

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

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GREETINGS

Another great week, three days, has come and gone at St. Teresa School. A short week for the students is always a fun week. The weather certainly made it exciting as we had wet weather on Monday and winter returning for a short visit on Tuesday. It is nice to see that the forecast is for more spring weather over Easter Weekend. It will certainly make the weekend more enjoyable. Study and activities remain the primary focus here at school. On Monday, the teachers turned in their requests for the PTO Classroom Grants for 2014-2015. They will be reviewed at the April 28th PTO meeting. The Men's Club had their monthly meeting on Monday evening. As always they took care of business and had a good time. On Tuesday, the 2nd Graders and their parents had an enjoyable day as they celebrated "Dino" Day with a plethora of fun and educational activities. Dr. Schroeder's fossils, as always were a big hit. A special thanks goes to all of the parents that helped make the day a success. That same morning saw the 8th graders in attendance at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral. It is a very spiritual experience for all of them as they continue to prepare for Confirmation. The week wrapped up with an all school Mass and our Annual Talent Show on Wednesday. Mrs. Hampson also got buried in silly string by those students that had been the big contributors for the Hoops For Hearts Drive. They loved it. Academics, as always, remained the #1 priority. There were also four more tours this week by families considering bringing new students to St. Teresa. We have more scheduled for next week. Make certain that you get your registration in so that we will hold the spots for your children. With Easter almost upon us, the focus shifted to faith and family. This is such a wondrous time of the year for students, faculty, and families. What can be more important than the knowledge that we all have hope of salvation through the sacrifices and resurrection of Christ our Savior?

A HOLY WEEK PRAYER

*Of all of God's gifts
Easter shows us our fate
Forgiven we will rise
And pass through Heaven's gate*

*This Easter remember
The sacrifice of a Son
And through His resurrection
Eternal life we have won*

*This Easter I pray
That the love of God
Is resurrected
Reborn, renewed
Inside your heart
God Bless You!
~anonymous~*

A BUSY DAY

Wednesday was an unbelievably active end of the week and the start of Easter Break for students and staff alike. What a day! We started with the all School Mass. What a perfect way to close out the week prior to Easter. After Mass, the Student Council had a special treat for the smaller children. The younger students were brought from their classes by the Easter Bunny himself and they were then treated to an outdoor **Easter Egg Hunt**. They had a fun time, as did the Student Council Members. Do you know who that Easter Bunny was? We'll never tell! After lunch, students were entertained at our annual St. Teresa All-School Talent Show. There were over 20 different performances scheduled. As always, the students were outstanding. It makes no difference what their age. From the youngest to the oldest, they all put their hearts and souls into their performance. It was an entertaining assembly to close to the week.

THE ANNUAL FUND

The Annual Fund drive still continues to move forward. It is critical that everyone make an effort to help out. Any amount that can be donated is appreciated. We have collected about \$37,000 thus far. A minimum of \$55,000 is needed to meet our budget needs for the 2014-2015 school year. We need to collect much more. Do not wait until the last moment. The drive closes July 1, 2014. If you can give additionally, please consider doing so. Don't forget the letter that you received to make a Mother's Day dedication with a donation to the Annual Fund. What a nice gesture that would be, to have Mom or Grandma recognized on Mother's Day. Make sure you are included. We need your support. Let's think \$55,000+.

2014-2015 TUITION/REGISTRATION

There are still about half of our families that have not turned in their registration forms for next year. If your student did not bring home the registration and FACTS Tuition information, take a moment and check the newsletter to get another copy as well as the 2014-15 tuition information. Out of our 190+ families this year, we still have over 50 that have not re-registered for next year. That is a total of 78 students. Please take a moment and fill out your registration for next year. If you do not have the Technology/ Curriculum fee at this time, please turn in your paperwork anyway so that we can begin working on the scheduling and teacher assignments. We will work out arrangements for you to pay your fee sometime prior to the close of the school year. At the end of April the registration fee for the 1st child goes to \$275. That is only seven school days away. If for some reason you are not returning, please let us know as soon as possible. At this point we do know that a few families are relocating. If the tuition itself is a factor in terms of affording to continue at St. Teresa School, please go to the FACTS website and complete the Financial Aid section ASAP. Please contact me and we can discuss any issues. We need you to return!

EVERYTHING UNDER THE SUN

This year marks the seventh time St. Teresa sponsored a spring rummage sale. It was a smashing success. The sale was open to the public on Saturday morning April 12th. Many of you stepped forward and were counted. Your support and your help were much appreciated. The St. Vincent DePaul Society raised close to \$2,800. Nicely done.

GOOD NEWS

You might have noticed over the past two weeks that the Belleville News Democrat has had photos and stories related to the 2014 Young Women of Achievement Awards. We are pleased to report that two of the fifteen honorees are from the St. Teresa graduating class of 2010. Congratulations to Emily Furlow and Rachel Beyersdorfer. Emily is the daughter of Walt and Nancy Furlow and Rachel the daughter of Kevin and Valerie Beyersdorfer. Both of the ladies are seniors. Emily attends Belleville East and Rachel attends Althoff. We are very proud of them. We are also pleased to announce that two of our students from the STAA magazine drive are going to be recognized at the Cardinals game on April 30th. Both Katie Wemhoener and Audrey Beyersdorfer will be honored on the field prior to the start of the game in recognition of their sales performances. Nicely done ladies. The Student Council also recently received a letter of thanks from the Cancer Center in St. Louis recognizing them for the donations this past fall in the name of Mrs. Klaus. They were greatly appreciated. Way to go Student Council.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Last weekend marked the start of the spring track season. In a multi-team meet the 7th and 8th grade girls and boys both placed 1st. The 5th and 6th grade boys were 2nd and the girls were 3rd. What a great start of the season. Individual 1st place winners were.... Maine, Forhan, Leshikar, Monken (7-8 Grade Boys 4X 200 Relay), Jim Monken (long Jump/1600 Meters/400 Meters), Colin Forhan (High Jump), Claire Furlow (Discus), Sophie Monken (400 Meters), Lauren Cerbin (Long Jump), Patrick Hayden (Shot Put/Discus). Congratulations to the entire team and their coaches on such a fine start to their season. Registration for team play in 2014 and 2015 will soon begin and please don't forget to place the Sports Award Dinner on your calendar for May.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 17-21	- Easter Break	April 27	- BYOB Band/Recorder Concert
April 22	- Classes Resume		Confirmation Mini-Retreat
April 23	- Secretary's Day	April 28	- PTO Meeting
April 24	- Confirmation Retreat @ King's House	April 29	- Pastoral Council
April 25	- Field Day		Shakespeare Presentation
	Bee Bop and Boogie		"Chalk for Children Contest"
	Mid-Term 4 th Quarter	April 30	- STAA Cardinal Game

CLOSING

You probably thought that since this was a short week that the newsletter would be rather brief. That is not how life evolves at St. Teresa School. It is a happening place. We hope that you spend some family time discussing your faith during Holy Week and Easter. Try to place the Triduum services on your calendar. Msgr. David would love to see you there. It should be quality family time. Have an enjoyable Easter Break. Enjoy your time away. It has been a great week and we hope for more of the same next week when we return.