

# St. Therese Catholic School

Embracing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Achieving Academic Excellence, Making a Positive Difference  
May 26, 2010

## **Dear Parent/Guardian,**

Another school year filled with wonderful experiences for everyone has come to a close. This year we focused on the theme "Grow with God through Prayer". This theme allowed us to study the different types of prayer and increase our awareness of when we use these. It is the integral part that prayer plays in our school that sets us apart from other schools. Prayer allows us to express one way we embrace the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and the organizations representing you in our school for making the year so successful. Thank you for participating in and supporting our many activities. Thank you for providing the school improvements, materials, and equipment. Thank you for all of the signs of support which contributed to the morale and wonderful feeling of respect received from you by our staff. Thank you for your continued prayers.

We all know that the real work of our school happens in the classrooms with the dedicated teachers and staff. I am in awe of the caring, creative and cooperative atmosphere I found as I walked through the school each day. These teachers and staff make St. Therese a great place to come to learn every day!

Our eighth graders become alumni of St. Therese Wednesday evening. We wish them much success as they move on to various high schools. We also send our good wishes with those who will not be returning next school year. We have enjoyed working with you. For most of the rest of the students, we look forward to August 25 the beginning of a new year. We hope to have the parent meeting on Monday, August 23.

May God keep you and your family safe and well this summer.

## **Friday Masses during the Summer**

Every Friday during the summer, there is a 9:30 mass for children. Children do readings, present offertory gifts, and serve. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend. Please consider making this a regular part of your summer. Sign up sheets were sent home last week.

## **Florence Freedom Reading Program**

All of the information for the X-Treme Readers program has been submitted to the Florence Freedom. Families of students who turned in 'homeruns' should have received an e-mail from the team. \*\* If your student participated and you did not get a confirmation from the Freedom, please contact Mrs. Green so that your information can be verified. \*\*

## **First Communion and May Crowning**

Both of these were wonderful occasions for the celebration of our faith! The weather certainly was wonderful for both. The children were most reverent throughout the ceremonies.

Special thanks to all the parents who attended May Crowning with the children and for supplying the beautiful flowers which were placed near the statue of Mary.

## **Gym Uniforms**

There is a change in the long gym pants for next year because of a manufacturer change. The new pants do not have the elastic at the ankle. For the next two years either style will be acceptable.

## **Liza Costigan Award**

This award is presented annually to an eighth grader who exemplifies the characteristics that Liza exhibited when she was a student here and at NCC. Congratulations to Jacob Melville, this year's recipient. This was announced Friday, May 21.

## **Kindergarten Program**

Congratulations to the kindergarten students on their program "Kindergarten ABC's". The children entertained their families and friends with songs and poems reflecting all that they learned throughout the year. Each child also received a certificate of completion for the kindergarten year.

## **Last Day of School**

Friday, May 28 is our last day. Following the 8:15 liturgy, we will hand out special awards to students who made special efforts to live out the mission statement during the year. Congratulations to all on a successful school year. Dismissal is at 11:00 a.m. There will be no lunch served this day. There will be no after school care either.

## **Fines**

Any student owing any fee or fine –tuition, lunch charge, library fine, book repair fine, after-school fees, etc. will not receive a report card. Please check with your child that every fine or fee is paid in full.

## **Report Cards**

Report cards will be available for pick-up in the office after June 7. The office will be open each day in June from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If you would prefer to receive the report card in the mail, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the school office.

## **Graduation Pictures and Videos**

When the pictures come in from Life Touch, we will call the head room mothers to let you know these are ready. These can be picked up in the office during regular office hours.

## **Summer Skills Books**

If you purchased any of these books, they were sent home on Monday, May 24.

**ITBS test scores** are in this week's homefolder for students in gr. 3, 5, 6, and 7.

