



## Upcoming next week.....

### Monday, Feb. 20th

- NO SCHOOL

### Tuesday, Feb. 21st

- Mardi Gras Free Dress
- 2pm - Mardi Gras Classroom Parties (only homeroom parents to attend)

### Wednesday, Feb. 22nd

- 12:10pm - Ash Wednesday (Mass Uniform)

### Thursday, Feb. 23rd

- 6pm: PTO General meeting with guest speaker in the Fellowship Hall

### Friday, Feb. 24th

- Go Texan Day: Western Wear

## Counselor's Corner

Hello and I hope it was a wonderful week,

Pre-K and Kindergarten did a great job identifying goals and how to practice daily. Middle School reviewed the importance of being kind even in challenging situations. Next week in Pre-K and Kindergarten we will learn about having a growth mindset, and in middle school how to advocate for yourself.

This week's mindfulness activity is a fun spring project.

First get a stem of lettuce, basil, or green onion. Your child can check their plant daily to see how it is growing. Questions you can ask are how does it feel to see your plant grow? Does your plant have any smells, or colors? Is there anything you would like to tell your plant to help it grow? What kind words would you like to hear to help you grow?

1. Cut the leaves about 2 inches from the bottom stump.
2. Place the stem end in a dish with about an inch of water.

3. Place it in a sunny spot and watch it grow!
4. When there are several roots you can put your plant in a pot with soil or in your garden.

## Around Campus

### Secure your spot for the 2023-2024 school year! Re-enroll by Feb. 20th

Please see [re-enrollment letter](#) and follow the instructions to access the online re-enrollment packet through ParentsWeb. Please complete the online re-enrollment packet by February 20th, 2023. After that date, spaces are not guaranteed and there will be a \$100 late fee. If you are not returning, please take the time to email [Mrs. Lastovica](#) or go to the enrollment page and check not returning.



## Donations Needed for the 2023 Gala Auction!

The Auction Committee is in search of items for this year's auction. Are you an Astros, Texans, Dynamo, Rockets, theater, ballet, opera season ticket holder? Do you have a vacation home, have frequent flyer miles, or hotel points? Or perhaps you would like to host a dinner or underwrite an event.



Visit our [gala site](#) to submit donation forms or stop by the church or school office to pick up a form. Auction Items can be dropped off at the church or school office.

For more information, please contact Tarah Vann, Silent Auction Chair, or Jill Bollich, Live Auction Chair, at [auction@sttheresa.cc](mailto:auction@sttheresa.cc).

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## Steps 4 Students Thank You!!

We still have two more weeks of fundraising opportunity! This feels like Mile 20 of the marathon: so close to the finish but still some hard work and effort to get us across the finish line.

- (2) Free Dress Coupons for \$100 in student fundraising page
- (5) Free Dress Coupons for \$200 in student fundraising page

[Donate here](#)

Thank you all for a memorable Steps for Students--Saturday was definitely one for the Record Books! Please see the [thank you note](#) from Cindy De Groot.

# Save the Date! PTO General Meeting on Thursday, 2/23!

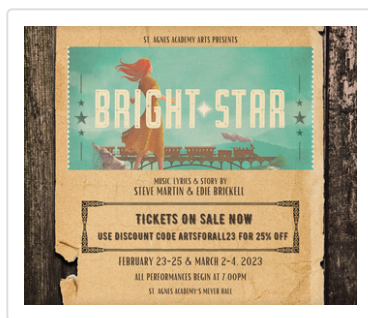
Please join us on Thursday, February 23 for a special guest speaker. More information to come - stay tuned! Hope you can make it!

## NOAA VWET Phytoplankton Pilot Program

Did you know that phytoplankton produces up to 50% of the oxygen in our atmosphere? Our 8th graders learned about this fun fact and much more!

The University of A&M at Galveston in cooperation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration invited our 8th graders to participate in a pilot program called the NOAA VWET Phytoplankton Lab Tour and Social Media Contest. This 360-degree virtual watershed education and training program allows students to take a virtual field trip to the phytoplankton lab at the University of A&M at Galveston which monitors the health of Galveston Bay.

This pilot program invited students all over Texas in grades 8-12 to participate and St. Theresa Catholic School is *one of only two middle schools to take advantage of this opportunity*. We are so excited that our students were able to complete the educational material designed for students in AP environmental science classes and complete a social media campaign to educate others about the importance of taking care of our watersheds. Way to go, Vikings!!



## St. Agnes Academy Arts Invites you to BRIGHT STAR!

St. Agnes Academy Arts in partnership with Strake Jesuit, would like to cordially invite all STCS families to attend their spring musical, *BRIGHT STAR!* Use discount code **ARTSFORALL23** at checkout for 25% off tickets.

[Purchase tickets here](#)

Students particularly interested in the performing arts, are invited to attend a special pick-up rehearsal on **Wednesday, March 1 at 4:00pm** in Meyer Hall on the St. Agnes Academy campus. They will be able to see the Directors of Theatre and


Music work with students, get a glimpse into the rehearsal process and spaces, and see and hear the compelling work of students.

## Accepting applications for 2023-2024 school year

St. Theresa Catholic School is now accepting new student applications for the 2023-2024 school year! If you have friends or family that are interested in joining us next year, our application is available on our website under [Admissions Process](#) or by [clicking this link](#). We will continue to accept applications so long as there is space in the grade.

\*PK3 applicants must be three years old as of September 1, 2023 and toilet trained before school begins in August 2023.

Save The Date & Month at a Glance!

| <div>  <div> <b>St. Theresa</b><br/>           Catholic School<br/> <small>in Memorial Park</small> </div> </div> |  |   |  |   |   |                               |
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| FEBRUARY 2023  |  |   |  |   |   |                               |
| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                                   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY                      |
| 29<br>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK  | 30                                       | 31  | 1<br>Celebrating our Students:<br>Wear PJ's (no shorts)<br>5th-8th: Sports Pictures<br>Book Fair open until 6:30 | 2<br>In Our Community:<br>Dress up as your favorite<br>career | 3<br>Grandparents Day:<br>-Mass uniform<br>-Grandparents welcome! | 4                             |
| 5  | 6<br>Awareness Day:<br>Heart Disease     | 7<br>5th Grade: Camp Kappe                          | 8<br>5th Grade: Camp Kappe   | 9<br>5th Grade: Camp Kappe                                    | 10<br>5th Grade: Camp Kappe                                       | 11<br>Steps4Students Race Day |
| 12   | 13<br>School Spirit Sunday<br>Free Dress | 14<br>Valentine's Day<br>Free Dress                 | 15<br>Little Flower Awards   | 16  | 17<br>Staff In-Service Day<br>NO SCHOOL                           | 18                            |
| 19   | 20<br>Staff In-Service Day<br>NO SCHOOL  | 21<br>Mardi Grass Free Dress<br>& Classroom Parties | 22<br>12:10pm: Ash<br>Wednesday Mass   | 23<br>6:00pm: PTO General<br>Meeting w/Guest Speaker          | 24<br>Go Texan Day:<br>Western Wear                               | 25                            |
| 26   | 27                                       | 28  | 1  | 2   | 3   | 4                             |

## Giving Opportunities





## *Fund the Mission* of **St. Theresa**

Your contributions have an immediate impact allowing our school to provide for and strengthen academic and student programs, faculty resources, library acquisitions, and enhance our facilities. Your heartfelt contribution will not only help us to continue implementing our programs but will also help us bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of school operations. [Give Here](#).

Don't forget to use Amazon Smile before it's gone!!! Last Day to use is Feb. 20th!

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