

St. Theresa School News

Celebrating 58 Years of Excellence

ST. THERESA SCHOOL PTA

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2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

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Statement of Mission

St. Theresa of Avila School is rooted in the Catholic tradition and serves students of diverse population. In a Christ-Centered and nurturing environment, we strive to instill in our students the confidence that will empower them, as informed and compassionate individuals, to effect change in our world. Consistent with our Gospel values, we are committed to the education and formation of the whole person.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

Virtue of the month: SINCERITY

During the month of March, we have been working on **COMPASSION** . . . and practicing it. This month let us work together in school and at home to show **SINCERITY** to each other.

We have all heard the expressions: "He's as honest as the day is long" or "I'd trust her with my life" or "He practices what he preaches". These expressions are describing people whose actions show their sincerity, their honesty, their trustworthiness, and their faithfulness in their everyday lives. They are *the real thing!* They are real heroes. They are real super stars. By practicing **SINCERITY** in our everyday lives, we too can be heroes and super stars.

PARKING LOT TRAFFIC

Please remember when dropping children off in the morning, if you park to drop off, please *remain in the parking space* until all the drop-off lane traffic has gone through the yard.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS

We congratulate St. Theresa School teachers for their years of quality education, the students for their cooperative learning and the parents for their support. To our students who choose to continue their education at St. Theresa School, we look forward to creating new and exciting programs for you.

To the many students who have been accepted to Roxbury Latin, Boston Latin School, Latin Academy, Catholic Memorial, Ursuline, Mt. Alvernia, Xaverian, and St. Sebastian, we extend our congratulations. May you continue to work with the spirit, motivation and quality education that you have received at St. Theresa School in your future endeavors.

SCHOOL'S BIGGEST FUNDRAISER!!

This year again, we are doing a raffle in which you can get a chance to win \$10,000 or some other great prizes and a separate chance to win a free year's tuition. **WE NEED ALL FAMILIES'** participation in this fundraiser. No cash surrender value on tuition win. No child's name on lottery ticket, only Family name. Tuition is transferable to a child attending St. Theresa School for the academic year 2008-2009 K2- Grade 8.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT!!

*** Mark your calendar for May 17th, 2008 for St. Theresa's Cocktail Party at the Local 550 Sprinkler Fitters Union Hall, 46 Rockland Street, West Roxbury. Join us for a night of fun and excitement of the live \$10,000 drawing. Stayed tuned for more updates on what plans to be a great night out!!! Book your babysitters now!!

KARAOKE NIGHT

The night was a huge success. Everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you to all who participated.

ST. THERESA CHURCH ORNAMENT

With First Communions, and Confirmations, quickly approaching, the PTA would like to remind you that we are offering for purchase a very attractive, hand-painted

ceramic ornament of St. Theresa Church. This ornament will make a nice remembrance and keepsake of your child's special moments. For additional information, please contact Anne Remmes at (617) 323-3826.

ARRIVAL TIME

Arrival time is 7:45 a.m. We have added 20 minutes to our day in order to begin our summer vacation on time.

School begins at 7:55 a.m. If children are not in their seats at 7:55 a.m. they are tardy. Please plan time in the morning so children are on time and ready to start their day.

RECYCLE

Did you know that you can recycle newspaper, magazines, shopping catalogs office and school papers and mail, 24 hours a day 7 days a week at our school. It's that easy Recycle your paper every week and help us raise money for projects like playgrounds, books and other worthwhile activities. The paper Retriever is located in the school parking lot, just send it in or drop it off. Please remember that there is no PLASTIC, GLASS, METAL, or TRASH to be put in, just paper. Not only does this help our school but, it makes the world a better place for our children.

PARKING LOT MONITORS/YARD VOLUNTEERS

Parking Lot Monitors are needed. If you are available to volunteer please contact the school office. Remember to please mark your calendar with the dates you have volunteered to help during the month of April. As always, your dedication is very much appreciated.

YARD DUTY

Now that the nice weather is upon us, there is a need for some parents to come help out at recess. We have a lot of equipment for the children but there is a need of some supervision. It's a nice way to see your children and their friends. Please, if you have completed a CORI and have done the Protecting God's Children come down and help the children enjoy the nice weather.

MORE ABOUT PARKING!

Our system for parking for afternoon pickup is really working well! We appreciate everyone's cooperation. This system has eliminated the backup onto Landseer Street. We would like to thank all our volunteers who gave their time to make this run so smoothly. When you are pulling into the lot, if you are the first car in the lines, please pull all the way down so that we may maximize the number of cars in a row. Also, if you are making the decision on whether to be the last car in a row, please make sure that there is ample room behind your vehicle so that the priests and anyone doing business at the rectory are not blocked in. Occasionally there may be a few cars in the lot, but if we continue to make rows around these cars, we should be able to accommodate all. Hopefully, our system has eliminated the need to arrive in the parking lot prior to 2:00 pm! Thank you again for your cooperation. Please do not exit the parking lot via Landseer Terrace. Some people are parking in the handicap spots and going right out through Landseer Terrace.

READ -A -THON 2008

As you know, we've launched our 2008 Read-a-thon. This special event, which benefits our Technology Fund, continues until April 28. We ask you to encourage your children to read as many books as possible and to obtain as many sponsors as possible. Sponsor sheets will be returned to you on April 28 so that the children can collect their pledge money. Please do not send in money until April 28th and please remember to make checks payable to St. Theresa Technology Fund.

Children, take advantage of your week long April break to read piles of books. Parents, thank you in advance for your support and for encouraging your children to READ, READ, READ!

SHAW'S RECEIPT REWARDS PROGRAM

The Shaw's Supermarket chain has developed a program that can help us raise money for our school. School families, parishioners, and friends save and send in their original Shaw's and Star market register receipts to school. Kathy Mullins, will submit the receipts and Shaw's will rebate 1% of eligible purchases. This could result in thousands of much needed funds for St. Theresa School. Only

original register receipts will be accepted. Please participate in this program and encourage your friends and family to do the same. Thank you .

TUITION/ BOOKS & SUPPLIES FEE

Due to a change in how the school is billed for supplies, we must receive the Books & Supplies fee in the amount of \$250 per child by May 1, 2008. This fee is in addition to the \$100.00 re-registration fee also due May 1st.

On April 2 Grades 1-7 will receive a Tuition Management Plan to be completed to re-register your child for the 2008-2009 school year. Please return it with the above mentioned fees by May 1, 2008. Any balance due for the 2007-2008 school year must be paid in full by April 1, 2008. Thank you for your cooperation.

MOTHER DAUGHTER TEA

The Mother/Daughter Tea took place on March 30,2008 from 1-3 p.m. at Monsignor Donahue Hall. All the latest styles from Milan were showcased by soon to be famous supermodels of St. Theresa's. Delicious finger sandwiches, delicate desserts and hot, freshly brewed tea were served. This is always a wonderful afternoon to cherish with your daughter(s), granddaughter(s) or niece(s). Thanks to Jennifer Birch and Michelle Sanders for running this special event.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The purpose of the program is to alert everyone who has any kind of contact with children and young people about the steps we should all take to protect them from any kind of sexual abuse and dangers of other kinds. There is a heavy emphasis in the program about the warning signs, which can alert people to the danger that something harmful to children or young people might be happening. If you are a new volunteer in our school, you must participate in this program and complete a CORI before working with the children.

UNIFORMS

Order forms for next year's uniforms will be sent home with your children. Please order the appropriate uniforms for your child(ren) by June 30. Please note: The girls in Grades 6, 7 & 8 wear a v-neck gray pullover sweater or for the warmer weather, a gray v-neck sweater vest. Uniform lengths should be at the top of the knee.

Uniforms may also be ordered online at www.ibedwarduniforms.com. St. Theresa's school code is 093. Uniform requirements can be accessed by either entering the school code or the school's zip code.

USED BOOK SALE

Is it time for your spring cleaning? Please don't throw away your used books. Send them into school for our Used Book Sale in May. Thank you.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We want to thank everyone who participated in our scholastic book fair at the end of January. It was a huge success! The fair total was \$8071.81. the profit for the school was \$3172.96. We used \$1,602.83 of the book profit to buy the series of Science and Technology Famous Americans, US Presidents, and the Series of Amazing Animals. The rest of the profit will be used to build up our DVD media center. We are very excited about our new purchases.

Thank you again,
Anne Ferzoco, Librarian

NSTAR CFI FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all families that participated in the NSTAR Lightbulb Fundraiser. We sold almost 1,200 Lightbulbs and made over \$4,000. This was a great way for families to begin save energy in their homes.

BOX TOPS

Thank you , Thank you, Thank you. This school year we have gone over our goal of \$2056.00 and have collected almost \$2500.00. We already have \$200 going toward our first payment next year as well ! Keep those Box Tops coming in !!

Please remember Box Tops should be on a collection sheet to be entered into the drawing. There are always extra sheets in the office, you can make your own, or you can print one off the website at www.boxtops4education.com .

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Thank you Dedham Savings Bank! Gerry Lavoie; the Vice President of Marketing spoke to grades 6th 7th & 8th regarding budgeting money, saving for college and how to manage their personal finances. We hope the students recognize that part of their success in the real world will depend on how well they manage their money.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 1	Final Tuition Payment Due
Wednesday, April 2	Tuition Management/Re-registration Forms go Home to Grades 1-7
Monday, April 14	N Star in house field trip in Gym
Thursday, April 17	WBZ weather visit- Grade 4
Friday, April 18	Grade 5 Science Fair
Week of April 21-25	<u>SPRING VACATION WEEK</u>
Monday, April 28	End of Read a Thon
Monday, April 28	Nutrition Program- in Gym
Thursday, May 1	Re-registration due for grades 1-7
Thursday, May 1	HOLY DAY__NO SCHOOL
Saturday, May 17	St. Theresa's Cocktail Party \$10,000 Raffle.