

# STNS February 2020 Newsletter



Love is in the air!

The month of February is a busy one here at STNS! We are celebrating Valentine's Day, Dental Awareness Month, Pancakes & Pajamas, and holding our first Parent and Tot playgroup! With all of these wonderful events in front of us, the theme of love and loving others resonates in all of these activities. Whether it is loving our bodies by taking care of our teeth to taking care of God's creatures with our pine cone bird feeders, love is the reason behind our actions. Experiencing your first Valentine party and spreading love through Valentines warms our hearts to love one another. Our children will be warming the hearts of some of our older parishioners who can no longer make it to mass each week but our parish staff mails a copy of the weekly bulletin to keep them engaged in our parish life. We are now adding Valentines in these mailings in addition to the Valentines sent to the Veteran's Hospital! All of this brings us full to circle as to why we are here to do God's work.

At the end of the month we begin our Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. The children will receive ashes in school presided over by our Pastor, Father Michael Santiago in a simple yet poignant reminder of how our Savior sacrificed himself for the love of our world.

My prayers to you and your family during this month of love! Praying we have planted that mission of Jesus to share his infinite love for others in our actions and words to all of God's creatures. Being kind and loving is what our world needs most.

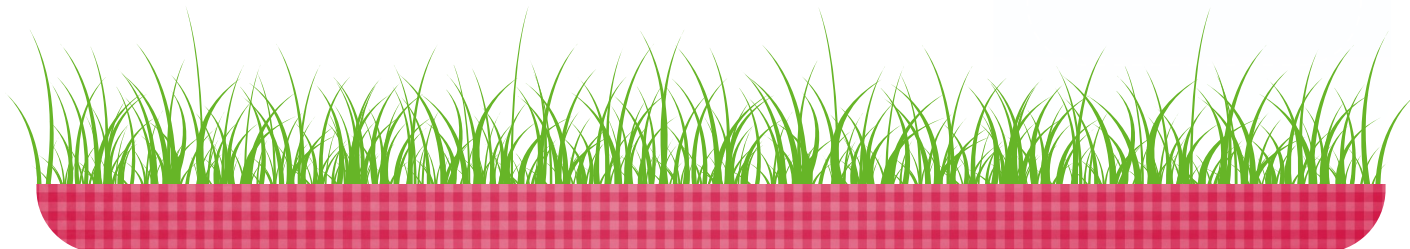
In God's Peace,  
Miss Michele



**SAINT THERESE**  
*Nursery School*

## Important Dates

- \*Feb. 4th Parent & Tot Playgroup 9:15 a.m.
- \*Feb. 4th & 5th  
Pajamas & Pancakes
- \*Feb. 6th & 7th  
Dental Hygiene Visit
- \*Feb. 10th  
Pasta Dinner Meeting  
9:30 a.m.
- Feb. 11th & 12th 9:30 a.m.
- Feb. 13th Three Year Old  
Valentine Parties!
- \*Feb. 14th Four Year Old  
Valentine Parties
- \*Feb. 17th -21 Winter Break  
No School
- \*Feb. 25th & 26th  
Pinecone Feeder Project  
9:30 a.m.
- \*Feb. 26th Ash Wednesday
- \*Feb. 27th & 28th  
Wear your school spirit wear!





## Valentine Celebrations and Cards!



### Valentine Card Numbers

Miss Meg 3's  
13 friends

Miss Christine 3's  
11 friends

Miss Kristin 3's  
12 friends

Miss Mary Ellen 4's  
12 friends

Miss Meg 4's  
10 friends

Miss Christine 4's  
10 friends



In celebration of Valentine's Day, each class will have a Valentine party in their classroom. Parent volunteers will be notified by the classroom teacher as we generate our parent volunteers from the Time and Talent form that you completed in the fall. We hope this helps with everyone's scheduling!

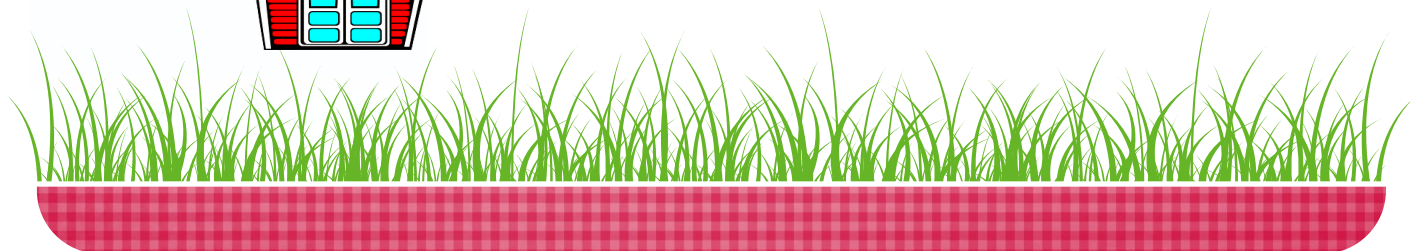
Sign ups for items to bring in for the party were sent via email in a sign up genius. Please remember that we are a peanut/tree nut free school when preparing a treat.

Each child should bring in enough valentines for their friends signed only with their name. Please do not write the names of each student on each envelope or goodie bags as this makes it confusing when the children are mailing them. Please write in who the card or item is from only. Thank you for helping with this!

## Registration Fall 2020 Returning Students & Siblings

We are already under way for the next school year! Registration packets for our returning students and siblings have been sent home. For our returning students, please be sure to see your child's teacher or myself if you have any questions about the best placement for your child. In our four year old program the half day program runs from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Children in the half day program do not have lunch in school. Our all day program runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with lunch and a brief rest time in the afternoon of a half hour. If you would like to visit any of these options or have questions, please feel free to see me. Registration packets are due by February 3rd for our current students. Our current students receive priority in registration over new students.

We welcome our siblings who have been eagerly awaiting for their turn to enter the classroom! If you have any questions with placement as well, please see me. Thank you for entrusting us with their care and making this the first stop on their learning journey!



## STNS Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction!



Each year our school community joins together for a pasta dinner/silent auction/raffle. This fun filled evening is centered around a theme! We are holding an initial meeting on February 10th! We are looking for theme ideas! We have had under the sea, circus, and flowers to name a few! Please let me know your ideas!

The evening is comprised of a pasta dinner, artwork made by children that is auctioned off for charity, a silent auction, a kid raffle, and

a wine wall raffle. You will receive more information on how you can help whether it be attending, donating, assisting with set up, or an advertisement in our program!

You can help from home or here at school in preparation for this event!

Our first meeting is:

**Tuesday, February 10th  
9:30 a.m.**



### Baking for Valentine's Day Parties!

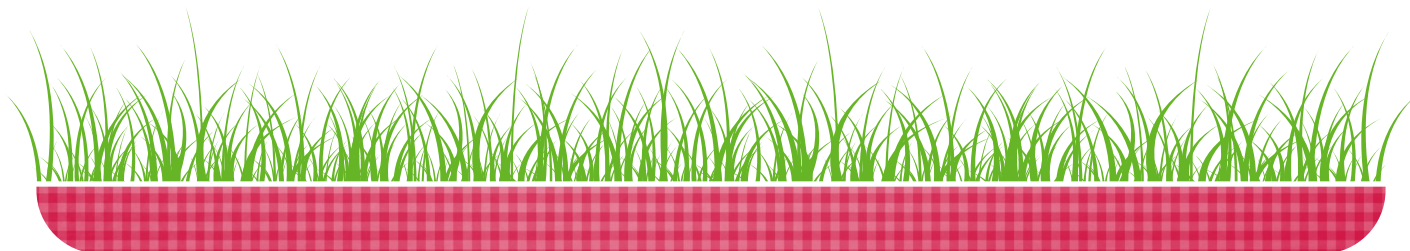
A sign up genius has been sent via email to help make cookies for our Valentine's parties! We will be baking on Tuesday, February 11th and Wednesday, February 12th both at 9:30 a.m. in the meeting room! We will supply all of the ingredients!

## St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Summer Camp

It's hard to believe that we need to plan for summer already! Each summer our parish hosts a summer camp for children ages three through seven for four weeks during the month of July! This is a wonderful opportunity for our friends to see one another over the summer months and enjoy the different themes each week!

Summer camp registration packets will be sent home with each student later this month. The nice piece to the summer camp is that the days/weeks/hours are very flexible. Many of our siblings return as campers and our older alumni return as our high school camp counselors! The staff of the school rotate over the course of the camp as the staff. If you have any questions, please feel free

to see Miss Michele! Camp registration packets are due by June 1st! Camp is first come first serve with a twenty spot limit each day!





## Dental Hygiene Month!



February is dental hygiene month! We will be reinforcing good brushing techniques and the care of our teeth through books, songs, and activities. We even have a giant set of teeth and tooth brush for each classroom for the children to practice on!

Mrs. Kelley (Shae's mom) who is a dental hygienist will be coming in to talk about dental hygiene for our three and four year old's on Thursday, February 6th and 7th! Our three year old's will also have a local dentist visiting! If you need information on selecting a pediatric dentist, check with your health care provider for a list of approved pediatric dentists in the area.

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## Parent Volunteer Opportunity! Pinecone Feeders for our Furry Friends!

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Each month from here until the end of the year we will be inviting parent volunteers to assist with a craft that is service related! For our first month we will be taking care of God's creatures with pinecone feeders! We will be making traditional pine cone feeders with Crisco instead of peanut butter and bird seed to feed our furry friends in the winter months! Some of the feeders will be placed on the trees around our school so that we can see our

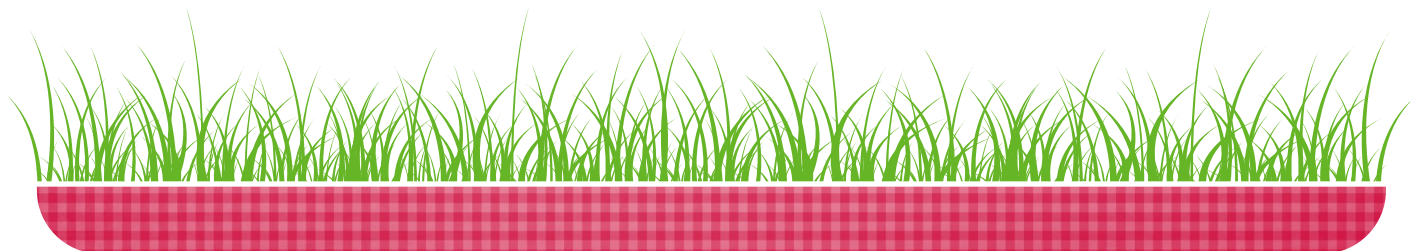
furry friends eat their snack! Stay tuned for next month when we will be making birthday boxes for the food pantries!

Look for the sign up genius to sign up and help on:

Tuesday, February 25th  
9:30 a.m.

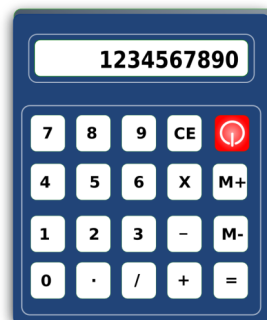
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Wednesday, February 26th  
9:30 a.m.



## Tax Information

If you are in need of our federal tax identification number, please contact me for our updated tax i.d. Your accountant may ask you for this for a child care tax credit.



## Website Visit our updated Website and win a prize!

Our website [www.sttheresenurseryschool.com](http://www.sttheresenurseryschool.com) has been updated! Our new format provides information in a friendlier format! We are going to add a parent view only backpack section where items sent home will be posted for your review! In addition, we are adding pictures that are posted on Facebook directly to our website!

Please take a moment to visit the site at [www.sttheresenurseryschool.com](http://www.sttheresenurseryschool.com) and click on a contact email to me with what makes our little school so special to your family! I will pull a name each month from the responses and the winner will receive STNS School Spirit Wear Clothing!

## Pajamas & Pancakes!

In celebration of the letter P we will be wearing pajamas and making pancakes! Please send your child in their pajamas with sneakers or shoes on the days below! We will be celebrating this with both our three and four year olds! This is a fun winter happening at our school that reinforces the letters we are learning! The teachers will be holding a cooking show on how to make pancakes! We can't wait to make and eat our pancakes! Thank you for your assistance!

pancakes &  
pajamas



When: Three Year Olds: Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Four Year Olds: Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>





### Our History

St. Therese Nursery School was established on October 30, 2000. We began with two classrooms, thirty students, and 4 staff members. We now have almost 100 students, 3 classrooms, a pre-k program, and a staff of 10!

### Our Mission

The mission of St. Therese Nursery School is to nurture the student and the family within a community of learners. Our mission will be:

\*to provide a safe learning environment where our children can learn through developmentally appropriate experiences.

\*these experiences and play reflect continuous spiritual, emotional, social, cognitive, and physical growth and development.

\*our families are recognized as central to the well being of the child.

\*our staff is valued for their dedication and commitment to the children and families of St. Therese Nursery School community.

\*we believe learning is a journey, not a destination

## February Break!

**Just a reminder our February Break is from Monday, Feb. 17th through 21st! Stay warm!**

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