

Where Learning is a journey, Not a destination!

# STNS May 2018 Newsletter

## Pasta Dinner Thank you! What a night!

Dear Families,

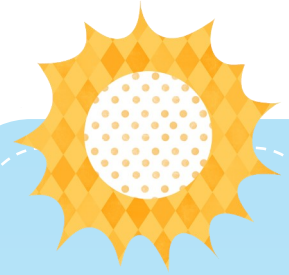
Thank you to all for a wonderful night of "Growing in God's Garden". We went "old school" and returned this event to it's original location of our church hall. The hall was transformed from the minute you entered into the rose garden welcoming table to the garden of children's artwork that adorned the walls! The room filled with excitement as we dined on the delicious food from Nica's Market, danced, and won either raffle or auction items! Our kids were busy in the kid activities making flower pots and bumble bees! We all partook in the prayer garden on display in our foyer! A big thank you to all of the committee members! Whether you helped at home or at the event, we couldn't have done it without you! And of course the Quinnipiac Women's Volleyball team certainly helped with our raffles and the kid activity room! Even our D.J. is a former parent that donates his time each year to help make this event a success! And finally all of the family and friends that joined us that evening and bid or purchased raffle tickets!

Our children's artwork that decorated the walls is being sent home with your child! If you would like to make a donation for your child's artwork for the Ronald McDonald House, please send in a donation in a marked envelope.

As a thank you to all of our parents who have volunteered this year at home and school, I will hold a luncheon on Tuesday, May 29th at 1:00 p.m. All our welcome! Please r.s.v.p. by the 25th!

Thank you again for sharing your children with us on this journey!

In God's Peace,  
Miss Michele



### Upcoming Dates!

May 9th

Graduation Pictures

May 10th

Mother's Day Tea

Three Year Old's 11:00  
a.m.

May 11th

Mother's Day Tea

Four Year Old's 11:30  
a.m.

May 14-18

Conferences

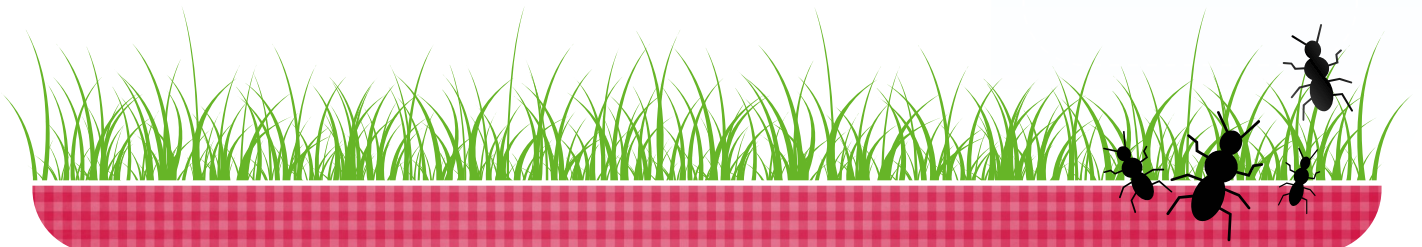
May 31st End of the  
Year Picnic 6:00 p.m.

May 28th Memorial Day  
No School

May 29th Volunteer Re-  
ception 1:00 p.m.

June 7th Three Year  
Old Sundae Party 10:30  
a.m.

June 8th Four Year Old  
Graduation 11:00 a.m.



## Our Blessed Mother

May is the month of our Blessed Mother, Mary. This is a perfect connection to honoring our own mothers this month! At this age this is certainly a precious time to be the mother of a young child. Our influence and roles as mothers has not changed much from the time of Jesus and his mother Mary. Patience above else comes to mind when raising children. Colossians 1:11 states, "May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience." I pray that each of our mothers is blessed with the patience as we guide our children on this journey of life.

In honor of our Blessed Mother, the children will be making flowers to bring to her statue in church. This visual reminder is another way that our students share in our faith. We remind you to share the rosary with your child even if it is teaching the Hail Mary or pointing out the statue of Mary in church and how flowers are always placed there. The courage and devotion of our Blessed Mother should inspire us all to share Jesus' infinite love in our daily words and actions.

Happy Mother's Day!

## Assessments & Conferences

Our spring assessments will be sent home on Thursday, May 10th for our three year old's and Friday, May 11th for our four year old's. Our conferences will be held the next week. This is an opportunity to review your child's progress this year and bridge for the upcoming year! Sign ups are posted outside each room! Email your child's teacher if you aren't able to sign up in person.

## Teacher Appreciation Week

We will be holding Teacher Appreciation week the week of May 14th through 18th. You may encourage your child to draw a picture or even write a note to show how they appreciate them!

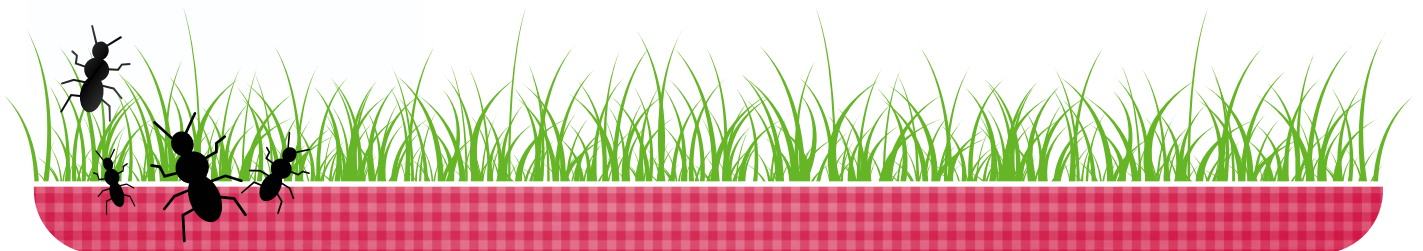
In their honor I hold a luncheon for the teachers for their dedication to our school community. Balancing the needs of all of our students as well as the needs of our families is a balancing act that only a teacher can navigate! Each year brings a new set of friends, new curriculum, and new trends! Thank you to the staff for ensuring that our children are comfortable on the first stop on the learning journey!

## End of the Year Picnic Thursday, May 31st 6:00

Each year we gather as a school family for an end of the year picnic on the back lawn of the church. This is a wonderful school community event where we come together as a school community. The lawn is filled with family and friends on picnic blankets and chairs! You are welcome to invite whomever you would like.

An order form will be sent home and tickets are sold per person. This picnic includes a catered dinner of chicken cutlets, salad, pizza, make your own sundae station, and popsicle wagon! Students eat for free!

Each family is asked to donate drinks for the event and purchase tickets for the dinner portion! Information regarding the purchase of tickets will be sent home shortly. Please bring your drink donations COLD on that evening!



## Graduation Gowns & Pictures



Gown order forms have been sent home today with the four year old's. Please be reminded that if you are using a sibling's or friend's gown, you will need

to order a new tassel with this year on it. Please let me know if this is the case! Caps and gowns will be placed on the children the day of graduation by the teachers. If you have any questions,

please feel free to see me. Due by this Friday!

Graduation pictures will occur on Wednesday, May 9th for our four year old's during the school day. David Frost, our school photographer be taking our portraits. They will be in before graduation! We will supply the gown for the pictures. They look adorable!

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Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

- MARK TWAIN

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## Mother's Day Teas!

Our Mother's Day teas will be held on the following dates! Please remember that only *one mother or grandmother* is allowed per a child due to space.

We will first meet in the classrooms for a brief presentation. This will be followed a treat and iced tea for the moms, and apple juice for the children in the meeting room.

Thursday, May 10th 11:00 a.m.

\* Three Year Old Tea

\* Children who usually dismiss at 11:30 a.m. will do so from the tea. Our 12:30 dismissal students may return to the classroom for lunch or leave with their special person. Children who remain all day will remain until their normal dismissal.

Friday, May 11th 11:30 a.m.

\*Four Year Old Tea

All students who dismiss at noon will do so at the end of the tea. Children who remain all day will remain until



their normal dismissal. P.M. students will arrive at

