

Welcome St. Theresa Families



We're so excited to be back on the blacktop!

Welcome new and returning families of the St. Theresa School Community! I enjoyed meeting many new families for the first days of school. It was wonderful to see returning families and once again experience prayer, pledge and announcements with our children on the blacktop! Being able to celebrate Mass as a community was extra special on Saturday, as well.

The St. Theresa Parents Club invites all parents, new and returning, to share your talents with our community. We have a terrific group of parents leading our committees. We still need a couple of people in key roles, including Vice-President. A little bit of time and energy goes a long way to supporting our wonderful teachers and staff. I would love to talk with you about getting involved in STPC.

We hope this quarterly newsletter helps you keep up on what is happening with Parents' Club. It's going to be a great year!

Tracey	Silva
STPC P	resident



WHAT'S COMING UP FALL TRIMESTER TOP STORIES

Introducing Your '21-'22 St. Theresa Parents' Club!

Our roster of Parents' Club officers and committee leads are just about set and ready to serve to make this school year fun and fantastic! You can find the <u>list</u> of parents filling Parents' Club positions here on our <u>Parents' Club page</u>. You may notice that now lots of Parents' Club information can be found right on our school's main website. We've been busy over the summer expanding the Parents' Club presence on the site so that you have an easy one-stop spot to find details about <u>fundraising</u>, <u>volunteering</u> and more.

Speaking of Volunteering...

Have you been wondering how you can both fulfill your mandatory volunteer hours *and* be a part of making this school year the best ever!? Great news! We have loads of opportunities for you to pitch in. Why not join a Parents' Club committee and learn the STPC ropes? See the committee descriptions below for more info.

For all you party animals out there ~ whether we go live or remain virtual, this year's auction on February 26th is sure to be quite a bash! If you want to help make it happen, why not join our auction committee. We've got lots of jobs of all sizes so there's certain to be a great spot for you! We have an immediate need for:



- ★ Photographer (1) & Coordinators (2) If you love our B&W Student Photos and want to make sure we can continue that tradition, consider signing up to capture student photos this year, and manage photo production and distribution
- ★ Graphic design (1) Help design our event logo!

To find out more about getting involved, visit our <u>Parents' Club page</u>, or contact Tracey Silva through Konstella.



St. T's Spirit Gear is back!

Start your St T's year off right by showing off your Titan pride! Check out our new Spirit Gear Store <u>right here</u> for shirts, hoodies, hats, and more. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our gear, contact Sophia Kassab (Fundraising Chair) at Konstella. Friendly reminder: Students may only wear spirit gear on campus during free dress days.



Announcing the Titan Fall Read-a-Thon!

Our second annual Read-a-thon kicks off October 4th and runs until October 22nd so keep an eye out for lots more announcements and information about how to participate. In addition to raising important funds for the school, this year's reading bonanza will feature weekly class



competitions, cool rewards, and bigger prizes! Stay tuned! If you are interested in lending a hand with the read-a-thon this year (and knocking out some volunteer hours), please contact Sophia Kassab through Konstella.

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. Last year our cellar grew to 66 bottles valued at just over \$3,000! Let's see if we can beat that this year. 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.





The St. Theresa Community Cookbook Sale Continues!

Thought you missed out on grabbing your copy of our St. Theresa Community Cookbook? Not to worry! A handful of cookbooks are still available, so order your copy of our St. Theresa Community Cookbook today!

Filled with family recipes shared by our school families, Parish members and community supporters, this cookbook is sure to provide you with new cooking inspiration for any occasion. These books are sure to sell out quickly! Shop for the cookbook online here. To order your cookbook offline, contact Sophia Kassab at so.campodonico@gmail.com.

Special thanks to Carrie Buckley for spearheading the production of our cookbook.



2021-2022 Free Dress Passes for Sale!

There's still time to purchase your 2021-2022 school year free dress passes! We will be closing down sales in just a few weeks, so don't delay ~ secure your passes today! Passes can be purchased here.

New families: want to know what these free dress passes are all about? 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 purchase of one Free Dress Pass per student covers all 5 days of free dress for the year. Passes will be distributed following the close of our sale.

Konstella Corner

This year we continue to expand our use of Konstella to post *all* volunteer opportunities, share important Parents' Club activity announcements, connect class families socially, host our handy school directory and more. If you haven't visited Konstella online, check it out! Don't forget to download the Konstella app.

- ★ Parents can either join with our specific code, from an invite email (coming soon!), or with an invite link.
- ★ Join Code for Konstella: 65FZNH
- ★ Invite link: https://www.konstella.com/cd/65FZNH



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).





Fall 2021

STPC Committees, continued

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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