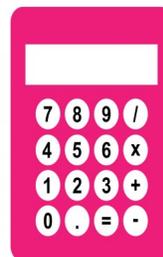
As you prepare your taxes for 2015 you may choose to take a child care deduction. When doing so you or your accountant will need our federal tax identification

number. I have listed it for your reference:

St. Therese Nursery School

Tax Identification #:

52-227-1078



The Prayer of St. Patrick

*May the strength of God
pilot us,
May the wisdom of God
instruct us,
May the hand of God
protect us,
May the word of God
direct us --
May thy salvation, O Lord,
Be always ours
this day and for evermore.*

A Prayer To St. Joseph.

O blessed Joseph, faithful guardian of my Redeemer, Jesus Christ, protector of your chaste spouse, the virgin Mother of God, I choose you this day to be my special patron and advocate and I firmly resolve to honor you all the days of my life.



Healthy Nutrition!

March is Nutrition Month!!!

We will be celebrating by sharing stories, projects, and examples of healthy nutrition! Some of our teachers will have sign ups posted outside their classrooms for specific days and colors of healthy

food choices. Other teachers will be preparing healthy snacks in their classroom. Adopting healthy eating habits at a young age is essential!

A great website for ideas on meals, food choices, how to handle a picky eater, and an example of the food pyramid is choosemyplate.gov. This website not only provides the new food pyramid, it provides articles, links and activi-

ties for children in the pre-school age group.

If any of our families know of a nutritionist who would be available to come in and share nutritional information with our children or families, please let me know.

Young children can surprise us with an interest in foods we would never dream that would interest them!

Healthy Bodies!

In correlation to fueling our bodies with healthy food choices, we also need to work our bodies to their optimal potential! Instilling this passion in our young children is essential. Exercise doesn't have to mean a visit to the gym! There are a myriad of activities for our children. Our families also serve as wonderful role models for physical fitness. *If you or someone you*

know plays a sport, studies a certain discipline, or is involved in any type of training, please see me to set up a time to come and share your talent with our students!

What better way to inspire someone than be a role model! A few years ago we had a family of runners that shared all of their race bibs and how they run as a family!



Time & Talent Share!

Many of our parents have time and talent to share that we may have missed! If you have anything that you would like to share with your child's classroom, whether it be a



craft, a hobby, or related to something from work, please share with your child's teacher. At this point in the year our children have transitioned enough that having another

parent in the classroom is not an issue. We have even had grandma's come in and share their baking talents! Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talent!

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Our History

St. Therese Nursery School was established on October 30, 2000. We began with two classrooms, thirty students, and 4 staff members. We now have almost 100 students, 3 classrooms, a pre-k program, and a staff of 10!

Our Mission

The mission of St. Therese Nursery School is to nurture the student and the family within a community of learners. Our mission will be:

*to provide a safe learning environment where our children can learn through developmentally appropriate experiences.

*these experiences and play reflect continuous spiritual, emotional, social, cognitive, and physical growth and development.

*our families are recognized as central to the well being of the child.

*our staff is valued for their dedication and commitment to the children and families of St. Therese Nursery School community.

*we believe learning is a journey, not a destination.

A Big Thank you!



A big thank you to Matthew Almeida's mom, Dr. Almeida for visiting our three year old classes for dental hygiene

month! The children loved the big teeth and the goodie bags!



A big thank you to all of our parent volunteers for our Valentine Parties and the treats! They were much appreciated!



A big thank you to Mia Bevilacqua's dad from Giovanni's Pizza for visiting Miss Michele's class with a pizza making lesson and of course pizza!



A big thank you to Jake Apuzzo's mom from Pastry Fusions for sharing how to decorate Valentine cookies in Miss Patsy's class! We certainly enjoyed the sweet treat!