

STNS November 2017 Newsletter

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ST. THERESE NURSERY SCHOOL

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34

Dear Families,

We are thankful that our little ones were able to share their excitement at the Halloween Parades (although we celebrated on November 1st due to the New England weather)! This first experience is the building block for our next school wide event of our Thanksgiving Feasts. A few years ago we tweaked our feasts to be less about the food donated by parents and

more about how our children. With less stress about making five pounds of mashed potatoes, our children have now learned how to cook for others with our home made butter, corn bread, and orange cranberry relish. Our performance portion has grown with more songs and interpretations to truly represent that first Thanksgiving. Here at STNS we are striving to emphasize the development empathy, kindness, and caring with our young students. I

have shared many times the importance of taking the moment to put the phone and camera down to just sit and watch in wonder and awe our children during these school events or even in the every day. So on this Thanksgiving have your children help you prepare one food item for your family and one to give someone else. The small things in life with both words and actions move mountains. Jesus only asks of us to share his love through those actions.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Miss Michele

STNS School Mass! Save the date!

This year we will be adding a new connection to our parish family of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. Father Santiago has a tradition from his previous parish with a school to have a

mass during the school day where family and friends may attend! Please save the date for Friday, December 8th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Therese Church. Children in attendance at school at that time will go over

to church with their teachers and sit together as a class. All students and families at STNS are welcome to join us in church at this mass! Thank you for your support!

Important dates this month and sign ups outside the classroom!

- Sign up for conferences posted early November or call Michele to schedule you in!
 - Bishop Pie orders due: Friday, November 3rd
 - Pick up pies : Wednesday, November 15th
- Thanksgiving Feast: Friday, November 17th at NOON for Fours
- Thursday, November 16th at 10:30 a.m. for Threes
 - Send in donations of school supplies to be placed on tree in lobby for Trees of Hope for Ronald McDonald House by Thanksgiving!



Bishop Pie & Bread Fundraiser

Cold Weather!



Thank you to all of our families for their Bishop Orchard Fundraiser! The delivery of the pies will be on Wednesday, November 15th. We are asking all of our parents, both threes and fours, to pick up their orders on that day from 10:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. only! Pick up will be in the meeting room of the nursery school. Please try to pick up your order prior to picking up your child at school.

Due to the sensitive nature of these products, they are frozen, all orders must be picked up at this time. Enjoy the delicious baked goods!

Pick up time:

Wednesday, November 15th
10:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

All parents must pick up on this day. Both threes and fours!

Final due date for orders:

Friday, November 3rd

Please be reminded that as the weather becomes colder, all students should bring a coat, hat, and mittens to school each day! We will be going outside as long as the weather is 32 degrees or above without a wind chill. Many of the students have similar coats, please be sure to label them with your child's name!

If we are going out in the snow, we will send home a note the day prior for hats, gloves, boots, and snow pants.



Flu Shot Due

If your child is ill and needs medicine

Just a reminder!!!!!!!!!!!! You must submit proof of the flu vaccination before you leave for Christmas break! This is a Department of Health requirement for all children in pre-school!

If your child has become ill but is able to return to school fever free for 24 hours and is on medication, please let us know the name of the medication, dosage, and frequency. We will place this in your child's file as a reference in case of any

type of reaction to the medication. We are trained to administer medication only to children who have an allergy with a medical order from their doctor. Thank you for your assistance!



Veteran's Day



In honor of Veteran's Day, there will be no school on Friday, November 10th. The children of the nursery school will prepare for this day through stories as well as an art project that we will forward to the Veteran's Hospital in West Haven. In the month of Feb-

ruary we also honor the veterans with "Valentines for Veterans". The children make beautiful Valentine decorations which are hung in the hallways and rooms of the hospital.

If you have a veteran in your family or circle of friends,

please ask them if they would like to come in and visit a classroom and share how they have helped our country! Preserving our patriotism through our young children is insurance for our future!

Thanksgiving Feasts



The feast around student created food and presentations! This year the children will be making all of the food and presenting a new and unique presentation! As a result, all our families (2 guests per a child) need to do is attend and share in this event and how thankful we all are! We will not be serving our traditional luncheon feast. We will be serving corn bread, relish, and butter made by the children.

Three Year Olds: 10:30 a.m. on

Thursday, November 16th

*11:30 a.m. pick up students will be

Fall Conferences & Assessments

dismissed from the feast at 11:30.

*12:30 p.m. Pick up students will return to the classroom for lunch and a regular pick up.

*Four Year Olds: Noon on Friday, November 17th

- 12 p.m. Pick up students will remain in school and be brought over to the feast at noon with dismissal from the feast.
- All day students will return to their classroom after the feast with a regular dismissal at 3:00 p.m. They will eat lunch upon their return to the classroom after the feast.
- Five day students will also remain for the entire school day. Please see

your individual notice for the feast day for your child.

*Formal invitations will be sent home shortly noting two guests per a child due to space in the hall!

Parents who signed up on the Time and Talent to assist with set up will receive a notice reminding them to arrive for set-up immediately following the drop off of their child at 9:00 a.m. Clean-up parents will also receive a notice for clean up immediately following the feast.



We will be holding conferences the first week in December. The teachers have used the first few months to acclimate to the children and find a baseline of their knowledge. This assessment covers benchmarks as we have instructed while allowing parents to receive a parent friendly version. You will receive the

assessments the week prior.

You will be able to sign up outside your child's classroom. Conferences are 20 minutes in duration. If you are unable to fill in a conference time because you do not drop off or pick up, please call me and I will let you know the times available and will schedule it for you.

Conference Schedule:

Monday, December 4th Miss Mary Ellen Fours
 Tuesday, December 5th Miss Michele Threes
 Wednesday, December 6th Miss Patsy Fours
 Thursday, December 7th Meg & Mary Ellen Threes
 Friday, December 8th Miss Michele Fours



November Service Project

Each year we participate in the Ronald McDonald House "Trees of Hope" service project. Our theme for our Christmas tree is our mission, "Learning is a journey, not a destination." The children make ornaments for the tree and we ask our families to donate school type items such as glue sticks, crayons, markers, books, coloring books, and craft items to hang on the tree. The

tree is in our foyer for collection and then transferred to the Maritime Center on Long Wharf for display on Thanksgiving weekend. More information on the dates to visit our tree and a request for assistance will be sent home in the December newsletter! If you have a tree to donate! see Michele!

Field Trip!

We invite all of the STNS Families to join us at the Trees of Hope on **Friday, December 8th at 3:30** at the Maritime Center on Long Wharf to visit our school tree and the remaining trees that benefit the Ronald McDonald House!

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Learning is a journey, not a destination!

Save the Date!
Polar Express Night
At STNS!
Saturday, Dec. 9th
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.!
Details to Follow!!!!

Our History *St. Therese Nursery School was established on October 30, 2000. We began with two classrooms, thirty students, and four 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*



Snow Policy

Inclement weather will be arriving soon! You will find a copy of our snow policy on the school calendar.

Snow Policy

Please watch Channel 8 News on the bottom of the screen for: St. Therese Nursery School/North Haven for the following messages. I have described what the message means with regard to times at our school.

Closed: No School

No a.m. pre-k: No 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. ***All day students arrive at 11:30 a.m. with their lunch**

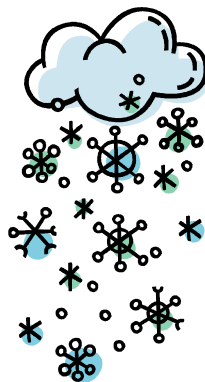
- 12: to 3:00 p.m. students arrive at 12:30 p.m. as regularly scheduled.

Early Dismissal: 11:30 a.m. dismissal of all students

*No p.m. class

*No lunch bunch

*You will be called by the school if there is an early dismissal



Hand Washing!

Last but certainly not least! As the cold weather approaches so do colds! The first and most preventative way to avoid this is hand washing! We wash our hands before every meal and every time someone coughs or sneezes! We are also reminding our friends to wash for at least two minutes to eradicate any germs! Please reinforce this at home as well as sneezing into your arm! Please be reminded that if your child is sick and you keep them home, to call the school with their absence and their illness. We keep track of the type in each classroom. Thank you!