



STNS November 2019 Newsletter



Thankful Leaves!

Please be sure to make a family thankful leaf to display on the door frame to our nursery hallway! Directions and a leaf are being sent home next week! Let's fill our school with gratitude!

Dear Families,

As we enter the holiday season beginning with Thanksgiving, we realize how thankful we are for all of the blessings we have in our lives. Our little friends are a constant reminder of how much God blesses us as we look through life with the wonder and awe that they do each and every day. We all succumb to the hustle and bustle of events and holidays. What hold us true is why we are here and how important it is for us to remember to take in and enjoy those moments instead of rushing on to the next and checking it off. Being present

in the mo-

ment and finding one way to remind ourselves and others of the true meaning of the day.

Our faith in our Lord is what brings us to this realization. Instilling this in our children is something we are blessed to share and model.

A wonderful example of this was at the fall festival where our children worked collaboratively with the Social Action Committee of our parish on our kindness pumpkins. Please look for a kindness pumpkin in our parish and our community!

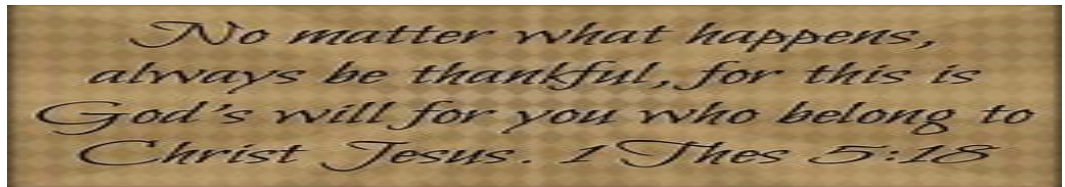
In addition, we are asking

each family to complete a thankful leaf to adorn the door to the nursery school! This too will be sent home in your child's tote bag!

Please take a moment to share how thankful you are on Thanksgiving. This may be as simple as having each guest write what they are thankful for on your child's placemat or pass a thankful pumpkin and do the same.

We are thankful that you have chosen us to guide your family on the first stop on their learning journey!

Happy Thanksgiving,
Miss Michele



STNS School Mass! Save the date!

This year we have another faith opportunity and a new connection to our parish family of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. Our parish of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity is comprised of the three churches in our town, St. Therese, St. Barnabas, and St. Francis Cabrini. We will be having a school mass on Sun-

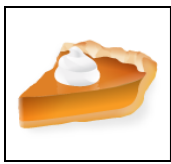
day, December 15th at the 11:00 a.m. mass here at St. Therese. Our families are invited to join us to light the first candle of the Advent wreath! All students and families at STNS are welcome to join us in church at this mass! A small coffee "and" reception will follow

in the parish center with tours of the nursery school for our parish family as well as our school! Thank you for your support! We hope to you will be able to attend the liturgy that exemplifies the reason of the season!



Important dates this month and Sign Up Genius to look for!

- Sign up for conferences for the first week in December!
- Bishop Pie Pick up: Wednesday, November 20th 10:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
- Thanksgiving Feasts:
 - Friday, November 22nd at 11:15 a.m. for Fours
 - Thursday, November 21st at 10:45 a.m. for Threes
- Send in donations of school supplies to be placed on tree in lobby for Trees of Hope for Ronald McDonald House by Thanksgiving!
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Bishop Pie & Bread Fundraiser

Thank you to all of our families for their Bishop Orchard Fundraiser! We are asking all of our parents, both threes and fours, to pick up their orders on that day. Pick up will be in the meeting room of the nursery school. Please try to pick up your order prior to picking up your child at school.

If you would like to help with the fundraiser sort and distribution, please let me know!



Flu Shot Due

Just a reminder!!!!!!!!!!!! You must submit proof of the flu vaccination before you leave for Christmas break! This is a Department of Health requirement for all children in pre-school!

Due to the sensitive nature of these products, they are frozen, all orders must be picked up at this time. Enjoy the delicious baked goods!

Pick up time:

Wednesday, November 20th

10:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

All parents must pick up on this day. Both threes and fours!

Cold Weather!



Please be reminded that as the weather becomes colder, all students should bring a coat, hat, and mittens to school each day! We will be going outside as long as the weather is 32 degrees or above without a wind chill. Many of the students have similar coats, please be sure to label them with your child's name!

If we are going out in the snow, we will send home a note the day prior!

If your child is ill and needs medicine



Please be reminded that cold season is now upon us! We work diligently to wash our hands frequently. Please remember our school illness policy of fever free for 24 hours and gastrointestinal free for the same. If your child has become

ill but is able to return to school fever free for 24 hours and is on medication, please let us know the name of the medication, dosage, and frequency. We will place this in your child's file as a reference in case of any type of reaction to the medication.

Veteran's Day



In honor of Veteran's Day, there will be no school on Monday, November 11th. The children of the nursery school will prepare for this day through stories as well as an art project that we will forward to the Veteran's Hospital in West Haven. In the month of February we

also honor the veterans with "Valentines for Veterans". The children make beautiful Valentine decorations which are hung in the hallways and rooms of the hospital.

If you have a veteran in your family or circle of friends, please ask them if they would like to come in

and visit a classroom and share how they have helped our country! Preserving our patriotism through our young children is insurance for our future!

Thanksgiving Feasts



Each year we gather for our annual Thanksgiving Feast. This is a celebration and presentation The feast around student created food and presentations! Each child is allowed 2 guests for the feast. A sign up genius will be sent home shortly for the remainder! The children will be making corn bread, relish, and butter.

Three Year Olds: 10:45 a.m. on

Thursday, November 15th

*11:30 and 12:30 a pick up students will be dismissed

from the feasts. All day students will return to their classrooms for the remainder of the day.

*Four Year Olds: 11:15 a.m. on Friday, November 22nd

- 12 p.m. Pick up students will remain in school and be brought over to the feast at noon with dismissal from the feast.
- All day students will return to their classroom after the feast with a regular dismissal at 3:00 p.m. They will eat lunch upon their return to the classroom after the feast.

- Five day students will also remain for the entire school day.

Formal invitations will be sent home shortly noting two guests per a child due to space in the hall!

Parents who signed up on the Time and Talent to assist with set up will receive a notice reminding them to arrive for set-up immediately following the drop off of their child at 9:00 a.m. Clean-up parents will also receive a notice for clean up immediately following the feast.

Fall Conferences & Assessments

We will be holding conferences the first week in December. The teachers have used the first few months to acclimate to the children and find a baseline of their knowledge. This assessment covers benchmarks as we have instructed while allowing parents to receive a parent friendly version. You will receive the assessments the week prior.

You will be able to sign up outside your child's classroom. Conferences are 15 minutes in duration and can be in person or via telephone. You will receive an email link from Sign Up Genius to sign up for conferences for our child's teacher shortly!



November Service Project

Each year we participate in the Ronald McDonald House "Trees of Hope" service project. Our theme for our Christmas tree is our mission, "Learning is a journey, not a destination." The children make ornaments for the tree and we ask our families to donate school type items such as glue

sticks, crayons, markers, books, coloring books, and craft items to hang on the tree. The tree is in our foyer for collection and then transferred to the Maritime Center on Long Wharf for display on Thanksgiving weekend.

Families are invited to visit the trees from December 7th through 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 each day!

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Learning is a journey, not a destination!

Yale Child Study!

Join a study with the Social Cognitive Development Lab at Yale here at our school! Letters will be sent home shortly if you would like to participate!

Our History St. Therese Nursery School was established on October 30, 2000. We began with two classrooms, thirty students, and four 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



Snow Policy

Inclement weather will be arriving soon! *New this year! You will receive a request to allow a text from the app REMIND shortly. This will send you a text as soon as a closing or delay is posted!

Snow Policy

Please watch Channel 8 News on the bottom of the screen for: St. Therese Nursery School/ North Haven for the following messages. Closed: No School

No a.m. pre-k: No 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. *All day students arrive at 11:30 a.m. with their lunch.



Early Dismissal: 11:30 a.m. dismissal of all students

*No p.m. class

*No lunch bunch

*You will be called by the school if there is an early dismissal

Hand Washing!

Last but certainly not least! As the cold weather approaches so do colds! The first and most preventative way to avoid this is hand washing! We wash our hands before every meal and every time someone coughs or sneezes! We are also reminding our friends to wash for at least two minutes to eradicate any germs! Please reinforce this at home as well as sneezing into your arm! Please be reminded that if your child is sick and you keep them home, to call the school with their absence and their illness. We keep track of the type in each classroom. Thank you!