

St. Therese Nursery

School October Newsletter



OCTOBER 2016

Prayer to
St. Therese of
the Child Jesus

God, Our Father,
You promised
Your Kingdom

To the little ones
And the humble
of heart

Give us the grace
To walk confi-
dently in the way

Of St. Therese of
the Child Jesus
So that helped by
her prayers,

We may see Your
glory

And share in
Your Kingdom.

IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS!

*Friday, Oct. 7th
Four Year Old
Field Trip
*1:00 p.m.
Rose's Orchard

* October Tuition
due by the first of
the month. Please
place in the box in
the nursery hallway.

Fall Festival
Sat. Oct. 22nd!
11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Halloween Parades!
Oct. 27th 11:00 a.m.
Three Year Olds!
Oct. 28th Noon
Four year olds!

St. Therese, Our Patron

During the month
of October we honor our
patron saint, St. Therese.

As our children enter each
day they are greeted by
our patron saint in our
school foyer. St. Therese
of Lisieux had faith in our
Lord and served him from
a young age. As you enter
the building each day or
exit, be sure to point out
St. Therese in our foyer
and how she is holding
roses. The sign that your
petitions to St. Therese

have been heard is that
you will see roses.

As always, the
children will make flowers
to present to St. Therese
here in our school as well
as at church. The four
year olds visit the church
and take a tour of the
stained glass windows of
her life. In addition, this
year the children will also
cut and color rose petals
for you to write a petition
prayer on to keep or place
in the petition box.

Our patron saint is
the saint of missions. She
inspires us and our children
to help others in need. You
will soon see a kid's kitchen
in our foyer for our October
service project of "Fill the
Pantry". How moving to
see our young children en-
tering each day with canned
goods and placing them in
the country for others!
Thank you in advance for
sharing your faith and devo-
tion!

In God's Peace,

Miss Michele & the Staff of
St. Therese Nursery School

Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 22nd 11a.m.-3 p.m.

Our Fall Festival
committee has been very busy
planning this fun filled day
for our school community! I
have already forwarded a
copy of our first meeting
notes to our families. Please
feel free to attend and share
your ideas! Again, if you are
not able to attend, please see
me or send an email with
your input! Areas of assis-
tance are always highlighted
in yellow! You are welcome
to invite family and friends.

The wristband need only be
purchased for children!
Parents and adults ride the
hay wagon for free! I will
send home an envelope with
the wristbands in your
child's backpack after you
order!

Sign ups for do-
nations will be placed
outside of each class-
room. In addition sign
ups will be posted for
classroom theme bas-

kets. We are excited to announce
that J. Roos will have a food tent
with fried dough, hot dogs, ham-
burgers, chicken fingers, and much
more! Pray for good weather!

*Want to help bake cookies with
the children for the festival or make
baskets! Look for the sign up or
email me!

*If you know of anyone that is a
vendor and would like to rent a ta-
ble for the festival, please see me for
a registration form

* Form attached to email!

Halloween Parades & Blessings!

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Four year Olds:
Friday,
October 28th Noon!

Three Year Olds:
Thursday,
October 27th
11:00 a.m.

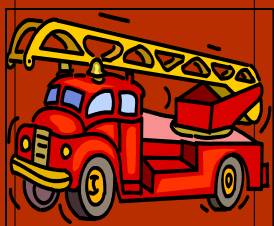
In celebration of All Saint's Day and Halloween, the nursery school children will be involved in Halloween parades and blessings. The three year old parade will be held on Thursday, October 27th at 11:00 a.m. and the four year old parade will be held on Friday, October 28th at noon! All day students will return to class and remain all day on this day. If your child is an 11:30 or 12:30 pick up they will be dismissed after the parade. All day students will eat lunch in school on this day and lunch bunch will eat at home as the party and parade will proceed their dismissal. Miss Theresa's three year old p.m. class will come to school at 11:00 a.m. to join in the party and parade. Each class will have a small Halloween party. Parent helpers

will be chosen from the Time and Talent form. If you are not chosen for Halloween, please be assured you will be chosen for another celebration throughout the year. We try to make it as equitable as possible with regards to our volunteers. Sign ups for Halloween party donations will be posted outside of each classroom. Please remember that we are a peanut/tree nut free school when selecting your item to send in.

You may invite as many friends and families as you like to the Halloween parade and blessing. Please wait in front of the fence for the parade. There will be a line for friends and family to stand

behind for the parade. For safety reasons, on the parent volunteers will be in school. The classes will parade around the front of the school and will be blessed for a safe and happy evening! Safety is of our utmost concern and for this reason we will be blessing the children in front of school with our families remaining behind the line. Please understand that this is the first time that many of our children will encounter an experience where there are so many adults gathered. This is a developmental milestone and we focus on making all of the children feel comfortable in this new situation. The main goal of the staff is to ensure the safety and comfort level of our students. To our staff, many of the faces in the crowd are unfamiliar.

Costumes are to be sent to school with each part labeled in one big bag. The teachers and parent volunteers will assist the children in dressing. Please try to avoid any scary masks and fancy shoes as they impede walking.



Fire Engine Visit for Fire Safety Month!

October is also fire prevention and awareness month! The children will be reading books and discussing fire safety in their classroom! Please discuss a fire exit plan for your family and practice this life saving technique.

Each family should also have a meeting spot outside their home. My children and I chose the big tree in our front yard as our meeting point. The North Haven fire department will visit our school as a culmi-

nating activity on the following dates:

Tuesday, October 11th Threes

Wednesday, October 12th Fours

If your child attends a p.m. three year old class, they may attend the visit with a parent on those days!



Service Projects Fill the Pantry!

Each month we try to incorporate a service project into our curriculum. To kick off the year we will be helping fill a food pantry for an inner city program called Samaritan Services. Many of you may be familiar with this program as our parish has a collection bin in the church

hall for non-perishable items. Please have your child fill the kid size pantry in our lobby!

In November you will notice a Christmas Tree in our foyer! Have no worries, we are not trying to push ahead for a holiday!

We will be collecting items

that are learning related for our Tree of Hope for Ronald McDonald House. Additional information will be provided in the November newsletter. However, if you see some good sales now on school items, you can save them for our tree, Learning is a Journey, not a destination!

Just a few reminders!

As we progress into the school year just a few reminders to our new routines:

*Please remember to sign your child in and out each day as this is the manifest in case of an emergency.

*Please be sure to cut up any fruit (except bananas) if you are sending them in for lunch per our state mandate.

*If your child is out sick, please leave a message on the school machine or an email so we can notify the teacher of their illness. Thank you!



Bishop Pie/ Bread Thanksgiving

Orders!

Enjoy a fresh baked local pie or bread!
Order forms will be sent home soon!

Orders Due: Halloween!

Pick up your order: Wednesday, Nov. 16th



Flu Shot/Temporary Medications

The State of CT Department of Public Health requires all children in early childhood programs to be immunized with the flu vaccine by December 31, 2016. I will need a copy of verification that your child has re-

ceived this vaccination. If you choose not to have your child receive this vaccination, a letter of medical or religious exemption must be provided. Please see me with any questions. Thank you!

Many times our children are on a temporary medication for an infection or other matter. In order to ensure the safety of our students, please submit a note or request a temporary medication form stating the type of medication, dosage, and duration of administration. You may also email this information. In the event of an emergency, we would want to provide this with medical personnel.

Playgroup!

In an effort for younger children to acclimate to the early childhood setting, we offer a playgroup for children ages two to four that are not currently in an early childhood program. The playgroup is facilitated by myself and a

teacher assistant. Parents or grandparents remain with the children during the playgroup. The session is set up as a typical day in a preschool classroom with art activities, center activities, indoor and outdoor play! If you are interested or know of someone who would be, please have them contact the nursery school for registration.

I have also attached a copy of the Playgroup Registration to this email for any of our siblings or if you have a friend or family member that is interested!

Playgroup schedule October:

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 11th

Tuesday, October 25th

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Learning is a journey, not a destination!

**Be sure to like us on
Facebook!!!!**

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 students

We believe learning is a journey, not a destination!

Dates to keep in mind!

Columbus Day!

Reminder! There is no school on **Monday, October 10th** in honor of Columbus Day!

School Advent Mass!

Sunday, December 11th

More details to follow in next month's newsletter!



School Pictures!

We will be holding school pictures by David Frost on the following dates:

Three Year Olds:

Tuesday, November 1st

Four Year Olds:

Wednesday, November 2nd

The pictures are in before the holidays!



A BIG THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you to Miss Rachel and her family for the donation of our new playhouse on our playground! We have a mini mansion!

The children love the new addition!



Picture Posts!

Just a reminder to our families, in this social media world we are all posting pictures of events in our lives! As we begin a series of school events that invariably will be captured on film, just a reminder that when taking pictures of your children, be mindful of other children in the pictures. Some families prefer that their children not be posted on social media websites. Thank you for your assistance in this delicate matter.