

St. Therese Catholic School

Embracing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Achieving Academic Excellence, Making a Positive Difference
Newsletter, January 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Throughout Advent, we recalled how the magi followed the star to find Jesus. In this season following Christmas, we, too, have to remain alert for the signs through which Jesus reveals his presence to us. His "stars" are all around us...in the beauty of creation, in the Church, in the arts and sciences, in the uniqueness of each person. As we return to school, our attention is drawn again to our theme – Companions on the Journey. We want to open our eyes to see not just how we are the same, but to see our individuality and celebrate it. Each day we continue to remember each other in prayer and add names of the individuals whose intentions we remember to the display outside the office.

Reconciliation

The second graders will receive the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time on Monday, January 30 at 7:00 pm. They are anxious for the opportunity to meet Jesus in such a special way. We rejoice with these students and their families and pray for an increase in their faith and ours. Thanks to the mothers who will be hosting the reception in the cafeteria for the second graders and their families.

End of the Quarter

January 11 is the end of our second quarter. Report cards will be sent home in homefolders on Wednesday, Jan. 18. Please review the report card with your child discussing what has gone well this quarter and where improvements might be made. Return the bottom slip with a parent signature by Friday, January 20. Just a reminder, as stated on pg.10 in the handbook: "Report cards are not given if school/cafeteria/tuition fees are not current."

St. Therese Burger Bash

Newport McDonald's is partnering with St. Therese School for a "Burger Bash" on Wednesday, January 11 from 5 pm until 8 pm. Ronald McDonald will be there with his karaoke machine from 5- 7 to assist in the fundraising efforts. Hope to see you then.

Papa John Pizza

On December 20 Papa John Pizza sponsored their monthly St. Therese School Fund Raiser Night. 20% of the orders taken mentioning St. Therese School was donated to school. We receive about \$100 each month from this evening. Thanks to all those who helped in this effort. Tuesday, January 17 is another St. Therese night. Flyers will be sent home before this date. Maybe this would be a great way to celebrate the end of the second quarter.

Geography Bee Winner

Congratulations to Joey Broering, Gr. 6, winner of our school Geography Bee. Joey had to take a written test before Christmas break that was submitted to the National Geographic Society. The top contestants selected from Kentucky will go on to compete later in the spring. Thanks to all the students who prepared and participated in our school event.

School Spelling Bee

Tuesday, January 17 student spellers will face off in the annual school spelling bee held in the gym at 1:30 p.m. The champion of this event will then take an on-line written test to try to advance to a regional bee sponsored by Scripps-Howard.

Vocation Awareness Week

We celebrate Vocation Awareness Week the week of January 8-14, 2012. It is in the homes of good and holy parents that vocations to the priesthood and religious life are formed. All are invited to reflect more deeply on fostering a culture of vocations within the home, to help your children to come to an understanding of the many great gifts God has bestowed on each one of them, and to help them become good and faithful stewards of these gifts, sharing them with the world.

Diocesan Day of Prayer and Penance

The Diocese of Covington will once again observe a day of prayer of Monday, January 23. The children will take part in a prayer service immediately following the 8:15 mass. All schools in the diocese will be united in a common prayer for life at 9:00 a.m. The church will be open during the day and there will be a holy hour from 4:00 until 5:00.

C-Notify System

We will test the notification system this week with a reminder of the early dismissal on Thursday, January 5. If you do not receive a call, please contact the office. If there is a delay or closing due to weather conditions, expect a call from this system. We will continue to use the TV channels 5 and 12 to inform everyone of a weather emergency. It would be highly unusual to dismiss school early for weather conditions, because we know many parents are not at home. The children are safe here at school. If the weather worsens during the day, and you want to get your children, that is fine. Come to the school office. We will not dismiss any child to another parent, friend or relative without express permission from the parent. It has caused trouble in the past when the parent makes the attempt in bad weather to get here and find the child is not here. If you want your child to go home with someone else, you must call us. The main concern in all of this is everyone's safety. Please let us know if you have a phone number change or if you have replaced your land line with a cell phone. Thanks.

Mothers' Club Meeting

The next Mothers' Club Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24 at 8:00 pm in the undercroft. Sign-in begins at 7:45. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings and be a part of this great organization.

Catholic Schools Week

Beginning the last weekend of this month, we will be celebrating the privilege of participating in the education provided by our Catholic School. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service". Activities begin the weekend of January 28/29, when students will address members of the parish at each of the masses, thanking them for their financial and spiritual support. We will host an open house on Sunday, January 29 from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Activities are planned throughout the week acknowledging the contributions of all the members of our school community- students, staff, families, teachers, and the Southgate community. On Friday, February 4, the entire school will join in prayer at the 8:15 liturgy. Please look for a special flyer coming soon in your homefolder outlining events for this special week. Due to the bishop's schedule, the Diocesan liturgy for Catholic Schools will take place on Tuesday, January 17. Several students, teachers

and parents will join with representatives of each school in the diocese this liturgical celebration at the cathedral.

Registration Information

Any new kindergarten student, first grade student not currently enrolled in our kindergarten, or other new students already a parishioner should register on Saturday, February 4 from 9 am until noon. After that date we will accept registrations for students who are not registered parishioners. Family registration forms for students already enrolled in gr. K-7 will be sent home Feb. 1.

Homefolder Information

Many people want to take advantage of the homefolder as a means of getting information to a large number of people quickly. We are happy to work with mothers' club, athletic club, and parish groups to do this. There are, however, some guidelines that need to be followed. Permission to send an item through St. Therese School's homefolder must be obtained from the principal. Any flyers, letters, or registration forms should be printed and in the office by noon on the Monday before they are to be sent out. Electronic mailings go out each week to many families. It is helpful then to have an electronic copy of any communication being sent home.

Happy Birthday!

We recognize the following birthday for which we just received a birthday book:

Jada Vice, 12.12, *Alice in Wonderland*

Early Dismissal on Thursday, January 5 and Thursday, January 19.

No School on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

*Best Wishes for a Peaceful and Happy
New Year!*