

January 26, 2010

Dear Parents,

**Mass:** Please join us for our 8:30 student Mass tomorrow, Wednesday, planned by Ms. Murray and the eighth graders of Room 16. Your prayer presence is very important to us.

**Catholic Schools Week Mass:** Reminder of our Mass next Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> celebrating our first-ever Grandparents' Day. Mass is scheduled for 8:30 but will start when all are in church. Parents are asked to sit in the back, not with their child, so as to allow the grandparents (or significant older adult) the quality time with their grandchild/ren. (No 8:30 am student Mass Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>.)

**Grandparents' Day:** We are so excited about our upcoming, first-ever Grandparents' Day, Monday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. We have had an overwhelming response and are welcoming any last minute registrations that may still come in. Grandparents (or significant older adults) are welcome to bring their grandchildren or are welcome to arrive about 8:10am. They should come to the Quad area very near the office. Grandparents will be ushered to the homeroom of the youngest grandchild. All siblings and cousins will meet in that homeroom so all can walk over to church together.

**Photographer Needed:** All Grandparents and grandchildren will have the opportunity to have their picture taken as a family. We could use one more photographer from approximately 10:15-11:45. If you can help out please contact Terry Finigian at [tjm.finigian@cox.net](mailto:tjm.finigian@cox.net).

**PTO Sponsored Guardian Angel Program:** Many of you are asking how you, too, can get involved in our Guardian Angel Program of providing prayers, food and support to any of our families in their time of need. If interested in finding out more about this program please contact Lori Satran at [lsatran@cox.net](mailto:lsatran@cox.net). Thank you for your interest and willingness to be of service to other STCS families.

**Open House: Reminder!** Please *extend an invitation to our February 7th, 10-1pm Open House to any families* you are aware of who may be interested in Catholic School for their child/ren. Information is in the St. Theresa Church bulletin as well as neighboring church bulletins (of those parishes that do not have their own schools) and many area preschools. **Word of mouth from you is more effective!** For more information contact Tracey Michelle Theisen, Director of Development, at [ttheisen@diocesephoenix.org](mailto:ttheisen@diocesephoenix.org)

**Re-Registration Forms:** There are still a few Preschool-Grade 7 re-registration forms/money outstanding. Mrs. Ferry has started the process of contacting all those that have not been returned. Please return yours immediately and save Mrs. Ferry the time. Questions? Contact Mrs. Ferry at [mferry@diocesephoenix.org](mailto:mferry@diocesephoenix.org).

**Second Quarter Awards:** Congratulations to the following who achieved special recognition awards for Second Quarter:

**First Honors for Second Quarter:** (A's in all core subjects, 3 or above in effort) **Mrs. Howe's Room:** Ethan Axelrod, Paul Cassidy, Ryan Chaffee, Chris Clawson, Paula Cota, Maya Dominguez, Ryan Gardner, Jackson Inabinet, Emily Mangone, Anthony Monkewicz, John Rogers, Alexa TenEyck, Hayley Trueman, Matthew Villanueva; **Mrs. Allen's Room:** Zach Beall, Hugh Campbell, Alexandra Encinas, Catherine Kempton, Grace Khan, Tucker Loftin, Katie O'Connor, Hayden Wolf; **Mr. Foudy's Room:** Michael Collins, Devin Douglas, Caroline White, Matthew Zacher; **Mrs. Dwyer's Room:** Gregory Abbott, Cecilia Forshey, Conor Hunt, Blaise Schaefer, Madeline Smith, Matthew Vaske; **Mrs. Beane's Room:** Siena Gruler, Abby Johnson, Cassidy McIntyre, Susan Peters, Andrew Scheidecker; **Mrs. Quintana's Room:** John Zacher; **Mrs. Woods' Room:** Paul Bullington, Abigail Hebert, Stefan Koester, Jack White; **Mrs. Mehr's Room:** McKenna Cassidy, Rebecca Gardner, Lexi Lafferty, Kristen Largay, Alex Nord; **Mrs. Griffin's Room:** Anne Marie Collins, Ellie Dries, Alex Greene, Michael Kempton, Nicole Ong, Michael Peay, Andrew Wingersky, Eddie Wintergalen; **Mrs. Schaff's Room:** Louis Campbell, Carly Lundahl, Kelly Murphy, Madison Wolf; **Ms. Murray's Room:** Nathan

Francois, Chase Harris, Valerie Jordan, Madeline Sargent; **Mrs. Drummey's Room:** Alex Maestas, Phillip Rapa. **Congratulations, students!**

**Second Honors for Second Quarter:** (All B's or better in all core subjects, 3 or above in effort) **Mrs. Howe's Room:** Shane Klemish, Ryan Schmidt, Jacob Simpson, AJ Tucker, Sadie Wintergalen, Riley Zook; **Mrs. Allen's Room:** Elizabeth Arnold, Owen Blake, Joey Bottini, Tommy Bullington, John Paul Byrne, Sebastain Diaz, Michael Finigian, Tim Keating, Alyssa Largay, Justine Marback; Jack Mehr, Louis Padilla, Anna Sebow, Taylor Tolson, Connor White, Madeline Young; **Mr. Foudy's Room:** Juan Aquilar, Emma Anthony, Alex Beall, Kiki Bullington, Kayla Christmann-Crowley, RC Dries, Hannah Hale, Carson Harris, Patrick Hunt, Andrew Jordan, Rebecca Jordan, Grace Koester, Erin Ong, Julia Raymond, Rylie Satran, Nolan Sanguine, Gabby Schorr, Caitlin Teefy, Ashten Wheeler, Emily Woodbury; **Mrs. Dwyer's Room:** Ellie Anthony, Ryan Austin, Janie Bullington, Grace Forshey, Emma Georgeoff, Jessica Heinstein, Madeline Hernandez, Cole Kurcz, Conlan Lafferty, Nikki Limber, Ethan Mena, Christian Quintero, Alejandro Robles, Hannah Viquesney; **Mrs. Beane's Room:** Jack Bullington, Julianna Castellanos, Katie Coury, Cole Crandell, Grant Dixon, John Fallin, Julia Jordan, Hunter Kotoske, Kate Loftus, Daniele Marrujo, Anthony Quintana, Grace Smith, Enrique Tejada, Patrick Wintergalen, Adam Ziccardi; **Mrs. Quintana's Room:** Maddie Campbell, Matt Clawson, Cassandra Contreras, Noah Contreras, Augie Diaz, Claire Folger, Matthew Kempton, Grant Loftin, Kately Macckey, Ava Ryan, Sara Sabow, Megan Schmidt, Jaquelyn Swartz, Hunter Trueman, Bella Ward, Emily Weigel, Chad Woods; **Mrs. Woods' Room:** Rita Barakat, Cassidy Clark, Harrison Cunningham, Makenzie Elick, Chanel El Sayegh, Kristina Felix, Megan Flaherty, Jenny Hunsaker, Victoria Jordan, Emma Krumwiede, Joe Matsock, Emily McQueen, Nina Merrill, Danny Mitchell, Elise Thompson, Dylan Turelli, Amber Vaske; **Mrs. Mehr's Room:** Stephanie Ashkuri, Jacob Austin, Kendall Barnes, Alec Dixon, Katelin Flaherty, Grace Ganz, Clare Griffin, Alice Hick, Riley Kaye, Ellie LaBarr, Dominique Lombard, Allison McQueen, Tino Peters, Connor Raymond, Harrison Ring, Caroline Satran, Isabella Schorr, Megan Sleeman, Tierney Turelli, Julia Valenzuela; **Mrs. Griffin's Room:** Connor Andreen, A.J. Bates, Joeline Donofrio, Connor Earnest, Peri Encinas, Becky Farag, Nick Garnica, Kate Hall, Colby Klemish, Mia Reza, Skylar Seminara, Logan Williams; **Mrs. Schaff's Room:** Haley Brown, Samantha Brown, Alexa Bruni, Katherine Cowdrey, Betsie Dries, Ian Hart, Madison Kerley, Dylan Lawless, Jack Seeger, Bobby Tucker, Lauren Weinberger, Adam White, Jacob Woodbury, Max Woods; **Ms. Murray's Room:** Shannon Bailey, Romano Bottini, Kellie Burke, Peter Campbell, Edgard Canjura, Kristine Clawson, Gabriela Contreras, David Dhaliwal, Ross Dodenhoff, Brooke Francis, Christopher Jordan, Francisco Leon, Kelsey McGee, Natalie Merrill, Madelyn Steckbeck, Camille Valenzuela; **Mrs. Drummey's Room:** Melisa Baykent, Kate Bullington, Molly Bullington, Will Edwards, Courtney Fournier, Wesley Ganz, William Hick, Jake Jorgenson, Robert King, Zach Kotoske, Sedona Urias-Ramonett, Catherine Zacher. **Congratulations, students!**

**St. Theresa Awards for Second Quarter:** (Given to two students per room who are/were respectful, generous with their time, are kind, are reverent, are good stewards of school and community) **Mrs. Nicol's Room:** Sophia Braccio, Jacob Coumides; **Mrs. Leeland's Room:** Jonathan Mena, Charlotte Wylie; **Mrs. Jordan's Room:** Arlette Gomez, Mac Mackey; **Mrs. DeBus' Room:** Addie Heckenliable, Joseph Sebastian; **Sister Ann's Room:** Reese Diethrich, Kaela Kinerk; **Mrs. Encinas' Room:** Hunter Gruler, Alexa Koss; **Mrs. McKitrick's Room:** Erika Hickey, Parker Smith; **Mrs. Howe's Room:** Paul Cassidy, Emily Mangone; **Mrs. Allen's Room:** Elizabeth Arnold, Louis Padilla; **Mr. Foudy's Room:** Michael Collins, Devin Douglas; **Mrs. Dwyer's Room:** Gregory Abbott, Cecilia Forshey; **Mrs. Beane's Room:** Kassidy McIntyre, Anthony Quintana; **Mrs. Quintana's Room:** Emily Weigel, John Zacher; **Mrs. Woods' Room:** Cassidy Clark, Harrison Cunningham; **Mrs. Mehr's Room:** Jacob Austin, Julia Valenzuela; **Mrs. Griffin's Room:** Peri Encinas, Eddie Wintergalen; **Mrs. Schaff's Room:** Betsie Dries, Adam White; **Ms. Murray's Room:** Edgard Canjura, Valerie Jordan; **Mrs. Drummey's Room:** Rachel Hart, Robert King. **Congratulations, students!**

**Principal's Effort Award for Second Quarter:** (Earned by students who received all ones/twos in effort.) **Mrs. DeBus' Room:** Jack Bennan, Serenity Bruning, Grace Koss, Jordan Nunez, Joseph Sebastian, Michael Shiaras, Mason Smith, Kasey Swartz, Quinn Tolson, Luca Wiesnewski, Jaxen Zook; **Sister Ann's Room:** Matthew Alire, Garrett Campbell, Riley Coleman, Joseph Coury, Reese Diethrich, Molly Griffin, Patricia Khan, Kaela Kinerk, Naveen Kumar, Ethan Leckey, Ella Maguire, Connor McGarey, Madison Miller, Trey Morris, Gabriel Padilla, Nicholas Pecora, Andy Salome, Aaron Scheidecker, Madeline Weiland, Griffin Winter, Henry Wylie, Mark Zacher; **Mrs. Encinas' Room:** Meghan Abbot, Ryan Coury, Julia Cuen, Hunter Gruler, Karrina Heinstein, Alexa Koss, Allison Tichavsky, Megan Zacher; **Mrs. McKitrick's Room:** Spencer Abraham, Zavier Bustos, Nicholas Coumides, Marissa DeLouise, Dylan Foudy, Hannah Goodman, Zoe Harrison, Elena Hernandez, Erika Hickey, Dylan McCardell, Paige Pearson, Adiana Rivera, Samantha Sandoval, Vayda Sarpy, Madeline Schafer, Nicole Steffens, Nicholas Thompson, Madelin Tucker; **Mrs. Howe's Room:** Ethan Axelrod, Paul Cassidy, Ryan Chaffee, Chris Clawson, Paula Cota, Maya Dominguez, Ryan Gardner, Jackson Inabinet, Emily Mangone, Anthony Monkewicz, John Rogers, Alexa TenEyck, Hayley Trueman, Matthew Villanueva, Riley Zook; **Mrs. Allen's Room:** Elizabeth Arnold, Zach Beall, John Paul Byrne, Alexandra Encinas, Micheal Finigian, Catherine Kempton, Grace Khan, Tucker Loftin, Jack Mehr, Katie O'Connor, Anna Sebow, Connor White, Hayden Wolf, Madeline Young; **Mr. Foudy's Room:** Alex Beall, Michael Collins, Devin Douglas, RC Dries, Andrew Jordan, Caroline White, Matthew Zacher; **Mrs. Dwyer's Room:** Gregory Abbott, Ellie Anthony, Ryan Austin, Janie Bullington, Cecilia Forshey, Jessica Heinstein, Conor Hunt, Nikki Limber, Ethan Mena, Blaise Schaefer, Madeline Smith, Matthew Vaske, Hannah Viquesney; **Mrs.**

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**Congratulations, students!**

**Bronco Award for Second Quarter:** (Names of students who have not completed a student action plan, have not had any unexcused tardies, unexcused absences or unexcused early releases and who have honored the dress code. Many names were put in the grade level bag by the homeroom teacher. The following are the names drawn out of each grade level bag.) **Kindergarten:** Charlotte Wylie, **Grade One:** Trey Morris, **Grade Two:** Paige Pearson, **Grade Three:** Grace Khan, **Grade Four:** Michael Collins, **Grade Five:** Chad Woods, **Grade Six:** Cassidy Clark, **Grade Seven:** Tory Yahraus, **Grade Eight:** Sedona Urias-Ramonett. **Congratulations, students!**

**Walk-a-Thon:** It's time to **Follow the Yellow Brick Road** to wellness and student/parent participation at our first-ever **STCS Walk-a-Thon**. This exciting event will take place next Tuesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, during Catholic Schools Week. Students and their partners will walk during the school day for about 20 minutes around the perimeter of the baseball field. Money donations can/will be collected by students. Our goal is for every student to try and collect at least \$50.00 in pledges/money for STCS. This event will also kick-off our upcoming Spring Auction themed, "**Wizard of Oz: Follow the Yellow Brick Road**". Students have heard lots about the **Walk-a-Thon**.

This Friday, 28<sup>th</sup>, is the **Tinman's Heart Special!** Any child who brings their **Walk-a-Thon** pledge sheet with \$50.00 or more in pledges/money will be part of Friday's drawing. We will draw 3 names and these winners will get to lead the Cupid Shuffle at the end of the **Walk-a-Thon**. Any/every child who brings in \$50.00 or more will receive a free homework pass (some restrictions will apply). (The **Walk-a-Thon** replaces the Auction raffle.)

**Family Picnic Pizza Order:** Reminder of the opportunity to pre-order pizza/drink/dessert for your lunch at next Friday's Family Picnic. Enjoy a hot slice or two of pizza/drink/dessert and support the CIMI fundraiser. An **order form is attached**.

**Sports Uniforms (Gr. 5-8):** Sport uniforms, washed, in a baggie with your name on the baggie are due on the following dates:

- Softball: Due now
- Basketball (Gr. 5-6): January 28
- Basketball (Gr. 7-8): Due one week after your final game.

**Boys' Baseball Gr. 5):** Team placement for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade boys baseball will be Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1:30-3:30. There are no other baseball or basketball teams that will be having team placement. Questions? Contact Coach Kaye at [skaye@diocesephoenix.org](mailto:skaye@diocesephoenix.org)

**Looking for Stories:** Parents, CTODP is creating a newsletter to highlight families receiving CTODP funding and what this funding has meant to them. We would love to have a family from STCS highlighted. If you would like to submit your story, we would need a couple paragraphs (over 500 words) sharing how CTODP has helped you keep your children in Catholic education. We will also need a photo and can take that here on campus. For more information contact Tracey Michelle Theisen, Director of Development, at [ttheisen@diocesephoenix.org](mailto:ttheisen@diocesephoenix.org) or 602-840-0010 x 204.

**Health Screenings:** Volunteers! The Health Safari Van will be on campus Friday, March 12 to assist with our spring health screenings, which include heights, weights, blood pressures, and scoliosis exams. We will begin right after morning announcements (8:15am) and end for closing prayer, which is usually at 2:35pm. I scheduled the screenings over a 2-day period in the past, but we will attempt to do them in one day this year....so, it will be a busy day! If you are available to volunteer, please send me an e-mail to [ebretzke@diocesephoenix.org](mailto:ebretzke@diocesephoenix.org). Please let me know if you have any questions. Nurse Ellen

**Spring Musical:** The cast for **Beauty and the Beast Jr.** will be posted in the school office and on the bulletin board outside Mrs. Dwyer's Room on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:45pm.

**Got Paper?:** Did you know that we have a green and yellow Paper Retriever bin located at the southeast corner of the McMahan Center? Proceeds help support Student Council sponsored activities. PLEASE! Paper only, no shredded paper, cans, glass or trash. Also, our NJHS students have an on-going project of collecting soda can tabs. Your on-going contributions of paper and tabs are greatly appreciated.

**Website:** Have you checked out our school website, [www.stcs.us](http://www.stcs.us), lately? If not, you are missing an enormous amount of current information and pictures. Check out teacher links, too.

**Dress Code Reminder:** As stated in the School Handbook, only sweatshirts with the STCS monogram (or CIMI sweatshirts for Grades 7-8) are allowed on school campus. Teachers have noticed some students wearing non-regulation sweatshirts to school and out at recess. Also, some students need to wear socks that adhere to the dress code. Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter.

**Father/Daughter Dance:** Reminder of the Father/Daughter(s) Dance February 19<sup>th</sup>. ***See the attached flyer.***

**Sincere Sympathy:** Mrs. Dee Schaff's (Gr. 7, Rm. 19) 92 year old father-in-law died a week ago and Ms. Tracey Theisen's (Development Director) elderly grandfather died last week. Our sincere sympathy and promise of prayers to both Mrs. Schaff and Ms. Theisen.

**No School:** Reminder of no school Friday and Monday, February 12 and 15<sup>th</sup>—a mid-winter break.

Thank you for your concern, support and love throughout these past days. You have trusted us to care for and "take care of" your children, our students. We will continue to be watchful as we resume as normal a schedule as possible. Let us continue to lift each other in prayer.

*The mission of St. Theresa Catholic School is to prepare students spiritually, academically and socially to assume responsible and productive roles in society while living out the values of the Gospel. (STCS Mission Statement)*

Sincerely,

*Sister Patricia*

Sister Patricia Gehling, SSND  
Principal