



A Season of Gratitude

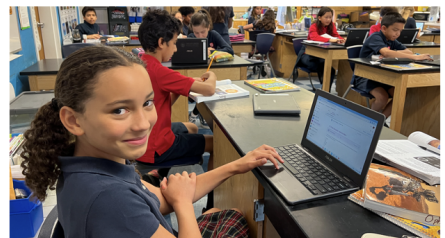


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Greetings St Theresa Families!

The days are getting short, we're counting down to Christmas, and 2023 is almost over!



I hope everyone enjoyed the auction. We had a massive attendance, great costumes, and some very adventurous dancing. I am so grateful to the parent community for showing up. Your astonishing generosity is enabling the School's mission, and helps our amazing teachers and staff deliver the excellent education our children receive. Thank you!.

This newsletter is full of important information, so please take a moment to review it. Many of your questions are answered below, including how to help CYO sports by [volunteering at the Event Center](#), STAR committee Christmas giving, and an upcoming used uniform sale. Remember to [sign up for Traffic duty](#). We have many open shifts that need to be filled to ensure the safety of our children.

Wishing all St. Theresa teachers, staff, students and families a happy and holy Christmas season.

John O'Sullivan
STPC President



PARENTS' CLUB UPDATES



Monday, December 4th ~ 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 4th**. We will be offering hot coffee and holiday treats, so please stay and visit with our wonderful St. T's family community. Thanks to **Macy Cornell** (Ruby, 3rd), Hospitality Chair, for coordination.

The STAR Committee elves are getting busy!

'Tis the season for the STAR committee to shine! With Christmas break just around the corner, the STAR (St. Theresa Awards and Recognition) committee is as busy as Santa's workshop! **Julie Lo** (Lucas, 6th) and **Mary Lesser** (Adam, 1st) are coordinating gift cards for our dedicated St. T's staff. Throughout the school year, our STAR program ensures our teachers and staff receive gratitude for how deeply we appreciate all they do for our kids. Click [HERE](#) for our handy "Teachers' Favorite Things" information if you are considering your own token of appreciation.



December Auction Pay-to-Play Parties Available ~ Click [HERE](#) for tickets!

Party	Description	Event Date
<i>It's a Codatorium Party!</i>	3rd - 5th Graders , come learn to make your own video game!	December 12th
<i>Christmas Caroling & Treats</i>	A festive evening of holiday beverages, sweet and savory treats and caroling with your fellow Titans!	December 21st
HSPT Prep with Ms. Ebright	7th and 8th graders: Learn HSPT test efficiencies, improve your test taking speed, and fine-tune your subject knowledge to get YOUR best HSPT math score	December 16th (Jan 8th and Jan 10th follow up)

Need Bigger Uniform Sizes for your sprouting student?

The Parents' Club will be holding a used uniform sale on Friday, December 15th. Keep an eye out for Konstella announcements and links to submit your pre-order item requests before **December 12th** for easy pickup, as well as volunteer sign-ups to help coordinate this uniform sale. All proceeds from our used uniform sales benefit our school. Thank you **Lilliana Jain** (Avi, 6th) for coordinating this sale.





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CYO Season is in full swing! Sign up for Event Center volunteer duty and support our teams!!

With weekend games and matches scheduled in our Event Center gym comes volunteer opportunities. **Help is needed as early as this Friday, December 1st!**

New to Event Center Duty? Here are some fun facts and resources for your easy reference:

- The Event Center Duty requirement consists of **three shifts per family**
- Once you have signed up for a shift, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. The fee for a missed shift is \$75.
- Set-up (pull out bleachers and install hand rails, set up volleyball net, set up score table and chairs), Front Gate (greet visitors, collect entry fee) and Closing (clean up and put away tables, chairs and other items).
- You can sign up for shifts on Konstella right [HERE](#).

Please support our CYO student athletes and sign up for your shifts today!



St. T's Spirit Gear makes a great gift for your favorite Titan!

Santa's elves have made sure our spirit gear shop is fully stocked!

Check out our Spirit Gear Store [right here](#) for shirts, hoodies, hats, and more. Sales from our spirit gear store generate funding for our school. Friendly reminder: Students may only wear spirit gear on campus during free dress days.



Black and White Matted Photos and Digitals

Did you miss out on this year's Titan Ticket? **You can still purchase your prints and digital files!** These treasured mementos are a great addition to your gallery over your years at St. Theresa. Your beautifully captured 5x7 black and white print comes pre-matted and ready for framing to display in your home. Digital files are also available for purchase, a great holiday gift for the family! Click [HERE](#) to purchase.





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The holidays are right around the corner and this year, the Parents' Club is partnering with Minted to help us fundraise. Using our unique code **FUNDRAISESAINTTHERESAS**, you can get 20% OFF all your Minted holiday card & gift purchases, and for every order placed, Minted will donate 15% back to our school.

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[Good Eggs](https://www.godeggs.com)



Just in time for your holiday grocery shopping, Good Eggs is offering an easy way to raise funds for our school. So avoid the long lines at the store, and shop with Good Eggs to give back to St. Theresa! 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.





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.

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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