

March 2, 2010

Dear Parents,

Mass: Join us for our 8:30 student Mass tomorrow planned by Mrs. Mehr and the sixth graders of Room 14. Your prayer presence is very important.

Parish Lenten Mission: St. Theresa Parish is hosting a Lenten Mission March 15-17th with Fr. Tom Allender, S.J. entitled *The Gifts of the Holy Spirit: A Spiritual Inventory*. Fr. Tom will preach at all the weekend Masses as well as having morning and evening sessions the 15-17th. He will also have mini sessions for the Kindergarten-Eighth Grade students on Tuesday, 16th. **See the attached flyer** for more information.

Prayer Opportunity: St. Theresa Parish is continuing to offer Taize Prayer services on Tuesday evenings, 7pm in the church. These 30 minute prayer services are a time of incorporating Scripture, song and meditation. The remaining services are March 9, April 20 and May 18th. All are welcome to join in this beautiful ecumenical service. **See the attachment** for more details.

Art News: Our Art Teacher, Mrs. Beverly Robb, will be publishing STCS student artwork on an on-line student art museum called Artsonia. Children and their families can view their posted artwork on the website as well as that of their classmates and students from around the world. For more information about this program, you may go to the Artsonia website, www.artsonia.com

Mrs. Robb has sent permission slips home. If you are willing to have your child's artwork published on this website, please sign and return the permission slip to school as soon as possible.

Help will be needed in photographing and uploading photos of the artwork onto this site. This would be a good opportunity to take care of some service hours. Please email Mrs. Robb at brobb@diocesephoenix.org if you would have time to help. Thank you, Mrs. Robb.

Prayers: Please keep Mrs. Rahman's husband, who had emergency quintuple bypass surgery last Saturday, in your prayers. They are appreciative of all of our prayers for his recovery.

Camp-Out: We know everyone was excited about the first-ever camp-out, but the weather just didn't cooperate. Everyone's calendar is just too packed to re-schedule. Refunded money is in today's Family Envelope.

Free Throw Contest: Congratulations to the following students who won the Knights of Columbus sponsored district free throw contest for their age division at last Saturday's contest:

Age 10: Megan Lawless

Age 11: Emily Weigel and Hunter Kotoske

Age 12: Tierney Turelli

Age 13: Chase McQueen

Age 14: Zach Kotoske

These winners, along with those from other schools, will now advance to the State Competition on the Suns' home court at the US Airways Arena on March 14, 11-3pm. **Congratulations!**

Athletics (Gr. 5-8): Track and field paperwork is available on-line at <http://www.stcs.us/athletics.html> and **is attached**.

March 17: All Track and field paperwork is DUE.

March 23: Track and Field parent meeting, 3:00, Room 16.

March 23: Track and Field coaches meeting, 4:00, Room 16.

If you are interested in coaching Track and Field, please contact Coach Kaye at skaye@diocesephoenix.org

Musical Practice: Tomorrow, Wednesday, 1:30-3:30 all cast members who are in the tavern dance scene and those in "Be My Guest" scene will have practice. Please **see attachment** for list of students in each scene. Questions? Contact Coach Kathy at kputta@diocesephoenix.org

Field/Fun Days: The annual STCS spring Field /Fun Days are fast approaching. Volunteers are needed for Grades Preschool through grade 6. If you can help out, and are current with your Safe Environment training, please contact Coach Kathy at kputta@diocesephoenix.org

Monday, March 29 th	8:30-9:30: Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten	Volunteers needed 8-9:30
	10:00-12:00: First and Second Grades	Volunteers needed 9:30-12:00
Tuesday, March 30:	9:00-10:30: Third and Fourth Grades	Volunteers needed 8:30-10:30
	1:00-2:30: Fifth and Sixth Grades	Volunteers needed 12:30-2:30

Campus Expansion News: We are very close to changing our participation thermometer. Thank you to all who helped us reach the 20% participation mark. Currently we have 108 families who have pledged. We need 6 more pledges to reach the 30% mark. Let's keep the momentum going. Our goal was/is to have the pledges in the first week of March. If you have said yes but haven't turned your pledge card/envelope in yet, please do so this week. Let us know if you need another pledge card/envelope or stop in the office for another pledge card/envelope.

Some have asked if they have to follow the payment schedule we laid out in the letter that went out with the pledge envelopes Feb. 9th. These were/are just guidelines and suggestions; we want to make it as easy as possible for you to pledge to the campaign. Our only request is that the pledge amount be in by May, 2011.

Check the website, www.stcs.us for more information on the project and/or take a look at the renderings which are displayed on the wall near the Library. Thank you. Questions? Contact James Zorn, On-Site Parent Liaison for the Campus Expansion Project at james.zorn@cox.net

Volunteer Hours: If you entered your volunteer hours on-line between the dates of Feb. 6-22nd, please go back on-line and re-enter this data using the following URL:

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dERhM1VSMmpta1p0MT1sNThuY1BtdVE6MA> This URL can also be found on the STCS website home page on the left hand side under volunteers. We are sorry for any inconvenience. Thanks for your service hours! Questions? Contact Terry Finigian, PTO Volunteer Coordinator at TLM.Finigian@cox.net

Auction Update: *The Yellow Brick Road* is fast approaching for our annual Auction. It is through your generosity that enables STCS Auction to be such a successful event. Thank you for your enthusiasm and ready support of this annual event. Thank you, too, for your item donations and/or financial support with underwriting.

A big **thank you** to **Market Share Resources** for their Corporate Advertising of the Mini-Live Auction during Silent Auction. Stephan and Ann Constantinou have secured the advertising for our first-ever Mini-Live at STCS.

We are very appreciative to all who have made donations of items and/or financial support. We are still in need of more items for the Silent Auction and are accepting more every day. Remember to ask at your favorite restaurants, stores and businesses for a donation. Bring in your donated item(s) and/or financial donation and receive a button for one free dress item next Tuesday.

We also want to thank Tim and Ana Wingersky for donating amazing tickets to the BNP Open Tennis Tournament on March 10-11 in Indian Wells. As this is a pre-Auction event and out-of-town, you may purchase the tickets on E-bay or tell a friend about them. When visiting E-bay please look under Seller's Name: **highclassproducts** and you will access the tickets.

We just received another amazing donation for an activity which will take place before Auction! The donation is for someone to be a Bat Boy/Girl for the Day at an Oakland A's Spring Training game. WOW! It also includes four (4) tickets so the family can watch their son/daughter! **See the attachment** for more details.

Please visit our website and see our great item donations; the list grows daily.

Remember to hurry and make your reservations and table selections. You can register on-line at sstheresaphx@maestroweb.com and have a fast pass to check in the night of Auction. You will have more time to spend in the Silent Auction and move ahead of the line. Auction will be starting at 5:30pm this year and you don't want to miss our Mini-Live Auction during the Silent Auction. Don't be late. There will be a fun trip to Disneyland and many more great opportunities.

Don't miss the chance to preview this year's Auction "bauble"! You will want to take a chance at winning this sparkling strand of diamond "poppies" in white gold. This year's Auction "Bauble and Bubbles" will feature this beautiful piece of jewelry which will be displayed starting this Thursday, March 4 in the parking lot after school, during pick up. Don't forget! With the purchase of the \$50.00 ticket, you also receive a refillable champagne glass for the entire evening of Auction! Only 100 tickets will be sold, so your chances are favorable! Good luck!

Thank you to the many parents, businesses and corporations who have already donated and/or have given underwriting. **See the attachments.** There is still time for you to make a financial contribution or the donation of an item(s).

No School: Reminder of no school/no Extended Care this Friday, March 5. All staff will be participating in the diocesan sponsored in-service at St. John Bosco School. Additionally there is no school Friday or Monday March 19/22. There will not be after-school Study Hall this Thursday, 5th. Enjoy the extra long weekends.

End-of Quarter: Reminder that Third Quarter ends Friday, March 12th. Report cards will go home March 23rd.

Spring-a-licious Fashion Show and Luncheon: The invitations are coming home today for this exciting PTO sponsored fundraiser for women and girls at STCS. Please read the invitation carefully and share all the juicy details with your friends and family. This is a female only event! Looking for some volunteer hours? Please email Shelly Satran at ssatran@hotmail.com or Nicol Coleman at coleman555@msn.com or Sassy Mackey at sassymackey@cox.net to find out how you can help. We're looking forward to seeing you on March 27th at **Spring-a-licious!**

Enrichment Classes: The next session for **Mad Science** class will begin March 10th. Flyers are in today's Family Envelope. If you are interested in joining **Desert Bells** enrichment class please contact Tom Cook at 602-494-7464 and/or complete the flyer in today's Family Envelope. **Young Rembrandts** will begin their new session this Wednesday, tomorrow, March 3rd. Flyers are in the office or contact them at RembrandtsPhx@aol.com. Questions? Contact Coach Kathy at kputta@diocesephoenix.org

Got Paper?: Did you know that we have 2 green and yellow Paper retriever bins located at the southeast corner of the McMahon Center? Proceeds help support Student Council sponsored activities. PLEASE! No cans, glass or trash. However, we will accept bagged shredded paper, phone books, magazines, newspapers and flattened boxes. Your on-going contributions of paper is greatly appreciated.

Dads' Club Golf Tournament: Mark your calendar to take a day off work and hit the golf course on May 14th for the annual Dads' Club sponsored Golf Tournament. This year's tournament will be at the Legacy Golf Resort. More information and details later.

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