

Weekly Update

February 23, 2018



2018 - 2019 ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

We are now accepting applications for our 2018 – 2019 enrollment process for our current families and welcome our new families. We appreciate the commitment and support from our current families as you joined us this year as we laid the groundwork for St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School. This has truly been a year of transition and we look forward to continue building our school, St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School.

This year, you will be able to complete your enrollment application for your student(s) electronically by [clicking here](#).

New families seeking to enroll, may also complete the online enrollment application by [clicking here](#). If you will not be returning for the 2018 – 2019 school year, please [click here](#).

If you would like to receive a hard copy of the 2018 – 2019 enrollment application, please contact the business office at 717-637-3135 or email businessoffice@stck8school.org.

Please don't forget to complete and return your enrollment paperwork for St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School. The discounted enrollment fee for current families is \$50.00 per family if submitted on or before March 1, 2018. This fee is payable upon submission of this application and is not refundable. On March 2, 2018 the enrollment fee is \$100 per family. The new family enrollment fee is \$50.00 per family.

We look forward to serving you and your family for the 2018-2019 school year at St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School.

Please complete and return to the school office no later than March 1, 2018 for the discounted enrollment fee. Checks should be made payable to St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School.

2018 – 2019 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE

Deadline April 17, 2018

Financial assistance is available for families of St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School. Scholarships are available to all families who meet the criteria for E.I.T.C. scholarships. The online FACTS application is now open for you to apply for 2018 – 2019 school scholarships. The FACTS application is used to determine eligibility for the Neumann Scholarship and all school scholarships. You will find the link to FACTS on our school's website.



The Neumann Scholarship is offered to qualified Pennsylvania resident families only. This scholarship is offered to qualified students attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Harrisburg, on a basis of need. This scholarship is available for grades Pre-Kindergarten to grade 12.

We also encourage all families to apply for the Family Choice Scholarship (This scholarship is available to families who reside in the State of Pennsylvania and is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Family Institute.)

More information is available on our school website.



DRESS DOWN DAY

Monday, February 26th

Our principals, Mrs. Foltz and Miss Rizzuto, have decided to reward our students for always putting forth their best efforts and showing their best Christian behavior! All students are being awarded a dress-down day on Monday, February 26th. Please refer to the flyer in the Weekly Update for additional information.



TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT VIOLENCE

High profile acts of violence, particularly in schools, can confuse and frighten children who may feel in danger or worry that their friends or loved-ones are at risk. They will look to adults for information and guidance on how to react. Parents and school personnel can help children feel safe by establishing a sense of normalcy and security and talking with them about their fears. Attached to this update, you will find some information to assist you when speaking to your child/children.



MMS – GRADES 4 – 8

The second trimester will be closing on February 28th. Mrs. Garman has requested that parents verify that you are able to access the MMS portal for your children in grades 4 – 8. Grades for grades 4 – 8 will only be available online for parents to view from March 6 through March 12th. We will not be sending printed copies of the 2nd trimester grade report. Please contact Mrs. Garman (jgarman@stck8school.org) if you are having trouble accessing your child's grades online.

Students in grades K – 3 will receive a printout of their second trimester grades on March 6th.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thursday, March 1st – 2:00 p.m.

The students in grades 4 – 8 will attend Stations of the Cross at Annunciation BVM Church.

Everyone is invited to attend.



FIRST FRIDAY LITURGY

Friday, March 2nd

- The students in grades K – 3 will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica Church.
- The students in grades 4 – 8 will attend the 8:15 a.m. Mass at Annunciation B.V.M. Church.



RACE FOR EDUCATION REMINDER – LAST CALL

Please don't forget to complete and return your names and address for our Race for Education ***no later than Wednesday, February 28th***. We will begin mailing letters to our prospective donors in the next few days. Students will raise funds by submitting potential sponsors' names and address to the school. As always, students will have the opportunity to receive a number of rewards based on the amount of addresses sent to school for the Race for Education.

YEARBOOK ORDERS - ORDER ONLINE

This school year is flying by and now is the time to order your 2017 - 2018 school yearbook. The school yearbook is a great way to capture the many special events that occur during the school year. NOTE: The yearbook is combined to include both campuses. The cost: \$20.00 per yearbook. We anticipate delivery of the yearbook by the end of the school year. **The deadline for ordering is Friday, April 13, 2018.** Please [click here](#) for the order form.





COURTESY NOTICE OF EMERGENCY DRILLS - Please note that our school buildings conduct monthly emergency drills as required by law. These drills include evacuation, evacuation to shelter-in-place, shelter-in-place and lockdown drills. Please know that contact has been made with the police chief to ensure that we are up-to-date with emergency procedures and protocol.



HELP US RAISE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS WHILE YOU SHOP!

Purchase gift cards for nearly 400 retailers, including department stores, restaurants, hotels, and home improvement stores online through www.shopwithscrip.com or via paper order forms found on our webpage or in our school offices. The more gift card purchased, the more scholarship funds available to our student.

Every family who regularly purchases gift cards from the Crusader SCRIP Program is eligible to apply for scholarship dollars. PLEASE NOTE: Each family's total gift card sales **will not** equal the scholarship award. Scholarship awards **will not be based on demonstrated financial need**. For more information, please refer to our webpage under the "Parent Resources" "Crusader SCRIP Program" tab.

On-site sales are available at our Conewago Campus during regular school hours beginning January 16, 2018. While we will attempt to keep the most popular gift cards on hand, cash and carry inventory will vary.

Thank you for your participation!! Any questions, please email crusadersscrip@stck8school.org or call Mrs. Poist at 717-632-8715.



MESSAGES FROM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the following teams:

Varsity Girls Basketball on your 1st place finish in the CYO League Championship

Junior Varsity Girls Basketball on your 1st place finish in the CYO League Championship

Junior Varsity Boys Basketball team on winning the St. Joseph, Hanover tournament

Best of Luck to our varsity boys and girls basketball teams as you compete in the Annual Diocesan tournament this weekend!

Go Crusaders!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendar for the following upcoming events:

March 2-4 - Diocese of Harrisburg 150th Anniversary Year-long Celebration begins

March 5 – Literacy Night – Conewago Campus – 6:00 p.m.

Book Fair 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Literacy Activities 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

March 17 (Saturday) - Broadway Gala and Art Show, McSherrystown Campus (Grades 4-8)

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Performance at 6:00 p.m.

March 18 – Jewelry/Purse/CASH Bingo at Irishtown Fire Company (Flyer Attached)

March 23 – Mother/Son Bowling (Hanover Bowling Center) (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

March 28 – Early Dismissal / Easter Break

March 29 & 30 – No School / Easter Break

April 2 – School In Session / Snow Make-up date (2/7/18 Snow Day)

April 6 – Father/Daughter Dance at SAVES – 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

April 14 – YMCA Family Night (North Hanover) – 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

April 20 – Race for Education (Rain or Shine)

April 27 - Grandparents & Grandfriends Day (9 a.m. to 12 noon)

Grades 4 – 8 -- 8:15 a.m. Mass at Annunciation BVM Church

Grades K – 3 -- 11:15 a.m. Rosary recitation

12:15 Early Dismissal

June 11 – June 14 – STEM Summer Camp (Incoming Grades K – 6)

Please watch the weekly update and weekly folder for additional information on these events.

(RED Highlight Denotes newly added event to the Upcoming Events)



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Save the Date!

Summer STEM Camp

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADE

JUNE 11th - JUNE 15th • 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers

High profile acts of violence, particularly in schools, can confuse and frighten children who may feel in danger or worry that their friends or loved-ones are at risk. They will look to adults for information and guidance on how to react. Parents and school personnel can help children feel safe by establishing a sense of normalcy and security and talking with them about their fears.

1. **Reassure children that they are safe.** Emphasize that schools are very safe. Validate their feelings. Explain that all feelings are okay when a tragedy occurs. Let children talk about their feelings, help put them into perspective, and assist them in expressing these feelings appropriately.
2. **Make time to talk.** Let their questions be your guide as to how much information to provide. Be patient; children and youth do not always talk about their feelings readily. Watch for clues that they may want to talk, such as hovering around while you do the dishes or yard work. Some children prefer writing, playing music, or doing an art project as an outlet. Young children may need concrete activities (such as drawing, looking at picture books, or imaginative play) to help them identify and express their feelings.
3. **Keep your explanations developmentally appropriate.**
 - **Early elementary school** children need brief, simple information that should be balanced with reassurances that their school and homes are safe and that adults are there to protect them. Give simple examples of school safety like reminding children about exterior doors being locked, child monitoring efforts on the playground, and emergency drills practiced during the school day.
 - **Upper elementary and early middle school** children will be more vocal in asking questions about whether they truly are safe and what is being done at their school. They may need assistance separating reality from fantasy. Discuss efforts of school and community leaders to provide safe schools.
 - **Upper middle school and high school** students will have strong and varying opinions about the causes of violence in schools and society. They will share concrete suggestions about how to make school safer and how to prevent tragedies in society. Emphasize the role that students have in maintaining safe schools by following school safety guidelines (e.g. not providing building access to strangers, reporting strangers on campus, reporting threats to the school safety made by students or community members, etc.), communicating any personal safety concerns to school administrators, and accessing support for emotional needs.
4. **Review safety procedures.** This should include procedures and safeguards at school and at home. Help children identify at least one adult at school and in the community to whom they go if they feel threatened or at risk.
5. **Observe children's emotional state.** Some children may not express their concerns verbally. Changes in behavior, appetite, and sleep patterns can also indicate a child's level of anxiety or discomfort. In most children, these symptoms will ease with reassurance and

time. However, some children may be at risk for more intense reactions. Children who have had a past traumatic experience or personal loss, suffer from depression or other mental illness, or with special needs may be at greater risk for severe reactions than others. Seek the help of mental health professional if you are at all concerned.

6. **Limit television viewing of these events.** Limit television viewing and be aware if the television is on in common areas. Developmentally inappropriate information can cause anxiety or confusion, particularly in young children. Adults also need to be mindful of the content of conversations that they have with each other in front of children, even teenagers, and limit their exposure to vengeful, hateful, and angry comments that might be misunderstood.
7. **Maintain a normal routine.** Keeping to a regular schedule can be reassuring and promote physical health. Ensure that children get plenty of sleep, regular meals, and exercise. Encourage them to keep up with their schoolwork and extracurricular activities but don't push them if they seem overwhelmed.

Suggested Points to Emphasize When Talking to Children

- Schools are safe places. School staff works with parents and public safety providers (local police and fire departments, emergency responders, hospitals, etc.) to keep you safe.
- The school building is safe because ... (cite specific school procedures).
- We all play a role in the school safety. Be observant and let an adult know if you see or hear something that makes you feel uncomfortable, nervous or frightened.
- There is a difference between reporting, tattling or gossiping. You can provide important information that may prevent harm either directly or anonymously by telling a trusted adult what you know or hear.
- Although there is no absolute guarantee that something bad will never happen, it is important to understand the difference between the *possibility* of something happening and *probability* that it will affect you (our school community).
- Senseless violence is hard for everyone to understand. Doing things that you enjoy, sticking to your normal routine, and being with friends and family help make us feel better and keep us from worrying about the event.
- Sometimes people do bad things that hurt others. They may be unable to handle their anger, under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or suffering from mental illness. Adults (parents, teachers, police officers, doctors, faith leaders) work very hard to get those people help and keep them from hurting others. It is important for all of us to know how to get help if we feel really upset or angry and to stay away from drugs and alcohol.
- Stay away from guns and other weapons. Tell an adult if you know someone has a gun. Access to guns is one of the leading risk factors for deadly violence.
- Violence is never a solution to personal problems. Students can be part of the positive solution by participating in anti-violence programs at school, learning conflict mediation skills, and seeking help from an adult if they or a peer is struggling with anger, depression, or other emotions they cannot control.

NASP has additional information for parents and educators on school safety, violence prevention, children's trauma reactions, and crisis response at www.nasponline.org.

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ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

presents

DESIGNER BAG AND ALEX & ANI JEWELRY BINGO

Sunday, March 18, 2018

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 A.M.

GAMES BEGIN AT 1:00 P.M.

IRISHTOWN FIRE COMPANY
934 IRISHTOWN ROAD, NEW OXFORD, PA

**Admission: \$20.00 per person in advance;
\$25.00 at the door**

Admission includes 20 games of Bingo!
Additional cards will be available for purchase.
Raffles & Special Letter Games will also be offered.

Each person in attendance must have a paid ticket to be admitted.
Only 300 tickets will be sold.

I would like to purchase _____ tickets for the Bingo at \$20.00 per person.

Name(s) of attendees: _____

Please send tickets home with: _____

Please make checks payable to St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School Home & School

All money raised will directly benefit the students of our school, either through the purchase of educational materials or via our tuition assistance fund.

PA Bingo License 921

PA Small Games of Chance License 928





For a Lasting Remembrance

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg

March 2, 2018 ♦ Prayer Vigil

7:00 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Harrisburg.

This will include a live enactment of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary by young people from throughout the Diocese, similar in many ways to the *Living Way of the Cross*. This event will replace the traditional Palm Sunday Youth Mass and Gathering for 2018. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

March 3, 2018 ♦ Opening Mass for the Anniversary Year

10:00 AM at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Harrisburg.

Please join Bishop Gainer as celebrant and Homilist to begin the anniversary year celebration. A reception, featuring a sampling of ethnic foods from various ethnic and cultural groups that comprise the faithful of the Diocese, will be held immediately following the Mass.

August 28-September 8, 2018 ♦ Pilgrimage to Ireland

Join Bishop Gainer on a twelve-day pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle, sponsored by Catholic Charities. In keeping with the 150th anniversary celebration, the pilgrimage will include a visit to the grave of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of the Diocese of Harrisburg. Participation is limited.

November 3, 2018 ♦ Pilgrimage to Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

SAVE THE DATE for this diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica in Washington, D.C. Additional details will be forthcoming.

March 3, 2019 ♦ Closing Mass for Anniversary Year

In the afternoon at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Harrisburg.

Please join Bishop Gainer as celebrant and homilist for this special Mass to conclude our year-long anniversary celebration.

For more information: www.hbgdiocese.org/150