



January 2018 Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- Pasta Dinner Planning
- * Registration for Kindergarten begins in early February in most towns. You will receive a notice from me with dates, times, and contact information to register your child! If you are in need of a copy of your child's health record, please see me and I will gladly make a copy!

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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! As we enter the year of 2018 we are blessed to have our families and their children in our school and parish community. A new word and movement is mindfulness. What is mindfulness? Mindfulness is defined as open-hearted, moment to moment, non-judgmental awareness. Meditation and relaxation techniques only enhance mindfulness. We find a direct correlation to our Savior in mindfulness. Did Jesus not define someone that was open hearted and nonjudgmental? Did he not remind us in Matthew 25: 34-40. ³⁴ "Then the King will

say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing

clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

What a better place this world would be if we were all mindful of one another? How do we model this for our children and teach them mindfulness? Here at STNS we are adding Yoga to our routines as well as moments of solitude to just sit and reflect. I came across a wonderful article in my alumni magazine on mindfulness that you may want to peruse and have attached. Please take a moment to reflect on how you can include mindfulness in your life and those of those you love.

**In God's Peace,
Miss Michele**

Open House for New Students!



Our best advertising comes from our families! Each and every year we are delighted with the number of families that are referred to us by existing students or alumni! We look forward to meeting cousins and friends alike of our students! If you have anyone that has a child who either turns three before December 31, 2017 or a four year old, please feel free to pass on the following information! It is greatly appreciated!

Open House Schedule:

Thursday, January 11th

Thursday, January 18th

Thursday, January 25th

Saturday, January 20th

All open houses are at:

1:00 p.m.

If someone is unable to make these times, I am more than happy to schedule a private tour during the week, weekend, or evening to accommodate their schedule! You may also encourage your friends to visit our website for information about our school!

Current Student Registration



Our current students who are returning to either threes or fours will receive their registration packets prior to the general public. This allows our current students preference in class placement. Students who will be attending our fours program have the option of all day pre-k (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) or traditional half day (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). We also offer a five day program. More information on this option will be sent home with our returning students.

Your child's teacher is the best person to advise you on the proper placement of your child. I will also have opportunities for our parents of threes to visit the two different four year old programs.

Classroom visits:

*Please schedule a time that you would like to visit a four year old classroom with me.

The visit will consist of a brief overview of each program

and a visit to the two classrooms. Our parent handbook contains a daily schedule for the two classes for your reference. As always, please feel free to see me with any questions.

*Please return your registration packet as soon as possible to ensure your placement for fall!

Sibling Registration

We are so blessed by the number of families that entrust us with all of their children! Siblings of our current and previous students receive their registration packets in January with our current students. This allows our current students

and siblings to receive priority in class preference before open registration to the general public. Please be aware that there is a significant sibling discount when two children within the same family are in our program in the same school year. Many of

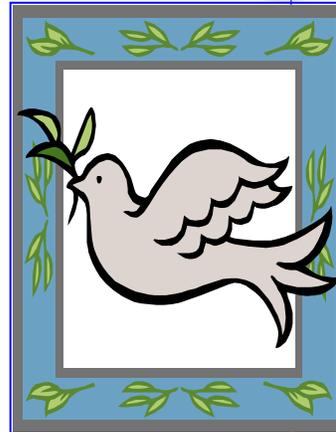
our siblings are more than ready to attend STNS as they have been dropping off and picking up their siblings for quite some time!

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

Our school will be closed on Monday, January 15th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In correlation with our celebration of his accomplishments, the children will be reading a picture book of his life as well as corresponding activities. I attended Boston University where Dr. King received his doctoral degree in ministry. In the front of our chapel stands a monument in honor of Dr. King that is comprised of a flock of doves representing the

peaceful nature of his intent. The dove is also the symbol of our holy spirit. It is our intent that our children will fulfill and maintain Dr. King's message as well as the message of our savior that we all walk hand in hand together for peace. This is especially poignant during the times that our world is in today. Please share the simple message of peace with your child through your words and actions and Dr. King's dream as well as

our savior will come to fruition!



Pasta Dinner *New Meeting Date!



Monday, January
22nd 12:15 p.m.

We will be planning our pasta dinner/silent auction in April. We are establishing our theme

and location for this year. We are so excited to utilize our theme for table settings, decorations, and of course our artwork by the children! Everyone is welcome to join the committee at any time and help from home as well! Committee members will enter a draw-

ing at the end of the event for a special prize!!!!

A letter will be sent out this month with further details to our families and area businesses. Our community businesses have always provided support to this event. Thank you in advance for your support!

Snowman Clothesline



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Our January Service Project is a hat and mitten snowman clothesline for the students to pin their donations of hats and mittens on the line. These items will be donated to a family shelter in New Haven.

This is another wonderful opportunity to make our children more cognizant of the world around them and how to help those in need! The clothesline will be up soon! Thank you in advance for your donations!



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not a destination!

Our History

St. Therese Nursery School was established on October 30, 2000. We began with two classrooms, thirty students, and 4 staff members. We now have almost 100 students, 3 classrooms, a pre-k program, and a staff of 10!

Our Mission

The mission of St. Therese Nursery School is to nurture the student and the family within a community of learners. Our mission will be:

*to provide a safe learning environment where our children can learn through developmentally appropriate experiences.

*these experiences and play reflect continuous spiritual, emotional, social, cognitive, and physical growth and development.

*our families are recognized as central to the well being of the child.

*our staff is valued for their dedication and commitment to the children and families of St. Therese Nursery School community.

*we believe learning is a journey, not a destination.

Thank You!

A big thank you to all of our families for helping with the set-up, clean-up, and donation of cookies and cakes to our pageants!

Thank you to all of our families for your generous gifts this holiday season! If we missed you in our thank you notes we apologize!

Kindergarten here I come!



Our four year olds are going to be signing up for kindergarten very soon! All of the area towns and private schools will begin their registration process in late January and February. I will be sending home a list of each of the area school districts and Catholic schools with contact information and dates and times of registration. If you are in need of a copy of your child's medical records, please feel free to see me for a copy. Also, if you would like to speak with your child's teacher regarding this decision, please feel free to set up a time to speak with them. Kindergarten is the next step on your child's learning journey and we are here to prepare not only them but you as you take this next step!