



St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School "TIGER TIDINGS"



MARCH 2010

Important School Events

- March 3**—Reconciliation for 2nd graders 4pm at church.
- March 4**—**Mass at the school**—wear Mass uniforms. Popcorn sale during recess 50¢.
- March 5**—12:30 Dismissal—Staff Meeting
- March 9**—Science & Invention Fair projects due in MPR by 8:30 am.
- March 10**—Science Fair open for viewing. Pizza hot lunch money due by 9am.
- March 11**—Pick up Science/Invention projects by 10:30 am.
- March 12**—Cheese Pizza Hot Lunch
- March 16**—Breakfast Burritos \$2 before school. **PTO Meeting** 6:30 pm in MPR.
- March 17**—St. Patrick's Day Dress 50¢ - Wear green.
- March 18**—Money for Sloppy Joes hot lunch on March 23 due by 9 am.
- March 19**—Spring Pictures—Free Dress (no charge)
- March 22-26**—Book Fair in the Library and Reading Week for the school.
- March 23**—Sloppy Joes Hot Lunch
- March 26**—Free Dress 50¢
- March 31**—**School Mass at church**—Students arrive 8:00-8:15 at church.
- April 2**—Good Friday NO SCHOOL
- April 2-11**—Easter Break NO SCHOOL
- April 13-14**—Talent Show tryouts 3:15-4:00 pm in Multi-Purpose Room
- April 16**—12:30 Dismissal—Staff Meeting
- April 21**—**Mass at the school**
- April 23**—Talent Show

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School Community proclaims Christ is the reason for this school. We are committed to providing a safe, structured and caring learning environment dedicated to developing each student's God-given potential.

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe we are already heading into the month of March. As usual, the activity calendar is already filled with fun events. Please make sure to read and post this calendar in a convenient location to keep abreast of the weekly activities.

Once again, our school is focusing on the Lenten season and how we can transform ourselves into becoming more like Jesus. During the 40 days before Easter, we have discussed how we as Catholics can become closer to Jesus by spending more time in deepening our spiritual life, engaging in acts of self-denial, and looking introspectively on how we can change our selfish inclinations. In morning prayers we talk about how Lent is a time to reflect upon ourselves and what we can do to grow in mind, body, and spirit.



With these important Lenten practices in mind, our students will once again, participate in Operation Rice Bowl. In today's folder, your child has their own personal Rice Bowl for almsgiving along with a pamphlet explaining this program. We hope your family will join in this important campaign to help the less fortunate around the world. We will be asking the children to bring their Rice Bowls to our school Mass at the church on March 31st. Our donations will be sent to Catholic Relief Services to help the needy. Thank you so much for your help in teaching the children the importance of this season which includes increasing prayer time, personal sacrifice, and almsgiving.

Crab Feed a Huge Success!

The 7th Annual Crab Claws for a Good Cause was an enormous success for all. This year, the committee chose a Mardi Gras theme to add some pizzazz to the event. The decorating committee (Terry and Eric Basa, Katie Larkin, and Kathy Gagnon) transformed the church into a replication of New Orleans complete with three very energetic dancing crabs (Amy Clemens, Gayle Krivan, and Katie Larkin.) The Bartenders (Clay McElhany, Gordon Gagnon, and Steve Von Rumpf) were charming and entertaining as they served the crowds their favorite libations. The kitchen workers (April & Tod Schafer, and Paul & Karin Fischer) made sure the food was ready for distribution. The waiters and waitresses (Marcia & Jim Warne, Mary Robertson, and Laurie & Eric Brio) made sure that there was an ample supply of King Crab, tri-tip, pasta, salad, and warm bread at each table. Each round table was adorned with "hurricane glass vases" flowers, and Mardi Gras decorations created by Diane Abbott. All of the planning, organization, and thematic coordination would not have been possible without the hard work of our illustrious chairperson, Sharon Kassity. She, along with her trusty side-kicks, Kristen Loos and Kathy Gagnon, made this event the best our community has seen in years!



Together in Christ,


Mrs. Perdomo
Principal

Science Fair March 9th



Science and Invention Fair projects are due on Tuesday, March 9th. Please drop off the projects before school between 7:30-8:30 AM. There will be a team of judges here to evaluate the projects that same day starting at 12:00 PM.

Parents are invited to view the projects on Wednesday throughout the school day. Individual classrooms will have an opportunity to see the projects that day as well. We will formally announce the winners on Thursday, March 11th during morning prayers. All projects must be taken home by 10:45 am that day.



Please take a moment to check out the school's newly revised website at stts.org

Compliments Abound

I received a very inspiring call from a parishioner last week. She began to tell me how impressed she was with our students and their behavior in Mass. As she spoke to me, she began to tear up stating she hasn't seen such exceptional behavior since she taught in Catholic School many years ago. She especially commented on how our students participated, sang, and prayed together throughout the Mass. In addition, she commented on how our older students helped the younger ones follow the Mass. Our buddy system really works!



St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School Uniform Update for 2010-2011

Dennis Uniform Sales representatives will be at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School on May 26th from 12:00-4:00 in the MPR to take uniform orders for next school year. The representatives will have a variety of uniform samples and sizes for your children to try on at the school. Just like last year, AnaBelle Henricksen and helpers will be available to take Scrip orders for uniform purchases. I hope you will make every effort to attend this special event as Dennis Uniform is making this trip just for our school. In return for this visit, we must sell \$6,000.00 in clothing. Every family that orders uniforms on this day will receive free shipping from Dennis.

Please add the purchase of a V-neck St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School logo sweater for the 2010-2011 school year. Half of the student body already owns this item and are very pleased with the quality and look of the sweater. This additional clothing item will be a mandatory requirement for school Mass days and special school events. **Please note we will be reinstating the former rule on the wearing of shorts. Students will not be able to wear shorts between November 1st-April 1st.** St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School will now be following the same uniform policy as all of the Catholic Elementary Schools in Reno, as well as Bishop Manogue Catholic High School.



We Passed with Flying Colors!

You've probably already heard by now via the grapevine that our Accreditation visit was very successful. The six member team applauded the school's accomplishments especially the evidence of a strong Catholic Identity, our academic standards, the supportive and involved parent community, and of course, the outstanding professional staff of St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School. They were very complimentary of the work we've accomplished since the last Self-Study in 2003. As you can probably guess, we are soaring with pride over the feedback we received from the team. We should receive the final evaluation sometime this summer. I want to personally thank Kristen Loos and her team of parent volunteers for providing breakfast, lunch, and dinner over the three day visit. The team was so appreciative of the hospitality and VIP treatment they received. Thank you all for your ongoing support and prayers for us during this Accreditation visit. Every prayer made us feel more confident that this was our time to shine...and SHINE WE DID!

