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Peek of the Week

Welcome Back to School!



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With hearts full of gratitude, we gather here, Thankful for the passing of this week, clear. Through challenges faced and lessons learned, Your guiding presence, we have discerned.

We lift our voices in thankful praise, For guiding us through these initial days. You've given us strength to persevere, In this new school year, we hold dear.

As we look back on this first week's stride, May we carry the lessons deep inside. Grant us wisdom to continue to grow, In knowledge, character, and love to bestow.

May unity and camaraderie prevail, As we journey together, setting sail. Bless our efforts, great and small, As we give our best, one and all.

With gratitude in our hearts, we pray, For your guidance each step of the way. As we continue this academic quest, In your light and grace, we're truly blessed.

Amen.

Important Dates

Wednesday, Aug. 23rd

- First School Mass! All students must wear their Mass Uniforms.
- All Student Forms are due!

Friday, Aug. 25th

- Summer Reading & Math Assignments are due!

Sunday, Aug. 27th

- School Spirit Sunday! Show your school spirit! Wear your school Mass uniform to 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Theresa to earn Free Dress the following school day!

Wednesday, Aug. 30th

- SAVE THE DATE - "Pastries with the Principals!" for PK3 and PK4 Parents following Mass in the Dining Hall. More info to come!

Monday, Sep. 4th

- Labor Day Holiday! No School!

Monday, Sep. 11th

- Awareness Day: Childhood Cancer - Students may donate \$1 to support A Shelter for Cancer Families' Hearts of Gold campaign.

Thursday, Sep. 14th

- Back to School

Friday, Sep. 15th



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- 2pm: Early Dismissal Day! KV will be available.
- Foam Party (Only 16 spots remaining - [purchase tickets here!](#))

STCS Policies and Procedures

Dismissal and Arrival Procedures



---ARRIVAL---

7:00-7:50am: Drop Off via the "Purple Route" is only for students being **dropped off by car only**. No walk-ins will be allowed through the back doors of the gym.

7:30am: Students may be walked in to the foyer of the gym via the gym parking lot. Please be sure that you are parking and escorting your child all the way into the gym if you choose to drop off

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teachers, staff, and students available to escort them to their class. Please say your good-byes in the gym.

Tardies: If you arrive after 7:50 Monday-Thursday please go around to the front office and check your child in. Friday we have assembly beginning at 7:50am. We will check in students at the foyer of the gym until 8:00am when assembly is complete. After 8:00am please go around to the front office and check your child in.

We ask that you exercise caution as you drop off your student in the morning regardless of the process you choose. We have families coming around from the Purple Route, families parking, and families walking their students across the parking lot. Please be respectful to those that are trying to get into the parking lot and locate a parking spot as well as those that are trying to exit via the Purple Route.

---DISMISSAL---

Dismissal of students begins at 3:20pm. Please make sure your sign is visible. Line up for dismissal begins at 3:05pm. Everyone must use Haskell to exit the campus in order to eliminate traffic jams on Durford.

Blue Route: Line up begins at 3:05. At this time you may drive all the way through the school parking lot where the cones are placed. Please do not block intersections or driveways as you move up in the line. You must follow the route (via Prauge to Pickens) on the map above.

Red Route: Line up begins at 3:05. At this time you may drive all the way through the gym parking lot where the cones are placed. Please do not block intersections or driveways as you move up in the line. You must follow the route (via Minola to Rodrigo) on the map above. *Please stay in your car and pull around into a parking spot to buckle your child. Keep the line moving please.*

Gold Car Tag: Vehicles with a Gold Tag are winners from the 2023 Cut-in-Line Gala Auction Item - please be kind and courteous. Don't miss your chance to bid on it for the next school year at our 2024 Annual Gala in April!

Kidventure: Students enrolled in the Semester KV program are automatically sent to KV prior to dismissal. If you are planning on picking up your child in the carpool line, please be sure to notify your child's homeroom teacher and Mayra Reyes (m.reyes@sttheresa.cc) prior to 3pm.

- *Reminder: Kidventure pick-up begins after carpool has concluded. For the safety of our community, please refrain from walking to the Kidventure gate during dismissal.*

Student Forms

Thank you to all the parents that have returned their Student Forms. If you have not done so already, please complete and return [all student forms](#) no later than Wednesday, August 23rd.



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2023-2024 STCS Uniform and Shoe Policy

Please be sure to read carefully through the [2023-2024 School Uniform and Shoe Policy](#).

Shop online at [Dennis Uniform](#) by entering the School Code: VTA or by searching "St. Theresa Catholic School".

[Dennis Uniform Shopping Guide](#)



CMG Connect Training



The mission of the Archdiocese's "Safe Environment Program" is to insure the safety of children and young people who have been entrusted to our care in our parishes, schools, religious education classes, and other programs. The Archdiocese **requires** that any adult (parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, sibling, etc.) who plans on volunteering at school, chaperoning a field trip, etc. receive this training. It is highly encouraged that all parents complete it before the start of the school year.

The training is online and takes approximately 1 hour to complete. You will be required to complete a criminal background check as part of the registration process. Please make sure you enter your

legal name as it appears on your Government Issued ID.

Please visit [CMG Connect](#) to complete the online training ([instructions here](#)). This certification is good for 5 years, if you have any questions regarding your current certification please reach out to Mayra Reyes at m.reyes@sttheresa.cc.



DUE: Friday, Aug. 25: Summer Reading & Math

Required Summer Reading:

St. Theresa's Summer reading lists and projects are posted on our website at [Summer Reading Lists](#). Simply click on your child's grade level for the 2023-2024 school year. All summer reading is **required for 1st-8th grades**, as is at least one summer reading project. Students are responsible for reading both books, but may choose which book to do the project on. The project is **due on August 25, 2023** and will be counted as an ELA grade for the first quarter! If your student completes a project on the second book, as well, they will receive extra credit.

Required Summer Math:

At the end of every school year, it is our goal for our students to master grade level concepts in preparation for the following school year. In continuing with our plan to strengthen our math curriculum and narrow learning and retention gaps, we believe it is important for students to continue to practice number sense and math ability over the summer. Access to and information about the [Summer Math Requirement](#) can be found on our website.

- **For rising 2nd-8th graders only**
- **Must achieve at minimum of 80% mastery on each assigned unit**
- **Must be completed by August 25, 2023**

2023 Gala Sign Up Parties

There are still tickets available for some great Sign-Up Parties. Be sure to browse through them before they are sold out. There is something for everyone!

Sign-Up Parties

- 9/15/2023: Foam Party Friday (**only 16 spots remaining!**)

- 9/2023: Pare
- 12/5/23: Get
- 2/13/24: Fat Tuesday
- 2/23/24: Father Daughter Dance
- 5/3/24: Mother Son Superhero Dance

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[Ticket Purchase and Additional information!](#)

Counselor's Corner

It is so exciting to be back in school for a new year ! I had a great week seeing new and familiar faces on campus. PreK/Kinder learned about who the school counselor is, and middle school made goals for the year. Next week in PreK/Kinder we will learn about big feelings, and in middle school we will learn how to create measurable goals.

This week's mindfulness exercise is called 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. It is a distress tolerance skill that can benefit any age group and reduce anxiety.

- What are 5 things you can see? Look for a pattern on the ceiling, or an object you never noticed.
- What are 4 things you can feel? Notice the clothing on your body, the sun, or the chair you are sitting in.
- What are 3 things you can hear? Maybe a ticking clock, traffic, or trees blowing in the wind.
- What are 2 things you can smell? Smells in the air around you, a flower, or an unlit candle.
- What is 1 thing you can taste? Carry gum, candy, or small snacks for this step. Pop one in your mouth and focus your attention closely on the flavors

Have a wonderful weekend,

Dr. Kirstie Carmichael LMSW, DBH
School Counselor

Leader In Me

Over the next two weeks your children will be diving into [The First 8 Days with Leader in Me](#). This is where they will have an opportunity to learn about each of the 7 Habits as well as the 8th Habit in order to jump start our leadership culture here at St. Theresa Catholic School.

We have provided a few [resources](#) for you to use when talking to your child about their First 8 Days Lessons these next few weeks!



Junior High: Get Ready for...Extreme Challenge!

**GET READY FOR...
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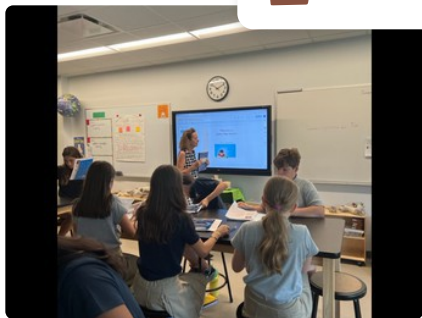
When: October 21, 2023
Where: St. Dominic Auditorium
 2403 Holcombe Blvd. Houston, TX
 77021
Cost: \$25 per person

Extreme Challenge is a day of fun and fellowship, where junior high youth in grades 6-8th play crazy games, dance, eat, pray, build community, and celebrate our faith in prayer and liturgy.

SAVE THE DATE!
 Registration will open soon.



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