



STNS

September 2019 Newsletter



Where Learning is a journey, not a destination!

Welcome back! As we enter year 19 here at St. Therese Nursery School we feel blessed once again to have the support of our families, parish, and community as we serve as the first stop on a child's learning journey. The first week has been a smooth transition for both the children and their families. The crying has subsided and our families had a chance to share the experience as they waited in our meeting room with me shuttling back and forth with updates from the classrooms. Entrusting us with your most precious gift is overwhelming at best.

We are here to listen and guide you through this early childhood journey! Be sure to contact myself or your child's teacher with any questions or concerns. Communication is the key to any collaboration and together we comprise a team in your child's learning journey. If your child shares a part of their day that you want more information than their three or four year old can articulate, reach out to us! We have experienced and heard just about everything in the past 19 years and want both you and your child to feel comfortable at school. You can use my email at madinolfi70@gmail.com or your child's teacher's email if we are beyond school hours.

Each year we embrace a school wide mission. Last year our families and staff wrote our school prayer. As you can see each day when you enter, we have a prayer banner to welcome and remind us that encompasses our school mission. This year our prayer will serve as our template for our mission. Our children will be reciting the prayer daily in morning meeting. I have attached another copy in this newsletter for your family. Each newsletter will provide information on how we set out to accomplish our mission!

There are many exciting happenings planned for the upcoming year that I will share through our newsletter! Thank you again for joining us on this journey!

In God's Peace,
Miss Michele

Upcoming Events!!

Volunteer Training:

Wed. Sept. 18th
6-9 p.m.

Fall Festival

Meeting:

Tuesday, Sept.
24th 9:30 a.m.

Four Year Old

Field Trip

Friday, Oct. 4th
1:00 p.m.

Rose's Orchard

Fall Festival

Saturday, Oct.
26th 11:00 to 3:00
p.m.

School Pictures

Tuesday, Nov. 5th
Wednesday, Nov. 6th





St. Therese Nursery School Playgroup!

If you have a younger sibling or have friends with children ages two through five that do not attend an early childhood program, we offer a playgroup twice a month here at STNS. Under the direction of Miss Michele and a teacher assistant, we walk through the routine of an early childhood classroom with a focus on transitions, directions, and play interaction. If you are interested in registering for playgroup, a packet is attached to this email. Please feel free to see Miss Michele with any questions!

**Playgroup meets two Thursdays a month from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. October through May!*

**A registration form is attached to this email.*



Like us on Facebook!

Watch us grow with our Facebook posts on school happenings! All pictures of children are of back of heads, hands, or feet! This is another great way to talk about what's happening in our classrooms!

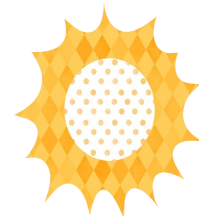
***Write a Recommendation on us while you are there!**

Parish News!

St. Therese Nursery School is a part of the parish of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity which serves all of North Haven! The parish is comprised of three churches, St. Therese Church, St. Barnabas Church, and St. Francis Cabrini. We are led by our Pastor, Father Michael Santiago. In addition, Father Joseph Napolitano serves our parish with the support of our Deacons, Deacon Ernie Scrivani, Deacon Ron Bicknell, and Deacon Steve Bilodeau. Deacon Ernie works for the Archdiocese and works Mondays here in our parish. He will frequently stop by on a Monday to share a story with our children. Deacon Ernie has established a Deacon Ernie library to draw from! In addition, Father Santiago will stop by to greet our families and visit our children during the week and our events! You may also meet Deacon Ron and Deacon Steve at our events as well!

Each Monday and Tuesday I will send home parish bulletins from the previous weekend! You can also visit our parish website at www.stelizabethofthetrinity.org for more information on our parish! Our mass schedule is also located on the bulletin and the website! All are welcome!

Calling all volunteers! Required Volunteer Training!



All parents who visit our classroom must complete a Virtus training called "Protecting God's Children" per Archdiocesan regulations. This is a brief training for all employees and volunteers within the Archdiocese to protect our youth. If you are planning on volunteering in any capacity in our school, you must attend a training. If you are unable to attend this date, I have attached a list of upcoming trainings at other locations. Coffee "and" will be provided! Thank you for

your assistance and please see me with any questions!

Virtus Training Date:

Wednesday, September 18th

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

*The training will be held in the meeting room at the parish center.



School pictures by David Frost Photography will be held on Tuesday, November 5th and Wednesday, November 6th. Order forms will be sent home shortly! They will be in for Thanksgiving!

STNS Fall Festival

Our annual fall festival will be held on the back lawn of the school on Saturday, October 26th from 11-3. This event has transformed into quite a day for all ages! We have a hayride, pumpkin patch, bouncy house, food vendor, apple and pumpkin donuts, and much more! New this year will be community organizations related to our school and parish community! This is an enormous task that can not be done without help from our families!

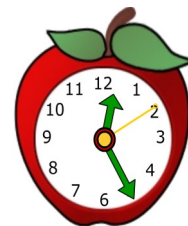
If you are interested in helping, please attend the first planning meeting on:

Tuesday, Sept. 24th!

9:30 a.m.

*If you can't attend the meeting but would like to help even on the day of, please let me know!!!!!!





A.M. Routine of Staff and Families

As we acclimate to the new year, I always like to keep our parents aware of the routines that are unique to our program. Our school day begins at 8:55 a.m. for most of our families with early drop off at 8:00 for a few as well! Each morning I will unlock the front door of our building at 8:45 a.m. to allow families to wait in the foyer or meeting room. There are children's books available in the library next to my office if you would like share with your child as you wait. In the nursery our staff gathers each morning in the hallway for a brief staff meeting of the days events, information on children, and most importantly a prayer and intentions for the day. Beginning our day with prayer as a staff renews us spiritually for the day ahead. At 8:55 I will open the door to the nursery which remains locked until that time to maintain the security of those early drop off children.

STNS Walking Club!

Many of our families our new to our program and even our community! In an effort for our families to get to know one another while getting in some exercise, I invite our parents, grandparents, and caregivers to meet informally in the foyer at 9:10 each day for a walk around our neighborhood! Some families have younger siblings in carriages that can join in as well! If you are interested, see me in the foyer at arrival and I will give you directions! Happy walking!



Pampered Chef Fundraiser



One of our mom's, Julie Villanueva is a Pampered Chef consultant! She is hosting a fundraiser for our school over the next week or so! I have sent home a flyer and will be attaching another one to this newsletter! Please feel free to contact her with any questions! As always, all fundraiser are voluntary! Last year we purchased a new fleet of cozy coupes that have recently arrived and are being assembled! Our pastor Father Santiago will be blessing them upon completion for safe riding! Please contact myself or Julie with any questions! Thank you in advance for your support!

Parent Helpers!

Each year we ask our families to help in a way that fits their time and talent! You may be able to help on a committee, in a classroom, for a school event, or even something at home! Everyone has a talent to share! In the past we have had a mom who was an x ray technician share x rays, a nurse share about working at the hospital, a dad share his tow truck, a tile layer brought in broken tile pieces to make mosaic art, and even a mom who was in a German dancing troop! One grandmother came in and cooked with the students!

Please note that if you sign up to help in the classroom for a holiday event, we try to be equitable by splitting up the holidays between parents. For example, if you are chosen as a parent helper for Halloween, another set of parents will help with Valentine's Day.

**Last year we added a Kindness Committee! This served as a way for our students to help with service projects such as kindness pumpkins that we placed around town!*

I am excited to announce that we will establish a committee to help with our service projects both in and out of school!





Jean days at STNS!

You may notice on a Thursday or Friday, our staff in blue jeans! As a staff has chosen this as our staff service project. We are making a donation to Ronald McDonald House, a children's charity that is close to our heart!



**SAINT THERESE
Nursery School**

Saint Therese Nursery School Prayer

***Loving God, thank you for
showing us the way to St. Therese Nursery
School.***

***This is where our faith journey begins with our
teachers instilling love and patience into our pre-
cious hearts.***

May we all be loving and kind each and every day.

***Bless our parish and school community, together
we create love and unity.***

***Here at STNS we learn all about God's love
where learning is a journey, not a destination.***

