

FRIDAY NOTES

Small Acts, Great Love

Upcoming Events

- **3/28** Palm Sunday
- **3/30** Global Fair
- **3/31** Pizza Wednesday
Night with the Stars
Book Fair
- **4/1** Holy Thursday
Report Cards Sent Home
1/2 Day - 11:45 Dismissal
- **4/2** No School - Spring Break
- **4/4** Easter Sunday
- **4/12** Assignment & Materials Pick Up
- **4/13-4/16** Remote Instruction
- **4/19** In-Person Learning Resumes
- **4/21** Pizza Wednesday
- **4/22** Earth Day
LCAB Meeting 7:00 PM
- **4/23** Casual/Hat Day
- **4/27** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **4/28** 1/2 Day - 11:45 Dismissal (NO dismissal bus)
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **4/30** Trust Day (Uniform Bottoms)



St. Therese News

Dear Families,

As we approach Holy Week and walk with Jesus through his passion and suffering, we are reminded that as we live the realities of a global pandemic, Jesus also walks with us in our suffering and fatigue. We are all tired. We are tired of bad news, tired of wearing masks, tired of staying distant from one another, tired of staying home. Yet, as we watch the numbers in both Allegan County and Michigan, we can see the impact of relaxing our vigilance and giving in to our fatigue.

As a school community, we put the safety and protection of your children first, especially now.

School Events: After reviewing the Allegan County Health Department guidelines for school events, we have carefully structured Night with the Stars to maintain a minimum number of people in the building at any one time. Everyone is required to wear a mask covering their nose and mouth before entering the school. You have signed up for arrival times 10 minutes apart so that we can minimize any contact between families. The flow of the evening has been purposefully designed so that families are spread out through the building and we ask that families not stop and



Lunch:

Hot Lunch: \$2.80

Reduced: \$0.40

Milk: \$0.60

Links

- [School Website](#)
- [FACTS Family Portal Log In](#)
- [WUS Infinite Campus - Parent Portal](#)
- [April Lunch Menu](#)
- [April Pizza Form](#)
- [2020-21 Academic Calendar](#)

Teacher Emails

Miss Lisa (Preschool):
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Mrs. Orlowski (3rd/4th):
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Mrs. O'Connor (Principal/5th/6th):
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Drills

By law, we are required to post a list of fire, tornado and lockdown drills held.

- **Fire**
 - 9/15 10:31 AM
 - 10/7 2:30 PM
 - 3/8 2:47 PM
- **Tornado**
 - 10/23 11:35 AM
 - 3/24 1:00 PM
- **Lockdown**
 - 9/28 1:00 PM
 - 11/5 3:15 PM

congregate. As much as we are looking forward to Night with the Stars, please know that if any active cases of Covid pop up in our building, we will reconsider.

Spring Break Travel: Many of you have plans to travel over Spring Break. Attached you will find a letter from the Superintendents of Allegan County with the most up-to-date guidelines for safe travel and when it is necessary to self-quarantine after a trip.

We have been so fortunate to continue in person learning for an extended length of time. We continue to keep safety foremost and balance our ability to maximize in person learning for the final nine weeks of the school year. With that in mind, we have decided to make a planned move to remote learning for April 12-16. There will be initial assignments and materials pick up at the school building on Monday, April 12 and virtual instruction with teachers and students on April 13. Our hope and prayer is that by being proactive, we can continue with in-person learning for the remainder of the school year.

We understand that this will impact every family differently. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out. We are all in this together and together we are a school community where we demonstrate our love for God by how we love and care for one another.

St. Therese and St. Corona, pray for us,
Sheryl

School News

Dress Code Reminder - We have noticed that we are getting sloppy with our uniforms. Please be sure that your students are in proper uniform when arriving to school. If you are unsure, please refer to our [Dress Code Policy](#). If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. O'Connor.

Night with the Stars - Our Annual Night with the Stars event will be held Wednesday, March 31 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. We will be featuring the Global Fair that our students have all been working hard on, as well as other achievements they are excited to share with you. Please sign up in advance using the [Sign-Up Genius](#) to ensure we can maintain current Covid safety measures.

Sponsor a Scholar Raffle- TWO winners will receive \$1000 towards the tuition account of their choice! Tickets are on sale now at the school office. The drawing will be held via Facebook Live at 8 pm on March 31, 2020. If you would like to purchase tickets or have questions, please contact the school office.

Enrollment is Open! Beyond our wildest expectations, our enrollment increased by 10 students over the past year! The word is spreading about our amazing little school! We are asking that all current families, please, complete the enrollment process for the 2021-2022 school year prior to April 30, 2021. On May 1, any open seats will be offered to new applicants on a first come, first served basis.

If you need help completing your enrollment for the 2021-22 school year, please see our **2021-22 Enrollment Process** or you may contact Mrs. O'Connor at 616-291-7443.

Winter Gear - We are now sending winter gear home on Fridays to open the hallway and classroom space for weekend cleaning.

Water Bottles - Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle from home to use since we are currently unable to use drinking fountains. Bottled water is available in the office for students that need it. If you would like to contribute to the bottled water, we would welcome monetary donations to go towards purchasing water or you can drop water off at drop off or pick up.

Pizza Credits - Going forward we will only be carrying credits over to the next month if school is not in session due to inclement weather or any other unplanned closures. Please send exact change or checks whenever possible. We are not able to make change.

Report Card Envelopes - If you have not yet returned your report card envelopes, please return them in your Friday Folders. Thank you.

Reminder on Milk - Milk is included with hot lunches ONLY. If your student has milk with a cold lunch or on Wednesdays with pizza, their lunch accounts will be charged \$0.60. If your student has milk with cold lunch or pizza, please take a moment to check your lunch balances. If you need help with this, please contact the office and we will be happy to help!

BIG NEWS! From WUS Food Service - ALL Children Can Now Eat FREE!! The USDA and MDE announced some very big news for WUS district families with children in the district! Effective immediately, ALL LUNCHES are FREE to ALL CHILDREN!! For more information, click **here**.

Uniform Closet - If you are in need of uniforms or are looking for something in particular, please let Mrs. Harnish know and she would be more than happy to see if we have what you are looking for. If you'd like to check it out yourself, please call or email the office to set up a time that you can come in and see. If you have donations, please contact the office so something can be set up.

Free & Reduced Lunch - Thank you to everyone that has turned in their forms. If you haven't yet and need another copy sent home, or have questions, please let us know. Even if you think you do not qualify for free or reduced Lunch. This determines our school funding through the Title 1 Program.

Fundraising News

Box Tops - Box Tops for Education has rolled out a new system for collecting box tops. In an effort to try to keep this program supporting our school, we have created a school account that you may use to upload your receipts. Please note: receipts must be submitted within 14 days of the date on the receipt. If you would like to use the school account, the username is **sttoffice1@gmail.com**, password: 430SMain. We do not know if this will support multiple users, so, please, let us know if you encounter any problems.

Labels - Please continue saving your Box Tops, Tyson, Our Family labels as well as Dick's Market and Family Fare/D&W receipts. Please, DO NOT cut the top of your Family Fare/D&W receipts off. We need to submit the whole receipt.

Community Rewards - Community rewards are the easiest way to make money for your tuition account and our school. Throughout the year, we collect Box Tops, Our Family Labels, Dick's Market and Family Fare/D&W receipts, and Amerigas receipts. If sending in Family Fare/D&W receipts- PLEASE DO NOT cut the top off of the receipt, we need the entire receipt to receive credit.

Hardings \$367.41	Our Family Labels
Dick's \$12.68	Amerigas
TRIP Payouts \$1,492.77	Family Fare/D&W *Need to collect \$150,000 in receipts. Currently collected: \$67,192
	Paper Gator \$473.99
	Box Tops for Education

TRIP News

New and Improved App! There is a new app for the TRIP program. It is called RaiseRight Fundraising and can be downloaded for free from the Apple and Google app stores. Log in information is the same as what you use on the website.

Thank you to everyone that participates in this program. If you would like information on the TRIP program and how you can lower your tuition by participating, contact Maria Musgrave.

Orders will be placed weekly as needed. If you have any questions, would like more information, or to sign up, please contact Maria Musgrave at (269) 792-2016 or (616) 706-9420.

Community Events and Opportunities

Catholic Charities - Diocese of Kalamazoo - (269) 910-3578

Christian Neighbors Food Pantry - Wayland - Open Tuesdays, 9-12 & 1-4

Feeding America - Third Friday of the Month, 4:30, United Church of Wayland

Annetta Jansen Ministries Food Pantry - Dorr - (616) 681-4673

Covid-19 Quick Links & Resources

If you or a family member feel they may have been exposed to COVID-19, please refer to page 35 of our Reopening Plan.

Isolation v Quarantine

If you test positive/have a known exposure

Shortcut to Reopening Plan

Know the Symptoms/When to stay home

What to do when asked to Quarantine



Spiritual Adoption: Month 6

I am developing quite beautifully now. At 1 1/2 to 2 pounds and 12 inches long, I am twice as big as I was last month. I am sitting up most of the time to accommodate the final movement of all my internal organs. From 26 weeks, babies exhibit a whole range of typical baby behavior and moods, including scratching, smiling, crying, hiccuping, and sucking. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. Don't forget to pray for my mother and me.

"The values of Christianity are unalterably opposed to the modern secular culture of choice." Pope John Paul II

Virtue of the Week, March 28 - April 3: Charity

Enables one to love as God Himself loves, to love God above all things and one's neighbor as oneself

Burning with Charity

Charity, usually represented by a heart, enables one to love as God Himself loves. By this virtue we love God above all things and are more concerned about our neighbor than we are about ourselves.

In the human body the heart is the very center that pumps the blood that keeps us alive. Charity is this center of our spiritual lives. It keeps us alive and well in the very heart of Christ.

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love."

Prayer: Act of Charity

O my God, I love You above all things with my whole heart and soul because you are all good and worthy of all my love.

I love my neighbor as myself for the love of You.

I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen.