

# St. Therese Nursery School September 2016 Newsletter



**SAINT THERESE**  
*Nursery School*

## Fantastic Start to Year 16!

Dear  
STNS  
Families,

Welcome back! We had a fantastic transition to the school year! With this being the first time for school or even a new classroom, both our students and parents adjusted with ease! Every day should be so exciting! We pray that the entire school year will be blessed with health and happiness!

Over the summer months I had an opportunity to read the gift of an ordinary day, A Mother's Memoir by Katrina Kenison. She is also the author of Mitten Strings for God. Each and every day we race to make this day better than the day before. We are busy posting and positioning for the ideal. Katrina Kenison brings all of that into focus with

her premise of enjoying an ordinary day! As I was reading I folded back the pages that pulled at my heart strings. Ironically, one of the pages held a quote from Mother Teresa, now canonized as Saint Teresa of Calcutta. "It is easy to love the people far way. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone . . . In our own home. Bring love into your home, for this is where our love for each other must start." Katrina goes on to explain how she tied this into her own home,

"Peace, tolerance, patience, and understanding will have to grow and be nurtured here first, if ever any of us are to carry peace and compassion out into the world beyond our door." I took away from this how can I integrate this into my little family and how we can integrate this into our school. If we set the tone at home and school we can carry on the mission of our patron Saint Therese of Lizeux and that of our modern day Saint Therese of Calcutta. Practice peace, tolerance, and understanding every day and what a wonderful world this would be!

In God's Peace,  
Miss Michele & the  
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## STNS Playgroup!

If you have a younger sibling or have friends with children ages two through five that do not attend an early childhood program, we offer a playgroup twice a

month here at STNS. Under the direction of Miss Michele and a teacher assistant, we walk through the routine of an early childhood classroom with a focus on transitions,

directions, and play interaction. If you are interested in registering for playgroup, a packet is attached to this email. Please feel free to see Miss Michele with any questions!

## Time and Talent! How can you help?

Each year we ask our families to help in a way that fits their time and talent! You may be able to help on a committee, in a classroom, for a school event, or even something at home! Everyone has a talent to share! In the past we have had a mom who was an x ray technician share x rays, a nurse share about working at the hospital, a dad share his tow truck, a tile layer brought in broken tile pieces to make mosaic art, and

even a mom who was in a German dancing troop! One grandmother came in and cooked with the students!

*Please note that if you sign up to help in the classroom for a holiday event, we try to be equitable by splitting up the holidays between parents. For example, if you are chosen as a parent helper for Halloween, another set of parents will help with Valentine's Day.*

Please return the forms sent home regarding this by the end of September!

Save the date:

First Fundraising

Meeting:

Monday, Sept. 19th

9:30 a.m.

\*Plan for Mom's Night Out and Fall Festival!



## Signing your child in and out each day!



Safety is of our utmost concern. Our sign in and sign out logs outside each classroom door serve as our manifest in the event of an emergency. Please remember to sign your child in and out each day. If another person is dropping or picking up your child, please remind them of this procedure. During our fire drills and in the case of an emergency, the log travels with the teacher to our designated meeting spot. This is also a requirement of the State of Connecticut Day Care Licensing Division.

Our school hours are as follows:

8:00 a.m. Early Drop Off

M/W/F only

**\*These students are dropped off at Miss Patsy (Classroom A) side door to ensure entrance directly to the early drop off classroom.**

8:55 a.m. Opening

**The foyer will be open for families to wait until 8:55 a.m. when the Director will open the door to the nursery hall way. Each morning the staff gathers to review the events of the day and morning prayer.**

11:25 a.m. End of a.m. session

12:25 p.m. Beginning of p.m. session/End of lunch bunch

2:55 p.m. End of p.m. and all day classes.

We open the doors five minutes ahead to allow parents to travel to work and other commitments. The doors remain locked after each arrival and the Director remains in the foyer. Please be cognizant of arriving on time for arrival and dismissal. Please remember that pick up after 3:05 p.m. is considered late. Each family is allowed one late pick up. After this time, a fee of \$5.00 each five minutes will be applied to your tuition. We realize that emergencies do arise. Please phone the school to let us know if this occurs so that we can reassure your child of your arrival time. The teacher and the Director will remain with your child if this occurs. Thank you in advance for your assistance!



## Save the Date: STNS Fall Festival Saturday, October 22nd!



For the past few years we have been holding a fall festival on the back lawn of the school on a Saturday in October. This event has transformed into quite a day for all ages! We have a hayride, pumpkin patch, bouncy house, food vendor, shopping vendors, apple and pumpkin donuts, and much

more! This is an enormous task that can not be done without help from our families! If you are interested in helping, please attend the first planning meeting on: Monday, Sept. 19th!

9:30 a.m.

\*If you can't attend the meeting but would like to help even on the day of, please let me know!!!!!!

## Art & Yoga at STNS!

\*Miss Nicole will be returning as our art teacher twice a month for both our three and four year olds! Art class correlates to our themes and the children look forward to the creative expression!

**\*New this Year! Yoga!**

**Our four year olds will be having movement and breathing exercises with Miss Shannon, Colby's mom twice a month! This was a spring board from Shannon sharing this time and talent last year with her son's class! Thank you!**



## 9/11 Remembrance

In remembrance of the tragic events that occurred fifteen years ago, the children in our four year old program gathered in prayer to our country and to recite the pledge of allegiance. Standing around our nation's flag in the circle on our front walkway, each child held a small flag as we recite our prayers and song. Our focus to the children is that this is a time to be proud

of our country and those who serve to protect us whether it be the military, fire, or police department.

Fifteen years ago we were on our third day of three year old classes when our world turned upside down. We remained open and families gathered in the meeting room to watch the day progress and pray for those souls taken and those injured. Our children made red,

white, and blue pins that were sold to our families and parish to raise funds for those in need. We also made a handprint American flag that the North Haven Fire Department displayed in their front window.

Please do not forget this day or the men and women who lost our lives for our freedom!

## School Telephone Book



Shortly you will receive our STNS school telephone book in your child's tote bag. This is a wonderful tool for both you and your

child to make new friendships! We always encourage families to choose a neutral meeting place such as the park or library. Social interaction is key during early childhood and play dates only

reinforce the strategies the children are exposed to in school. Please note that some families for personal reasons have chosen not to list their information in our telephone book.

I will be checking a proof with every parent for correct numbers. If you would prefer your cell phone, please let me know!

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### Our History

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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.

## Four Year Old Field Trip! Save the date!

The four year olds will be going on a field trip to Rose's Orchard on

Friday, October 7th

1:00 p.m.

\*Rain date:

Monday, October 10th

\*Anyone attending on Fridays will attend the field trip. More information will be sent home and every child is accompanied by an adult who will pick up the child at school and meet us at Rose's Orchard for the trip! Pray for good weather!

