



WELCOME BACK TITANS!



Our students are all smiles as they reconnect on the blacktop for the new school year!

Greetings St Theresa Families!



The '25-'26 school year is here! It's a pleasure to see familiar faces again and exciting to meet new families. A warm welcome to you all! We are going to have a great year working together to support our cherished St. Theresa School.

The St. Theresa Parents' Club harnesses "parent power" to raise funds for the school and organize volunteering. There are a multitude of ways to support our teachers, staff, and students during the school year. I'm always amazed and delighted by the diverse gifts within our parent community; for every ability, there is a volunteer opportunity!

Volunteering at St. Theresa when we were a new family truly helped us to feel invested in the school right away. Three years later, our daughter Francesca is in 3rd grade. Gloria is in 4th grade; our son Eddie is in 5th grade, and our oldest daughter Evelyn is in 7th grade. My husband, Joe, is an attorney, and I am a stay at home mom and artist. We're so grateful for a place where our kids can all be at school together, and we love all the opportunities for gathering with other St. T families, from CYO games to Rise and Shine mass, and more.

There is so much to look forward to at the beginning of each school year, but this year is extra special as it is St. Theresa parish's 100th jubilee! Stay tuned for religious and social celebrations happening throughout the year. **I especially hope to see everyone at the St. Theresa Jubilee Gala and Auction on October 25th** to celebrate the history of the school and parish and to continue building our future together.

As I look forward to this year, I meditate on our patroness's admonition to do small things with great love. It's amazing to see how everyone's contributions of time and effort, big and small, make St. Theresa School such a special place to be. Let's have a great year!

Gabrielle Rose

St. Theresa Parents' Club President 2025-2026



MEET THE TEAM!

Introducing the 2025-2026 Parents' Club Team! The St. Theresa Parents' Club plays a vital role in important school initiatives and operations throughout the school year. Our STPC leaders donate their time and talents to ensure our committees run smoothly each year. Want to know more about how each committee serves our school? Visit our [website at www.sttheresabenefit.com](http://www.sttheresabenefit.com).

Officers:

Parliamentarian - Shannon Ciston

President - Gabrielle Rose

Vice President - Galiana Fajardo

Secretary - Francisca Maertens

Finance - Katie Bowman

Fundraising - Sophia Kassab

Committees:

Ambassadors Families - Colleen Neunuebel and Cherisse Harper

Daily Lunch - Aiyana Johnson and Galiana Fajardo

Emergency Preparedness - Paul Giuliano (seeking a co-lead)

Garden - Brian Potts

Health Screening - Craig Stroope

Hospitality - Emily Tolosa and Katherine Boyer

Room Parents - Luz Padro

STAR (Staff & Teacher Appreciation) - Mary Lesser and Victoria Bond

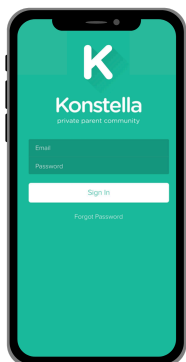
Traffic Duty - Caitlin Mitchell and Kelly Kreutter

Used Uniforms - Francisca Hamilton and Malou Cruz

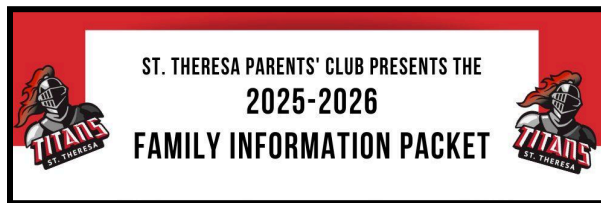
Volunteer Coordinator - John O'Sullivan

2025 Auction Chairs - Cassandra O'Gara, Cherisse Harper, Jillian Peralta and Sophia Kassab

Check out this year's Family Information Packet, prepared by the Parents' Club. This resource is packed with information to support current and new families as you kick off your school year. We hope you find this guide helpful. A link to this file is posted in Konstella under "More" in "Links and Folders", or you can click [here](#).



Konstella 2025-2026 is LIVE! Did you receive the info you need to sign on and move your families into your 2025-2026 classrooms? By doing so you can participate in class chats, receive important notices about upcoming events and programs, sign up to volunteer, join special groups such as "St. T Babysitters" and "Land's End Promo Codes" and lots more. If you need assistance with getting set up on Konstella, please reach out to STPC Secretary Francisca Maertens at francisca.maertens@gmail.com.





STUDENTS: SUBMIT YOUR SPIRIT SHIRT DESIGNS!

**SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY FOR OUR
2025-2026 TITAN SPIRIT DAY
T-SHIRT DESIGN
CONTEST!**

ALL GRADES

**ARTWORK DEADLINE
SEPT. 15TH!**

THEME: WE ARE TITAN STRONG!

**WINNER'S DESIGN WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO
THIS YEAR'S SPIRIT DAY SHIRTS!**

Important details:

- Design must be received by **September 15th, 5:00 p.m.**
 - **Make sure to Include:**
 - Your Interpretation of our Titan Knight Image/logo
 - This year's dates: **Spirit Days 2025-2026**
 - Tagline: **We Are Titan Strong**
 - Will be printed in single color/black so design can't rely on color printing
 - Design may be adjusted to fit the printable area of our shirts
 - Design tip: your artwork will be printed in either black on a light background or white on a dark background.
 - Cannot include graphic language or imagery, images referring to drugs, alcohol or violence/weapons, or otherwise offensive material
 - Digital designs can be sent to sttheresabenefit@gmail.com.
 - Hard copy designs can be dropped off at the front desk.
 - Make sure to include your first and last name and grade on your work.
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VOLUNTEERING 101



Central to the St. Theresa Parents' Club's mission is to organize parent volunteers to provide essential services and support school programs. The St. Theresa community is enriched by the generosity of our families and through our strong spirit of volunteerism. Here are the basics to help you take advantage of our many volunteering opportunities:

What are the prerequisites? Livescan | Virtus! - Before signing up for volunteer positions where you will be in contact with students, you must complete two important steps. **Livescan fingerprinting (1 time)** and **online VIRTUS training (renew every three years)** are necessary if volunteering in the classroom setting or if you will be responsible for kids (ex., driving). Virtus fingerprinting will be available at school September 21st, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sign up for a fingerprinting appointment [via this link](#). If you do not get your Livescan fingerprints done at St. Theresa, you can get them at the various Livescan locations in Oakland - locations can be found on oag.ca.gov/fingerprints/locations.

What are the requirements?

Traffic Duty: 4 shifts for the first child, 3 additional shifts for families with more than one child, for a maximum of 7 shifts.

Once you have signed up for a shift, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. The penalty fee for a missed shift is \$25.

Event Center Duty: 3 shifts per family

Once you have signed up for a shift, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. The penalty fee for a missed shift is \$75.

Annual Fundraising Programs: Volunteer a minimum of 5 hours to support the Annual Auction and other fundraising programs.

Where do I find sign-ups? All volunteer opportunities are posted on Konstella.

Our first used uniform sale will be held in STEP on Wednesday August 27th from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. If you wish to submit a pre-order form, you can do so [via this link](#). For pricing and more details, [visit this Konstella post](#). You may donate your used uniforms by dropping your items off at STEP prior to the sale. **The Used Uniform team is also seeking donations of paper shopping bags and hangers.** Thank you for shopping at the Parent's Club Used Uniform Sale! **All proceeds from the sale benefit St. Theresa School.**





CELEBRATE ST. T's!

Auction Tickets and Information



Save the Date!

St. Theresa Parish and School are thrilled to announce a momentous occasion: our 2025 Jubilee Gala and Auction, scheduled for **October 25th**. This special event will commemorate a century of unwavering faith, profound love, and dedicated service within our cherished St. Theresa parish and school community.

A Real Swell Affair!

Join us October 25th for a soiree that'll be nothing short of the cat's pajamas! Your night will include a **reception** and **silent auction**, a fabulous **dinner** buffet and **drinks**, **games**, **raffles** and **prizes**, and an exciting **program** and **live auction** hosted by the one and only Warrior's Hype Man ~ **FRANCO FINN!** Come one, come all, this will be a night to remember.

Auction Fun Made Easy!

Take the fast lane with these streamlined packages: the **BUNDLE** is back! Get Teachers Treats, Spirit Shirts, Black & White Photos, and Free Dress Passes with one click, and enjoy sensational savings! And join the **Titan Family Circle** of sponsors and get (2) all-inclusive event tickets, satisfy your auction dues, attend our pre-event reception, host wine for your dinner table, and receive copious kudos!

Your Auction Checklist

- ☒ Save the date ~ Oct. 25!
- ☒ Fulfill auction dues by Oct. 6th!
- ☒ Purchase vent tickets by Oct. 16th!
- ☒ Sign up to volunteer!
- ☒ Attend the big bash on Oct. 25th!

Visit the Auction Website

Find all event details and purchase your tickets HERE:



Submit Your Donation Online!

This year, submit your item donation info online right HERE!



WHAT'S COMING UP:

SEPT. 19TH - HEY EARLY BIRDS!

- DONATE FOR A FREE DRESS PASS
- EARLY BIRD TICKET PRICING

OCT. 6TH - FINAL DATE TO DONATE!

- DONATE AN ITEM, CASH, PARTY OR SPONSORSHIP

OCT. 16TH - TICKET SALES CLOSE!

- BE THERE FOR THE BIG NIGHT!

More info: www.sttheresabenefit.com



PARTY FOR A CAUSE!

[Purchase Party Tickets HERE!](#)



Sept. 6th!

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME!

Back-To School Pool Party!

Celebrate the end of summer with a pool party at the Goldings! Kids will enjoy the large swimming pool, diving board, inflatable slide, ping pong, and more. Adults can relax with delicious food and drinks while the kids have fun. It's the perfect way to savor those last days of summer as we head back to school!

Party Hosts: The Golding & Strudwick Families



Shanghai Nights!

Welcome to Shanghai Nights, an unforgettable evening inspired by the glamour and mystique of 1930s Shanghai! Step into a world of dazzling lights, classic jazz, and the thrill of high-stakes fun. Don your finest attire as you enjoy elegant gambling tables where you can try your luck at blackjack, poker, and roulette, all while savoring a selection of delectable cuisine and expertly crafted cocktails. Enjoy the bar serving classic drinks with a modern twist. Join us for a night of indulgence, laughter, and excitement at The Strudwick's home!

Adults only.

Party Host: The Strudwick Family

Sept. 20th!



RETAIL FUNDRAISING & SERVICES

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Good Eggs is offering an easy way to raise funds for our school. Shop with Good Eggs to give back to St. Theresa! Order from Good Eggs and enter our school's code **GoodEggsForStTheresa**

at checkout and 5% of your order's total value will be donated back to St. T's!! This promotion code is good year-round so don't forget to use our promo code at checkout any time you shop with Good Eggs.

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FUNDRAISING

'Back-to-School' ON SALE



Mabel's Labels Supports St. Theresa!

Shop for the school labels you need for your uniforms and supplies, and St. Theresa benefits from your purchase!

1. Click the Mabel's Labels link or go to <https://mabelslabels.com/fundraising/support>.
2. Search "St. Theresa Parents' Club".
3. Order your uniform labels and 20% of your purchase goes back to St. Theresa, directly benefitting our school!
4. Shop the sale! Mabel's school label combo packs are now 25% off!



BABYSITTING

The St. Theresa Parents' Club is updating our contact list of current student and alum babysitters offering their services to current St. Theresa families. If your current or alumni student wants to be included on this list, please fill out this form and we would be delighted to include them on our list!

Your entries in this form will **only** be shared with parents who are currently members of the St. Theresa School via Konstella. Thanks for participating!

[Babysitting Info Form Link](#) | [Visit Good Eggs](#) | [Visit Minted](#) | [Visit Mabel's Labels](#)



St. T's Spirit Gear Shop is All Stocked Up!

With CYO seasons starting soon, you'll be heading to cheer on our Titans in no time! What better way to show your **Titan pride** than by sporting our colors at an upcoming meet, game or match? Check out our [Spirit Gear Store right here](#) for shirts, hoodies, hats, and more. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our gear, email sttheresabenefit@gmail.com. Friendly reminder: **Students may only wear spirit gear on campus during free dress days.**

PARENTS' CLUB 411

Want to know more about what Parent's Club does? The St. Theresa Parents' Club plays a vital role in important school initiatives and operations throughout the school year. By volunteering on an STPC committee, you can make a meaningful contribution to our school! Please consider getting involved for the 2025-2026 school year. Here's a summary of our STPC committees. Interested in getting involved? Reach out to Gabrielle Rose via Konstella. Here's an overview of our committees:



Ambassadors Families – Working with Room Parent Coordinators, identify and recruit parents to serve as Ambassadors for incoming new students to help acclimate them to the St Theresa community.

Daily Lunch – Coordinate volunteer servers via Konstella to serve hot lunch daily; assist in keeping a stock of emergency snacks.

Emergency Preparedness/Facilities – Monitor and maintain emergency supplies for staff/ students stored in the school's cargo bin. Support Principal and staff with safety initiatives, earthquake drills, etc. and recruit volunteers as needed. Recruit volunteers to support campus workdays initiated by the Parent Board Facilities Chair.

Garden – Oversee general cultivation initiatives and maintenance of the planter beds behind the library; support teachers with integration of gardening activities into curriculum; recruit volunteers to help with garden maintenance as necessary.

Health Forms and Health Screening – Ensure all required health screenings are successfully completed for our students. These screenings include MCT Vision, Scoliosis, and Hearing. Recruit volunteers to help with screenings.



Hospitality – Coordinate social events for parents (morning coffee socials, coffee for Halloween Parade, etc). Provide hospitality for accreditation team visit in October.

Room Parents Coordinator – Recruit and implement the Room Parent program for grades TK-8 for the school year, maintain contact with teachers and room parents throughout the year to ensure that the program is running smoothly, communicate with STAR coordinator for Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, and assist Volunteer Coordinator to ensure volunteer opportunities and commitments are being fulfilled.

STAR (Staff & Teacher Appreciation) – Administer the STAR budget, rewarding teachers and staff at least twice a year (Christmas and end of year), recognize Staff and Teacher birthdays and organize Teacher Appreciation Week. STAR Committee resource: Teacher and Staff Favorite Things

Traffic Duty – Work with the Volunteer Coordinator to manage daily parking lot traffic duty, determine the annual commitment for families, and ensure tracking and appropriate billing for unfulfilled commitments as specified in the annual contract.

Used Uniforms – Collect, sort and sell used St. Theresa Uniforms with help from parent volunteers. Hold 2-3 “used uniform” sales per year, typically summer, back to school and mid-year. Proceeds from used uniform sales benefit the St. Theresa Parents' Club fundraising goals.

Volunteer Coordinator – Ensure that volunteer requirements and opportunities are posted, ensure that hours are tracked, keep parents informed of their compliance with required volunteer hours (traffic, event center, etc.)



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