



St. Therese Nursery School

May 2017 Newsletter

A Big Thank you!

Thank you to all for a wonderful "Starry Night!" The lights twinkled as we dined, danced, and won either raffle or auction items! Our kids were busy in the kid activity room making rocket ships and moons! We all partook in the prayer star tree! A big thank you to all of the committee members! Whether you helped at home or at the event, we couldn't have done it without you! And of course the Quinnipiac Women's Volleyball team certainly helped with our raffles and the kid activity room! Even our D.J. is a former parent that donates his time each year to help make this event a success! And finally all of the family and friends that joined us that

evening and bid or purchased raffle tickets!

Our children's artwork of stars illuminated the room! I will be posting the remaining stars for parents to make a contribution to purchase. All of the proceeds go to the Tommy Fund in honor of Lyla Bogardus.

As a thank you to all of our parents who have volunteered this year at home and school, I will hold a luncheon on Tuesday, May 30th at 1:00 p.m. All our welcome! Please r.s.v.p. by the 25th!

Thank you again for sharing your children with us on this journey!

In God's Peace,
Miss Michele

Dates to Remember!

- *May 4th Three year old Mother's Day Teas
- *May 5th Four year old Mother's Day Teas
- *May 8-12th Conferences
- *May 11th New Student Sundae Social 6-7
- *May 12th Graduation Pictures
- *May 25th End of the Year Picnic
- *May 29th Memorial Day
No School
- *May 30th Volunteer Reception
1:00 p.m.
- *June 8th Three Year Old Sundae Party 10:30 a.m.
- *June 9th Four Year Old Graduation 11:00 a.m. in Church

Mother's Day Teas

Our Mother's Day teas will be held on the following dates! Please remember that only *one mother or grandmother* is allowed per a child due to space.

We will first meet in the classrooms for a brief presentation. This will be followed a treat and iced tea for the moms, and apple juice for the children in the meeting room.

Thursday, May 4th 11:00 a.m.

*Miss Michele's Threes

Thursday, May 5th Noon

*Miss Meg's Three year olds

*Miss Theresa's Three Year Olds *P.M. class arrives at noon on this day!

*Children who remain all day will remain until their normal dismissal. Those children who are four year olds in Miss Meg's class will remain in the room with Miss Julie during the tea.

Friday, May 5th 11:00 a.m.

*Miss Theresa's Fours A.M.

Friday, May 5th Noon

*Miss Patsy's fours

*Miss Mary Ellen's fours

Children who remain all day will remain until their normal dismissal. Those children in Miss Patsy's class that are three year olds will remain in the classroom with Miss Julie during the tea.

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End of the Year Picnic Thursday, May 25th 5:30 p.m.



Each year we gather as a school family for an end of the year picnic on the back lawn of the church. This is a wonderful school community event where we come together as a school community. The lawn is filled with family and friends on picnic blankets and chairs! You are welcome to invite whomever you would like.

An order form will be sent home and tickets are sold per person. This picnic includes a catered dinner of chicken cutlets, salad, pizza, make your own sundae station, and popsicle wagon! Students eat for free!

Each family is asked to donate drinks for the event and purchase tickets for the dinner portion! Information regarding the purchase of tickets will be sent home

shortly. Please bring your drink donations COLD on that evening!

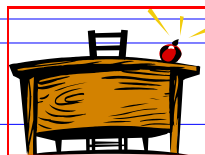
Memorial Day

The 29th of this month is in honor of Memorial Day! We honor all of those who have served or are still protecting our country! The children will be reading stories and completing crafts related to our

patriotism. If you know a veteran, please contact me as we would love to have them visit our school! Try to visit a Memorial Day parade where our children will see first hand the veterans that preserve our freedom!



Teacher Appreciation Week!



We will be holding Teacher Appreciation week the week of May 8th through 12th. You may encourage your child to draw a picture or even write a note to show how they appreciate them!

In their honor I hold a

luncheon for the teachers for their dedication to our school community. Balancing the needs of all of our students as well as the needs of our families is a balancing act that only a teacher can navigate!

Thank you to the staff for ensuring that our children are comfortable on the first experience on the learning journey!

Our Blessed Mother



May is the month of our Blessed Mother, Mary. This is a perfect connection to honoring our own mothers this month! At this age this is certainly a precious time to be the mother of a young child. Our influence and roles as mothers has not changed much from the time of Jesus and his mother Mary. Patience above else comes to mind when raising children. Colossians 1:11 states, "May you be made strong with all

the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience." I pray that each of our mothers is blessed with the patience as we guide our children on this journey of life.

In honor of our Blessed Mother, the children will be making flowers to bring to her statue in church. This visual reminder is another way that our students share in our faith. We remind you to share the rosary with your

child even if it is teaching the Hail Mary or pointing out the statue of Mary in church and how flowers are always placed there. The courage and devotion of our Blessed Mother should inspire us all to share Jesus' infinite love in our daily words and actions.

Happy Mother's Day!



Graduation Gowns & Pictures

Gown order forms will be sent home today with the four year olds. Please be reminded that if you are using a sibling's or friend's gown, I need to order a new tassel. Please let me know if this is the case! Caps and gowns will

be placed on the children the day of graduation by the teachers. If you have any questions, please feel free to see me. Due by this Friday!

Graduation pictures will occur on Friday, May 12th

for our four year olds. David Frost, our school photographer be taking our portraits. They will be in before graduation! We will supply the gown for the pictures. They look adorable!

Conferences & Spring Assessment

Our spring assessments will be sent home on Thursday, May 4th for our three year olds and Friday, May 5th for our four year olds. Our conferences will be held the next week. This is an opportunity to review your child's progress this year and bridge for the upcoming year! Sign ups are posted outside each room!

Monday, May 8th Mary Ellen

Tuesday, May 9th

Miss Theresa Threes

& Miss Michele Threes

Wednesday, May 10th

Miss Patsy

Thursday, May 11th

Miss Meg

Friday, May 12th Miss Theresa



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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.



Thank You!

In case I missed anyone this year! Thank you for your donation and time to our school community! We truly could not do this without our families!

Ice Cream Social for New Students!

New this year! We are hosting an ice cream social for our new students and their families on Thursday, May 11th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.!

Next Year!



Students who are returning in the Fall 2017 have a June 2017 tuition payment due by June 1, 2017. This information will be sent home in the May 1st packet with your child's placement. If you have any questions, please feel free to see me. You will receive a letter in August with your child's teacher name and classroom location. If you have any questions, please feel free to see me!

Save the date!!!!!!!

Three Year Old Sundae Party

Thursday, June 8th 10:30 a.m.

- *Last day of school for threes
- *All students attend in a.m. with arrival at 9:00 a.m. and dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

Four Year Old Graduation

Friday, June 19th 11:00 a.m. in church

- *Reception immediately following in the church hall.
- * All students attend in the a.m. with arrival at 9:00 a.m. with dismissal from the reception.