



SPRING HAS SPRUNG AT ST. T's!



Volunteers plant seedlings in our garden beds behind the library and TK classroom.

Greetings St Theresa Families!

I do hope everyone had a relaxing Spring Break, and are excited to return for the final stretch of this academic year.

We are sending a big thank you to the parents who recently spruced up the school garden on March 21. Families have volunteered more than 3,000 hours this school year so far! Thank you so much! If you haven't had a chance to fulfill your volunteer hours requirement, there is still time to sign up on Konstella, and many volunteer opportunities are mentioned in this newsletter.



As we look ahead, Parents' Club would love to have you join a committee for the 2024-2025 school year. In particular, there is a great opportunity to lead the activities for Teacher Appreciation Week coming up on May 6th-10th. See the descriptions at the end of this newsletter and contact me on Konstella if you are interested in sharing your talents through STPC.

John O'Sullivan
STPC President



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Save the Date!
**ST. THERESA
ANNUAL AUCTION**
November 16th, 2024
6:00 p.m.
St. Theresa Event Center

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week | Grandparents and Special Friends Day



The arrival of spring brings another opportunity to celebrate our teachers, staff, and families. **May 6th-10th is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week.** The Parents' Club will be inviting families to join in the week's festivities recognizing our extraordinary team of instructors and administrators. If you would like to help lead teacher appreciation activities, [you can sign up here](#), or to help out with smaller (but very meaningful) tasks, keep an eye out for Konstella volunteer sign-ups, landing in your inbox soon! Also, save the date!

Grandparents and Special Friends Day festivities are scheduled for May 10th, 10-11:45 a.m.



Join a Parents' Club Committee for the 2024-2025 School Year

The St. Theresa Parents' Club serves as an organization through which parents support the interests of the St. Theresa School community. **Serving on a Parent's Club committee for the 2024-2025 school year** is an impactful (and fun!) way to donate your time to our school. The time commitment is flexible, the meetings are only held once a month, and you'll have the opportunity to meet new families across all grades! You can read about our committees [HERE](#), and if you have questions or want to sign up for a position, reach out to John O'Sullivan at jfosull@gmail.com.



Spring Pay-to-play parties!

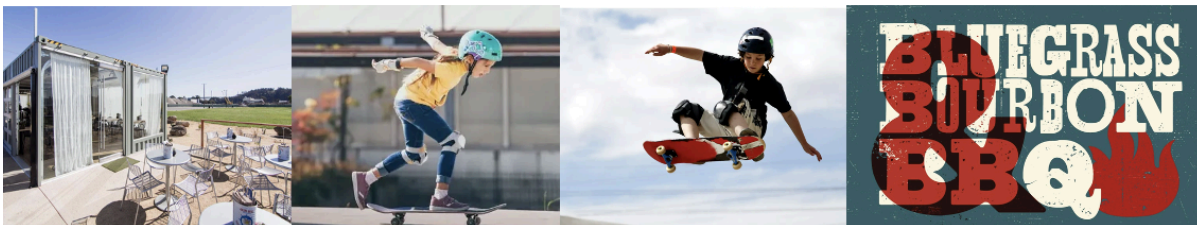
Whether you are a skater, and bocce enthusiast or a bourbon connoisseur, there's lots of fun in store with our Spring pay-to-play line-up! Check out these fun events coming up:

Bocce and Bites on Treasure Island! - May 18th

Skateboarding with Mr. Baer - May 3rd and May 17th

Bluegrass, Bourbon & BBQ - June 8th

[Click here](#) for tickets!



Principal for a Day | P.E. Teacher for a Day | Librarian for a Day

Our teachers and staff had some wonderful, hard working helpers this past month thanks to families who scored one of our "For a Day" items at our auction in the Fall! These day-long experiences make special memories for your students. From helping to grade assignments to special breakfast

treats with Ms. O, checking books out in the library and running drills with Mr. Espinoza, these prizes are full of fun. Want your kiddo to get in on the action? Come ready to bid and win at our annual auction on

November 16th, 2024! Save the date!





Parents' Club Volunteering for the 2023-2024 School Year

Families: we are in the home stretch of the volunteering cycle for this year! As a friendly reminder, here are the volunteering expectations for our families each year:

- **Contribute a minimum of 20 service hours** for the School or Parish. Within those 20 hours, the following minimum commitments are required:
 - **Annual Fundraising Programs:** Volunteer a minimum of 5 hours to support the Annual Auction and other fundraising programs.
 - **Traffic Duty:** 4 shifts for the first child, 3 additional shifts for families with more than one child, **for a maximum of 7 shifts.**
 - **Event Center Duty:** 3 shifts per family

Fees may be imposed if Traffic Duty and Event Center shift requirements are not met. **But not to worry!** There are several opportunities still available to fulfill our shifts:

- Sign up for your traffic duty shifts [here](#).
- Sign up for your event center shifts [here](#). *Only a few game dates left!*
- Sign up to help out with Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week [here](#).
- Sign up for Library Duty for your class
- Sign up for the upcoming used uniform at the end of the year *Konstella link coming soon!*



Vote for St. Theresa for Best of Oakland!

Help us nominate St. Theresa for Best Private Elementary and Best Private Middle School! The link to the ballot is [right here](#). Click on the "Kids" category, select Best Private Elementary and Best Private Middle School, and select St. T's. The nominating period runs until April 28th, so help us make the finalists' list! Thanks for supporting St. Theresa!





SHOP FOR ST. THERESA

Heading to the Event Center to cheer on our Titans? 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.



Sports Basement has joined our family of retailers supporting St. Theresa! Need to stock up for a trip to the slopes? You can find everything you need at Sports Basement and earn funds for St. T's! Visit Sports Basement, join their "Basementeer" loyalty program and select St. Theresa School as your beneficiary to receive your discount and support St. T's! It's a win-win: **10% off every item every day, and 10% of profits back to St. Theresa.**

Good Eggs is offering an easy way to raise funds for our school. 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.



Room Parent Shout-Outs: 2023-2024 School Year



The Parents' Club wishes to thank the following superstars for serving as room parents this year. Room Parents provide our teachers with extra support, deliver important class news and info to parents, ensure that classroom volunteer needs are met, and lend a hand in planning class activities and celebrations! **We are grateful for you! Are you feeling inspired** to serve as a room parent next school year? **Reach out to Noelle McGahan or Erica Kellenbach via Konstella.**

TK: Meire Akpaibor

Kindergarten: Karen Patchel

1st: Nikki Belushko Barrows
/ Mary Lesser

2nd: Tara Dade

3rd: Karen Kuk

4th: Anne Keller/Emily Koster

5th: Grade: Heidi Hennig-Hance

6th: Grade: Chanda Gonzales-Mowrer
/ Laura Johnson

7th: Emily Kissam/Sheafali Patel

8th: Grade: Kimberly Eney/Erica Kellenbach/Noelle McGahan/

Tamara Nakhjavani/Patrick Ramsey
/ Nicole Schou



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PARENTS' CLUB 411

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Want to know more about what Parent's Club does? Interested in getting involved? Reach out to John O'Sullivan via Konstella. **You can start this year to shadow for a role you may want to take on next year!** Here's a summary of our STPC 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), support various teacher appreciation efforts during Catholic Schools Week and Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. **(open position available now).**

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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