

STNS January 2020 Newsletter

2020

Dear Families,

Happy New Year 2020! We pray that our families will have a happy, healthy, and peaceful new year! This year marks the 20th anniversary of St. Therese Nursery School! It is hard to believe that twenty years ago our school opened! Our first class of graduates is almost done with college! We will be celebrating this anniversary with a Twentieth Anniversary Mass and Dinner on Sunday, October 24, 2020 at the 11:00 a.m. mass. All 1,000 of our current and alumni students will be invited to attend and celebrate your child's first stop on their learning journey! A save the date with more information will be sent home soon! If you are interested in planning for this event on the anniversary committee, please let me know!

Time does go by quickly and it is hard to believe that our school and parish center is twenty years old! Although curriculum has changed immensely from those first few years with early childhood encompassing a more academic approach, we have never wavered from our original mission of providing a balance of the social, emotional, physical, and cognitive growth of children while supporting their families on this journey. All of that being said, nursery school is the first exposure for our children outside of their family. Learning to be kind and understanding of others must be instilled at this young age. Our mission encompasses sharing Jesus' infinite love for others. Each new year we reflect upon how that time goes by setting new year's resolutions to improve our lives and those around us. What better way than to keep it simple and follow Jesus' mission by loving others through kindness and acceptance. As a family talk about setting goals to help others in simple ways that engage your family and help others. Whether it is visiting an older relative or friend, donating to a shelter or those less fortunate, making a meal at the Ronald McDonald House, or any other opportunity on a regular basis that helps others will have a greater impact. Our lives are busy but if we make time every day to model giving a compliment to each other at dinner every night and share our time with those in need, our world will fulfill Jesus' mission and be a much better place! Blessings in 2020,
Miss Michele

Open Houses 2020/21

We are already planning for 2020/2021! Please share the dates of our open houses with friends and family listed below!

Our families are our greatest advertisers!

Thursday, January 16th
1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 22nd
6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 25th
1:00 p.m.

***Private tours available by appointment!**

Current Student Registration for Fall 2020

Our current students who are returning to either threes or fours will receive their registration packets prior to the general public. This allows our current students preference in class placement. Students who will be attending our fours program have the following options:

1. All day pre-k (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
2. Traditional half day (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
3. Five day a week program. (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
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5. Early drop off 8:00 a.m. every day

Your child's teacher is the best person to advise you on the proper placement of your child. I will also have opportunities for our parents of threes to visit the two different four year old programs.

Classroom visits:

*Please schedule a time that you would like to visit a four year old classroom with me. The visit will consist of a brief overview of each program and a visit to the two classrooms.

*Registration forms are entered for placement in the order that they are received. Please return your placement request as soon

Sibling Registration for the Fall of 2020

We are so blessed by the number of families that entrust us with all of their children! Siblings of our current and previous students receive their registration packets in January with our current students. This allows our current students and siblings to receive priority before open enrollment to the general public. Many of our siblings are more than ready to begin their journey at

STNS as they have been dropping off and picking up their siblings for quite some time!

Kindergarten Registration for our Four Year Old's for Fall 2020!

Our four year old's are going to be signing up for kindergarten very soon! All of the area towns and private schools will begin their registration process in January and February. I will be sending home a list of each of the area school districts and Catholic schools with contact information and dates and times of registration. If you are in need of a copy of your child's medical records, please feel free to see me for a copy. Also, if you would like to speak with your child's teacher regarding this decision, please feel free to set up a time to speak with them. Kindergarten is the next step on your child's learning journey and we are here to prepare not only them but you as you take this next step!



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Our school will be closed on Monday, January 20th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In correlation with our celebration of his accomplishments, the children will be reading a picture book of his life as well as corresponding activities. I attended Boston University where Dr. King received his doctoral degree in ministry. In the front of our chapel stands a monument in honor of Dr. King that is comprised of a flock of doves representing the peaceful nature of his intent. The dove is also the symbol of our holy spirit. It is our intent that our children will fulfill and maintain Dr. King's message as well as the message of our savior that we all walk hand in hand together for peace. This is especially poignant during the times that our world is in today. Please share the simple message of peace with your child through your words and actions and Dr. King's dream as well as our savior will come to fruition! As a school we will be making a peace dove with kindness messages to share with others!



Snowman Clothesline

Our January Service Project is a hat and mitten snowman clothesline for the students to pin their donations of hats and mittens on the line. These items will be donated to a family shelter in New Haven. This is another wonderful opportunity to make our children more cognizant of the world around them and how to help those in need! The clothesline will be up soon in the foyer of the building under the statue of St. Therese. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

*A big thank you to our families for all of their cookies, cakes, and time spent helping with our Christmas Pageant Birthday Party!

* Thank you to all of our families for thinking of us at Christmas! Your gifts and more importantly, your kind words are greatly appreciated!

STNS Pasta Dinner!

Planning Meeting: Monday, Jan. 27th 9:15 a.m.



We will be planning our pasta dinner/silent auction on Friday, April 24th. Last year we hosted the event right here in our church hall and what a success! Our proceeds went toward the purchase of a new fleet of cozy coupes for our playground! We all felt right at home and the night was great fun for all of our families! At the meeting we will be establishing our theme for this year. We are so excited to utilize our theme for table settings, decorations, and of course our artwork by the children! Everyone is welcome to join the committee at any time and help from home as well! A letter will be sent out this month with further details to our families and area businesses. Our community businesses have always provided support to this event. Thank you in advance for your support!