

STNS November 2016 Newsletter

November 1, 2016

ST. THERESE NURSERY SCHOOL

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34

Dear Families,

We are blessed and thankful for all of our children and families here at STNS! Our kid kitchen (pantry) located in the school foyer from last month is filled to the brim with non-perishable items. Thank you for donating and more importantly, teaching your child to give to others. It is very rewarding to watch the children place the items in the kid pantry and witness the joy they feel from helping others! We pray that this will become a way of life for them just as Jesus so desires for us to do!

Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the holiday season and with

Advent right around the corner, we will be joining together as a school family for a mass with our parish family on:



Sunday, December 11th

10:00 a.m. Mass

***Please meet in the church basement at 10:45 a.m. so we can gather to process in together as a school family!**

We will be lighting the Advent wreath on the altar as a school family! We encourage everyone to attend! There will be a small reception for our school and parish family immediately following at the

parish center. The classrooms will be open for children to share with their family and friends as well as our parishioners!

A new feature to our newsletter will be "Tips from the Classroom". Our staff will be sharing support for families at home that are quick and easy! Thank you for your support and as always we feel blessed that you have chosen us as the first stop on your child's learning journey!

Tips from the Classroom!

* The work in your child's tote bag is a springboard for further reinforcement! Take a few of these fleeting moments to review with your child by going over in a different color marker or crayon (rainbow coloring). Continue or expand upon with your own paper until they are secure in the concept!

Save the Date! Lady's Night Out & Shopping Extravaganza! Thursday, December 1st!



Our fundraising committee is pleased to announce the addition of a new event here at STNS! We will be holding a Lady's Night Out & Shopping Extravaganza on Thursday, December 1st

from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Il Monticello. A formal invite and ticket sales will begin next week! Wine and appetizers will be served! You are welcome to invite friends and family! We are currently looking for vendors that

would like to share their items for Christmas shopping or a beauty related service! See Michele if interested! We will send out a vendor form next week with the invite!

Important dates this month and sign ups outside the classroom!

- Sign up for conferences posted early November or call Michele to schedule you in!
 - School Pictures November 1st Three Year Olds & November 2nd Four Year Olds!
 - Bishop Pie orders due: Monday, November 7th
 - Pick up pies : Wednesday, November 16th
- Thanksgiving Feast: Friday, November 18th at NOON for Fours
- Thursday, November 17th at 10:30 a.m. for Threes
 - Send in donations of school supplies to be placed on tree in lobby for Trees of Hope for Ronald McDonald House by Thanksgiving!



Bishop Pie & Bread Fundraiser

Thank you to all of our families for their Bishop Orchard Fundraiser! The delivery of the pies will be on Wednesday, November 16th. We are asking all of our parents, both threes and fours, to pick up their orders on that day from 10:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. only! Pick up will be in the meeting room of the nursery school. Please try to pick up your order prior to picking up your child at school.



Due to the sensitive nature of these products, they are frozen, all orders must be picked up at this time. Enjoy the delicious baked goods!

Pick up time:

Wednesday, November 16th
10:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

All parents must pick up on this day. Both threes and fours!

Final due date for orders:

Monday, November 7th!

Cold Weather!



Please be reminded that as the weather becomes colder, all students should bring a coat, hat, and mittens to school each day! We will be going outside as long as the weather is 32 degrees or above without a wind chill. Many of the students have similar coats, please be sure to label them with your child's name!

If we are going out in the snow, we will send home a note the day prior for hats, gloves, boots, and snow pants.

School Pictures with David Frost

School pictures will be taken by David Frost Photography on:

Tuesday, November 1st Threes

Wednesday, November 2nd Fours

Pictures are taken during the school day. An order form has been sent home via email! David is a wonderful photographer! The pic-

tures will be in for Christmas if you would like to use them for gifts. Please send in the order form on the day of pictures. If you have already sent in your order form, I have compiled them in my office and will distribute them to the photographer on that day.

Flu Shot Due

Just a reminder!!!!!!!!!!!! You must submit proof of the flu vaccination before you leave for Christmas break! This is a Department of Health requirement for all children in pre-school!



Veteran's Day



In honor of Veteran's Day, there will be no school on Friday, November 11th. The children of the nursery school will prepare for this day through stories as well as an art project that we will forward to the Veteran's Hospital in West Haven. In the month of Feb-

ruary we also honor the veterans with "Valentines for Veterans". The children make beautiful Valentine decorations which are hung in the hallways and rooms of the hospital.

If you have a veteran in your family or circle of friends,

please ask them if they would like to come in and visit a classroom and share how they have helped our country! Preserving our patriotism through our young children is insurance for our future!

Thanksgiving Feasts



The feast will now take place the week prior to Thanksgiving. The feasts are listed on the dates listed below and all day students will now remain in school until the end of their scheduled day.

We have also decided to center the feast around student created food and presentations! This year the children will be making all of the food and presenting a new and unique presentation! As a result, all our families (2 guests per a child) need to do is attend and share in this event and how thankful we all are! We will not be serving our traditional luncheon feast. We will be serving corn bread, relish, and butter made by the children.

Three Year Olds: 10:30 a.m. on

Thursday, November 17th

*11:30 a.m. pick up students will be dismissed from the feast at 11:30.

*12:30 p.m. Pick up students will return to the classroom for lunch and a regular pick up.

*Miss Theresa's p.m. class will attend in the a.m. on this day.

Four Year Olds: Noon on

Friday, November 18th

- 11:30 a.m. And 12:30 p.m. Pick up students will remain in school and be brought over to the feast at noon with dismissal from the feast.

- All day students will return to their classroom after the feast with a regular dismissal at 3:00 p.m. They will eat

lunch upon their return to the classroom after the feast.

- Five day students will also remain for the entire school day. Please see your individual notice for the feast day for your child.

*Formal invitations will be sent home shortly noting two guests per a child due to space in the hall!

Parents who signed up on the Time and Talent to assist with set up will receive a notice reminding them to arrive for set-up immediately following the drop off of their child at 9:00 a.m. Clean-up parents will also receive a notice for clean up immediately following the feast.

Fall Conferences & Assessments



We will be holding conferences the first week in December. The teachers have used the first few months to acclimate to the children and find a baseline of their knowledge. This assessment covers benchmarks as we have instructed while allowing parents to receive a parent friendly version. You will receive the

assessments the week prior.

You will be able to sign up outside your child's classroom. Conferences are 20 minutes in duration. If you are unable to fill in a conference time because you do not drop off or pick up, please call me and I will let you know the times available and will schedule it for you.

Conference Schedule:

Monday, December 5th Miss Mary Ellen Fours
 Tuesday, December 6th Miss Michele Threes
 Wednesday, December 7th Miss Patsy Fours
 Thursday, December 8th Meg & Theresa Threes
 Friday, December 9th Miss Theresa Fours

November Service Project



Half Day Fours

Each year we participate in the Ronald McDonald House "Trees of Hope" service project. Our theme for our Christmas tree is our mission, "Learning is a journey, not a destination." The children make ornaments for the tree and we ask our families to donate school type items such as glue sticks, crayons, markers, books, coloring books, and craft items to hang on the tree. The

tree is in our foyer for collection and then transferred to the Maritime Center on Long Wharf for display on Thanksgiving weekend. More information on the dates to visit our tree and a request for assistance will be sent home in the December newsletter! **If you have a tree to donate! see Michele!**

On the day before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 23rd all four year old a.m. students and all day students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Classes will resume on Monday, November 28th. Enjoy the holiday weekend with family and friends!

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Learning is a journey, not a destination!



Just a reminder!

Ray of Sunshine basket donations due by November 18th! I would like to present it to the family for Thanksgiving! Thank you for your support!

Our History *St. Therese Nursery School was established on October 30, 2000. We began with two classrooms, thirty students, and four 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*



Snow Policy

Inclement weather will be arriving soon! You will find a copy of our snow policy on the school calendar.

Snow Policy

Please watch [Channel 8 News](#) on the bottom of the screen for: St. Therese Nursery School/North Haven for the following messages. I have described what the message means with regard to times at our school.

Closed: No School

No a.m. pre-k: No 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. class or lunch bunch or early drop off.

***All day students arrive at 11:30 a.m. with their lunch**

- 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. students arrive at

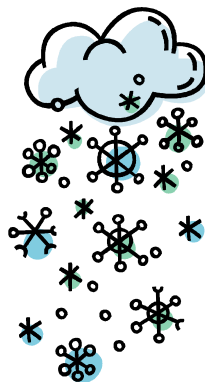
12:30 p.m. as regularly scheduled.

Early Dismissal: 11:30 a.m. dismissal of all students

*No p.m. class

*No lunch bunch

*You will be called by the school if there is an early dismissal



Hand Washing!

Last but certainly not least! As the cold weather approaches so do colds! The first and most preventative way to avoid this is hand washing! We wash our hands before every meal and every time someone coughs or sneezes! We are also reminding our friends to wash for at least two minutes to eradicate any germs! Please reinforce this at home as well as sneezing into your arm! Please be reminded that if your child is sick and you keep them home, to call the school with their absence and their illness. We keep track of the type in each classroom. Thank you!