



Thank you St. Theresa Parents!



Parent volunteers show their Titan spirit in service to our community.

Greetings Titan Families!

On behalf of St. Theresa Parents' Club, I'm sending a post-Thanksgiving note of gratitude to the parents who gave the gift of time and energy to our school during recent work days. Parents restored the garden, rehung basketball hoops, serviced our heating system, cleaned up play areas, cleaned out used uniforms, overhauled our emergency supplies, and more. Check out more details below.

The School Board and Parents' Club are helping with the Service Learning project as well. Students are modeling our Learning Expectations to be *Contributing Citizens* and will collect funds and create Christmas stockings to hold gift cards for recent immigrant families in need of support. We celebrate these examples of service in our school culture.

The Parents' Club is thrilled to announce the return of our **in-person auction on February 12th** at the **Sequoyah Country Club** in Oakland. With this quick pivot back to a live event, our auction team is hard at work planning our fundraiser to ensure there will be lots for you to buy and bid on to support our school. We hope you've had a chance to review the Auction packet that went home on Wednesday, and watched our brief video outlining the importance of our fundraising efforts. If not, check out all the links and details below and **join us to make this year's auction a tremendous success!**

We wish all our St. Theresa teachers, staff and families a truly blessed and joy-filled Christmas season.

Tracey Silva
STPC President



FALL TRIMESTER TOP STORIES



Monday December 6th ~ join us for some holiday cheer!

Let's celebrate the season with some hot coffee and goodies.

The Parents' Club invites you to linger at drop off in the morning on **Monday, December 6th**. We will be offering hot coffee and yummy macarons from the newly opened Miette bakeshop in Montclair.

The STAR Committee is getting busy!

'Tis the season for the STAR committee to shine!

With Christmas break just around the corner, the STAR committee is as busy as Santa's workshop! **Denise Ebright** (Cody, 5th) and **Jessica Widjaja Sugiarto** (Evelyn, 3rd) are preparing some truly special acknowledgments on your behalf for our wonderful teachers and staff. Through our STAR program, the STPC uses funds collected from our community to ensure each of our teachers and staff receive a gift in recognition of how deeply we appreciate all they do for our kids throughout the school year.



Don't forget to grab your Christmas Wine Cellar tickets!

You might just win our ever-expanding wine cellar, *currently* valued at almost \$1,200! Some cellar standouts: a lovely 2016 Stag's Leap Cab and a festive Iron Horse Blanc de Blanc sparkling ~ perfect to toast the new year! You can purchase your Instant Wine Cellar tickets right [HERE](#), and also share the link with friends and family so they can grab a chance to win as well. Due to your generous donations of wine, 100% of the proceeds benefit our school.



Need Bigger Uniform Sizes for your sprouting student?

The Parents' Club is planning to host another used uniform sale before the end of the year! Keep an eye out for date and location announcements coming soon.





PARENTS' CLUB GETS THE JOB DONE!

Over this past term, our Board and Parents' Club organized volunteers, rolled up sleeves and got to work in service to the school. We know you've been putting in the time on traffic duty, class parenting, CYO coaching and more and it shows! As a parent community we've [tracked](#) **over 1,200 hours** of volunteer time supporting our faculty, staff and students. Here are a couple of the special projects our wonderful parent volunteers completed in recent weeks.

Emergency Supplies Get a Refresh:

Ever wondered what is stored in that container next to the science lab? No, it's not the results of our middle schoolers' experiments in Ms. Rinehart's classroom - it's our stock of emergency supplies! Did you know that we keep an extensive inventory of items our staff and students might need if they have to shelter on campus for an extended time? That includes first aid materials, drinking water, non perishable food, batteries, walkie talkies, safety lighting, and even an emergency generator with fuel. And that's just a small sample of what we've got stocked. **Emergency Preparedness Lead Paul Giuliano** (Margaux, K) and a group of hard working volunteers spent a recent Sunday going over inventory, refreshing supplies, noting needed new purchases and planning improvements to how the container is organized and secured so that our staff and students will be properly supplied if the need arises. Thanks team!



Facilities Work Day shows campus pride!

On a recent Saturday, Board Facilities Chairs **Carlos Palacios** (Camilla, 3rd/Carlos, 1st) and **Quinn Hennig-Hance** (Collin, 3rd/Declan/K) led an energetic group of parents to complete some important campus maintenance and improvement tasks including: servicing our HVAC system, reinstalling the basketball hoops on the blacktop, and performing general campus cleanup work. Quinn and Carlos made sure there were plenty of refreshments to keep volunteers properly fueled, and the team made quite a productive day of it. And, it's great to see our kids shooting hoops on the blacktop again!



2022 VALENTINE'S WINTER AUCTION

FEBRUARY 12TH
SEQUOYAH COUNTRY CLUB

Auction Season is officially in full swing!!

Greetings from our 2021-2022 Auction Committee! By now we hope you have had a chance to look over the materials sent home this week and saw the exciting announcement that we are currently planning our 2022 Valentine's Winter Auction at the **Sequoyah Country Club** in Oakland on **February 12th!** We are so excited to be making plans to gather as a community in support of St. Theresa!

What better way to kick off auction season than by taking a few minutes to reflect on why fundraising is so important to the quality education our kids receive here at St. T's! Board Co-President Berni Guttman (Bernard, 3rd/ Anna-Cecilia, 1st) and STPC President Tracey Silva (Jacob, 4th) offer a clear overview of the direct benefit our students receive through your generous giving to the auction [in this video](#). Please take a few minutes to watch and then don't hesitate to reach out to Tracey and Berni with any follow-up questions.

Our auction packet sent home on Wednesday is jam-packed with handy details all about this year's auction program and how you can get involved in our most important fundraiser of the year. You can also find all this information, and all the latest news and updates on our [AUCTION WEBSITE!](#) You can access the auction page via our school's website ~ the link is front and center on our [landing page](#). Thank you in advance for supporting our 2022 Valentine's Winter Auction!



Join us at the Sequoyah Country Club on February 12th!



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.

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. **(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.)



St. Theresa Parents' Club Newsletter

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