

WHERE LEARNING IS A  
JOURNEY, NOT A  
DESTINATION!

SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- Four Year Old Field Trip Friday, September 29th!
- Parent/School Meeting Monday, September 25th!
- Look for the Time and Talent Survey coming home soon!

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# STNS September Newsletter

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## Growing in God's Grace

The beginning of our school year has gone off smoothly! A great deal of planning and preparation over the month of August comes to fruition when our students and their families arrive in September. Even after this first week I can see a sense of comfort in both our children and their families. Thank you for your patience and guidance on this journey.

This year we are adding the theme of "Growing in God's Grace" to our school. The intention is

this, to grow in grace is to grow in our understanding of what Jesus did and to grow in our appreciation of the grace we have been given. What does that mean here at STNS?

Our staff met before the start of school and developed this theme into our curriculum. You may notice some subtle instances of Growing in God's Grace instantly or over time.

This growth revolves around the spiritual, emotional, physical, and academic components of the experience here at our

school. Our teachers are incorporating a school wide prayer in addition to our snack prayer, compliment circles, moments to stop and take a breath, celebrating the wonder of God's creations in science, and lessons on acceptance and understanding of others to name a few. I will speak more of this each month in this column. I encourage you to try these experiences with your own family and Grow in God's Grace together!

In God's Peace,  
Miss Michele

## STNS Playgroup



If you have a younger sibling or have friends with children ages two through five that do not attend an early childhood program, we offer a playgroup twice a month here at STNS. Under the direction of Miss Michele and a teacher assistant, we walk through

the routine of an early childhood classroom with a focus on transitions, directions, and play interaction. If you are interested in registering for playgroup, a packet is attached to this email. Please feel free to see Miss Michele with any questions!

## Parent Helpers in and out of the classroom!

Each year we ask our families to help in a way that fits their time and talent! You may be able to help on a committee, in a classroom, for a school event, or even something at home! Everyone has a talent to share! In the past we have had a mom who was an x ray technician share x rays, a nurse share about working at the hospital, a dad share his tow truck, a tile layer brought in broken tile pieces to make mosaic art, and

even a mom who was in a German dancing troop! One grandmother came in and cooked with the students!

*Please note that if you sign up to help in the classroom for a holiday event, we try to be equitable by splitting up the holidays between parents. For example, if you are chosen as a parent helper for Halloween, another set of parents will help with Valentine's*

Day.

**Please return the forms sent home regarding this by the end of September!**

**Save the date:**

**First Parent Helper**

**Meeting:**

**Monday, Sept. 25th**

**12:30 p.m.**

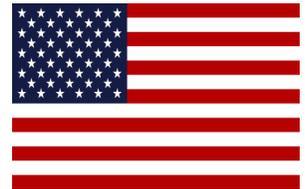
**\*Plan for Mom's Night Out and Fall Festival!**

## In honor of 9/11

In remembrance of the tragic events that occurred sixteen years ago, the children in our four year old program gathered in prayer for our country and to recite the pledge of allegiance. Standing around our nation's flag in the circle on our

front walkway, each child held a small flag as we recite our prayers and song. Our focus to the children is that this is a time to be proud of our country and those who serve to protect us whether it be the military, fire, or police department.

Please do not forget this day or the men and women who lost our lives for our freedom!



## STNS Telephone Book

You will receive our STNS school telephone book in your child's tote bag. This is a wonderful tool for both you and your child to make new friendships! We always encourage families to choose a neutral meet-

ing place such as the park or library. Social interaction is key during early childhood and play dates only reinforce the strategies the children are exposed to in school. Please note that some families for

personal reasons have chosen not to list their information in our telephone book.

I will be checking a proof with every parent for correct numbers. If you would prefer your cell phone, please let me know!

# STNS Fall Festival

For the past few years we have been holding a fall festival on the back lawn of the school on a Saturday in October. This event has transformed into quite a day for all ages! We have a hayride, pumpkin patch, bouncy house, food vendor, shopping vendors, apple and pumpkin do-

nuts, and much more! This is an enormous task that can not be done without help from our families! If you are interested in helping, please attend the first planning meeting on: Monday, Sept. 25th!

12:30 p.m.

\*If you can't attend the meeting but would like to help even

on the day of, please let me know!!!!!!



## Signing In and Out Each Day



Safety is of our utmost concern.

Our sign in and sign out logs outside each classroom door serve as our manifest in the event of

an emergency. Please remember to sign your child in and out each day. If another person is dropping or picking up your child, please remind them of this procedure. During our fire drills and in the case of an emergency, the log travels with the teacher to our designated meeting spot.

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## Like us on

Social media is a great form of modern communication! We are on Facebook listed as St. Therese Nursery School. Be sure to visit and like us! Every few days I post happenings at our school with a picture. Children's faces are never post-

ed and you may recognize a hand or a foot displaying an event or an experience in the classroom. This is another way to witness the learning journey here at STNS!

## Facebook!



## **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.

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