

STNS November 2018 Newsletter

Dear Families,

Our thankful school-wide leaf project is certainly indicates how blessed we are as a school community! Our leaves are filling the entry to the nursery and the children are eager to find their leaf and share what they are thankful for! Our school theme this year of Faith, Family, and Friends certainly ties into the happenings over the next few months here at STNS.

We will be sharing our faith at a school mass on

Sunday, December 2nd at the 11:00 a.m. mass here at St. Therese Church. Our families will help light the first candle of the Advent wreath! The true meaning of Christmas!

We will also share with our families at our annual Thanksgiving Feasts next week! The children have been preparing songs, treats, and thankful art to share with you on this day!

And we certainly won't forget how thankful we are for our friends! At the fall festival our chil-

dren worked collaboratively with the Social Action Committee of our parish on our kindness pumpkins. Please look for a kindness pumpkin in our parish and our community!

Please take a moment to share how thankful you are on Thanksgiving. This may be as simple as having each guest write what they are thankful for on your child's placemat! We are thankful that you have chosen us to guide your family on the first stop on their learning journey!

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. We will be having a school mass on Sunday, December 2nd at the 11:00 a.m. mass

here at St. Therese. Our families are invited to join us to light the first candle of the Advent wreath! All students and families at STNS are welcome to join us in church at this mass! A small coffee "and"

reception will follow in the parish center with tours of the nursery school for our parish family as well as our school! Thank you for your support!

Important dates this month and sign ups outside the classroom!

- Sign up for conferences will sent via email this year.
- Bishop Pie Pick up: Monday, November 19th 10:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
- Thanksgiving Feast: Friday, November 16h at 11:15 a.m. for Fours
- Thursday, November 15h at 10:45 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!
- New: Friday, November 30th 6:00 p.m.! Christmas Celebration
- Join us for wine tasting, food, vendors, raffles & more! Flyers forthcoming!



Bishop Pie & Bread Fundraiser

Thank you to all of our families for their Bishop Orchard Fundraiser! The delivery of the pies will be on Monday, November 19th. 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!

Cold Weather!



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 medicine

If your child is ill and needs



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!

Please be reminded that cold season is now upon us! We work diligently to wash our hands frequently. Please remember our school illness policy of fever free for 24 hours and gastrointestinal free for the same. 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 to children who have an allergy with a medical

Veteran's Day



In honor of Veteran's Day, there will be no school on Monday, November 12th. 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 15th

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

Fall Conferences & Assessments

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

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 16th

- 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

assessments the week prior.

You will be able to sign up outside your child's classroom. Conferences are 20 minutes in duration and can be in person or via telephone. You will receive an email link to sign up for conferences for our child's teacher shortly!

your individual notice for the feast day for your child.

- P.M. Students will meet us in the church hall at 11:15 with their parents and then remain until three with lunch after the program.

*Formal invitations have been 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.



Conference Schedule:

Monday, December 3rd Miss Mary Ellen Fours

Tuesday, December 4th Miss Meg Threes & Miss Christine Threes

Wednesday, December 5th Miss Meg Fours

Thursday, December 6th Miss Kristen Threes

Friday, December 7th Miss Christine 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!

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Learning is a journey, not a destination!

Save the Date!
Polar Express Night
At STNS!
Saturday, Dec. 8th
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**

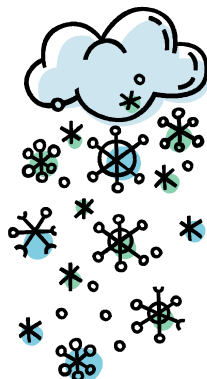
- 12: to 3:00 p.m. students arrive at 12:30 p.m. as regularly scheduled.

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!