



St. Theresa Leads!



Our 2021-2022 Student Leadership Team and 2021 Cross Country Champs!

It's hard to believe we are well into Fall and the holiday season will soon be upon us! From our morning assemblies on the blacktop and CYO Sports to the Parish Festival and the upcoming Halloween Parade, our St. Theresa community life is returning to a new normal, and for that we are so grateful.

Parents' Club wants to thank everyone who has stepped up to volunteer in some form already this year, and there are surely too many of you to name. From traffic duty, coaching, garden work days, used uniform sales, parent coffees, Board meetings, fundraising programs, picture days, festival booth coordination, room parenting...the list goes on and on. Your generous efforts are a true testament to what makes our St. Theresa community so special.

Welcome to our Parents' Club Vice-President, Michelle Parise (Michael, K). Michelle volunteered after my appeal at Back to School night. She quickly activated the used uniform flash sale, which helped out many families needing uniforms. Thank you Michelle!

WCEA (Western Catholic Educational Association) accreditation begins today. Ms. O., our teachers and staff are in our prayers. They have been working tirelessly over many months to complete our WCEA accreditation. The Parents' Club Hospitality team and volunteers will be providing meals for the WCEA team starting today through Wednesday.



STPC VP Michelle Parise

We also pray for Fr. Bob's recovery and look forward to welcoming him back from his leave. Finally we continue to pray for our inspiring students as they grow into future leaders here at St. T.'s!

Tracey Silva
STPC President



FALL TRIMESTER TOP STORIES

Join Us for our Annual Halloween Parade and Parent Coffee!

Our Halloween parade is scheduled for October 28th directly after assembly and we hope you will join us to snap photos and catch up over coffee and Halloween treats with fellow St. Theresa parents. We look forward to seeing you all there! A special thanks to Macy Cornell (Ruby, 1st) for organizing goodies!



The Parents' Club Congratulates our Titan Cross Country Team!



What a season! Our St. Theresa Cross Country team proudly closed the 2021 season with First and Fifth place girls' championships! We are so proud of the hard work our student athletes put in to make our Cross Country season such a success. Special thanks to Head **Coach Tish** for an amazing year and her dedication to our teams. And thank you to our parent coaches: **Denise E., Dewane B., Kevin H., Matt K., Daniel C., Noelle M., Amanda C., Mary D., Eric H.** (XC race coordinator), **Jennie C.** (XC communications). Next up: **Girl's Volleyball and Boy's Basketball League Play kick off November 6th!**

Season Results:

Grade 3-5 Girls (First Place): Chang-Yi, Lucia, and Emma

Grade 6-8 Girls (Fifth Place): Lucy, Scarlett, Aoibhla

Grade 3-5 Boys: 10th place

Grade 6-8 Boys: 18th place

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

CYO is back in full swing, and what better way to show your **Titan pride** 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, contact Sophia Kassab on Konstella. Friendly reminder: Students may only wear spirit gear on campus during free dress days.





STPC Committee Highlight - STAR COMMITTEE



Did you know: each year, our Parent's Club STAR (St. T's Reward And Recognition) Committee is tasked with providing our wonderful teachers and staff with acknowledgement for their hard work? STAR typically offers teachers and staff tokens of appreciation at least twice a year (Christmas and end of year), and also recognizes staff and teacher birthdays and organizes our Teacher Appreciation Week. The STAR program is underwritten by Parents' Club funds that our families have generously donated, so STAR gifts truly are from YOU! As we approach the holiday

season, our STAR committee, led by **Denise Ebright** (Cody, 5th) and **Jessica Widjaja Sugiarto** (Evelyn, 3rd), is gearing up for Christmas gifting! We look forward to sharing more details about the treats STAR has planned for our teachers and staff this season.

Speaking of the Holidays...

Ho Ho Ho! Our Christmas Wine Cellar Collection is Underway!

Last year's Christmas Instant Wine Cellar benefit was a great success, so we will do it again! We are getting a jump on building our cellar prize. Want to donate a bottle or two? Please fill out [this form](#) to let us know the details. Got questions, or want to help coordinate this year's Wine Cellar program? Contact Sophia Kassab via Konstella.



St. Theresa Bookworms: great job on the Read-a-thon!



And a big thank you to all readers who logged an amazing **217,255** pages over three weeks making our Read-a-thon a big success! We also raised close to **\$26,000** in funds that will support academic excellence, enrichment programs, and important school initiatives

throughout the year. We appreciate the generosity of our community during this year's Read-a-thon, and hope our Titan bookworms discovered a new favorite book along the way.

Final winner announcements coming soon!



Last chance to Grab Your 2021-2022 Free Dress Passes!

Last call to purchase your **2021-2022 school year free dress passes!** Dress pass **sales end October 28th** so don't delay ~ secure your passes today! Passes can be purchased [here](#). Dress passes will be sent home in backpacks the week of November 1st. The Free Dress pass enables your student to skip wearing their school uniform on these five designated days during the 2021-2022 school year:

- **November 10, December 9, 2021**
- **January 13, February 17, and March 24, 2022**



The St. Theresa Community Cookbook Sale Continues!

Filled with family recipes shared by our school families, Parish members and community supporters, our community cookbook is sure to provide you with new cooking inspiration for any occasion. Shop for the cookbook online [here](#). To order your cookbook offline, contact Sophia Kassab at so.campodonico@gmail.com.

Special thanks to Carrie Buckley (Carter, 5th) for spearheading the production of our cookbook.

The Fall Festival was Fantastic!

October 3rd's Fall Festival celebrating our patron saint, St. Theresa, featured great weather, awesome booth games, great food and drink, and fabulous live music. Thanks to all the families who came out and enjoyed the festivities and a special thank you to our **hard-working room parents** for coordinating our game booths. The competition was fierce out there and our kids had a blast. Looking forward to next year!





Coming Soon: Our 2021-2022 St. Theresa Family Directory

Parents' Club is working on a 2021-2022 School Directory. This is a great resource to keep in contact with families in all grades. Thanks to Parents' Club Secretary **Jen Lo** (Emery, 7 and Ashby, 5) for leading this project.

St. Theresa Mardi Gras Virtual Auction Sneak Peak

Greetings from Auction Chairs **Macy Cornell** (Ruby, 1) and **Katrina Ong** (Olivia, K)! We are looking forward to officially kicking off auction season when we return from Christmas break. However, we are actively welcoming early sponsorship commitments and accepting auction items now! If you are interested in making a contribution, feel free to submit auction item information [here](#), or use these links for [donations](#) and [sponsorships](#). Much more information about this year's auction program will be shared in the weeks to come.



Save the Date:

February 14th - Silent Auction Opens!

February 26th - Virtual Live Auction Event!

Are you interested in joining the auction team? We are seeking a parent volunteer to help coordinate the **Cash Sweepstakes - a.k.a. The Cash Raffle!** Raffle planning expert Tracey Silva has offered to coach you on the details, and our committee Chairs are ready and willing to support by setting up the raffle website and helping to write up marketing communications, making this role not too big of an undertaking. Please contact Macy (macymcornell@gmail.com) or Katrina (katrina_ong@hotmail.com) if you are interested!





St. Theresa Parents' Club 411

Want to know more about what Parent's Club does? Here's a summary of our STPC committees. Interested in getting involved? Reach out to Tracey Silva 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.

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 **(open position available to partner with current lead)**.

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. **(parent with green thumb needed - open position available)**.

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. **(open position available to partner with current lead)**.

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 fund **(open position available to partner with current lead)**.

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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