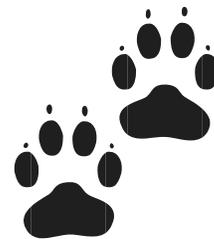




THE BRUIN BULLETIN

St. Teresa of Avila



Sharon Willmes, Principal
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“Lead Me, Guide Me”



School News

- ❖ Welcome to all of our new students and their families. We are happy you have joined our St. Teresa family. To all of our returning students and families, welcome back!
 - ❖ We hope everyone is having a wonderful start to the new school year. Monday we will begin our first full week of school. Our start time for the 2018-19 school year is **7:45 am**. **The arrival time for students in the morning is 7:30 am. The doors WILL NOT BE UNLOCKED until 7:30 am.** At that time, students will go straight to their homeroom. There will be no morning supervision.
 - ❖ We are blessed this year by having two fifth grade homerooms. Mrs. Barden’s homeroom will be 5A and we are excited to welcome Miss Pasquale whose homeroom will be 5B. Also, we welcome our new Seton Blended Learning Consultant, Ms. Amanda Zingone and Ms. Gabrielle Wadell, our new Math Intervention Specialist.
 - ❖ Please welcome Ms. Jane Acra who is our new Assistant Principal. She will be handling the discipline for grades 3 – 8 and will be working with Ms. Zingone on the Blended Learning.
 - ❖ **This year, St. Teresa of Avila School will be celebrating its 100th Birthday!** There will be many special ways to celebrate this landmark throughout the school year. We have much to be grateful for and look forward to many more years of quality education with our St. Teresa family.
 - ❖ This year’s school theme is “Lead Me, Guide Me”. This theme will be incorporated throughout the school year.
 - ❖ Please be sure that all of your child’s forms have been completed and returned to school by Friday, August 31st including the page that indicates that you have read the handbook on-line and that you and your family are aware of the guidelines. A new Archdiocese Bullying Policy has been added, so please be sure to read it.
- Also, please complete the page which requests your email address. We will use that to send out our weekly newsletter, the Bruin Bulletin. Our target date for the first email will be August 30th.
- ❖ All students will be attending weekly mass together on Friday mornings at 8:15 am; unless we are celebrating a special feast earlier in the week. Our first Mass of the year is Friday, August 31th at 8:15. All parents are invited to join in our celebration. We will have a video presentation of the timeline of the history of St. Teresa of Avila School!
 - ❖ St. Teresa does not offer a hot lunch. Students must pack their lunch. Milk, juice and snacks are available for purchase in the cafeteria for .25 each (bottled water .50). Cash is not accepted; therefore, *Drink and Snack*

- ❖ *Cards* are available for purchase for \$5 each. An order form was sent home with your student today.
- ❖ Option C is the on-line grading system that St. Teresa uses. Parent letters were sent home today with one of your students containing information on how to log-on to Option C in order to view your child’s grades.
- ❖ St. Teresa’s calendar is available on Google. Starting in September, we will also be sending a hard copy calendar home each month with the Bruin Bulletin. We also communicate using email. Make sure to visit our website at www.stteresa.net.
- ❖ If your student attended St. Teresa last year, their state testing scores will be sent home next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat., August 25	
Sun., August 26	
Mon., August 27	
Tues., August 28	
Wed., August 29	
Thurs., August 30	Spirit Day! Box Top and Pull Tab Turn-In 6:30 PTG Mtg/Meet the Teacher Night
Fri., August 31	8:15 Opening Mass (Centennial Committee)



Visiting The School

All parents are required to stop by the office when visiting the school for any reason. There is a sign-in name tag book located on the counter. Complete both the badge and “sign out stub” by listing your name, your destination, the date, your initials and your time of arrival (“time in”). Remove the badge and apply it to your clothing in a visible location. Before you leave the building, please return to the office to sign yourself out, locating your initials and sign-out stub. List your departure time on the stub. We do this for the safety of our children, staff and visitors and in the event of an emergency. It is critical that everyone in the building is accounted for.



Tardies and Absences

Please remember that your child’s teacher and the school office need to be notified when your child is going to be absent, will arrive to school late or is leaving early for an appointment. Also, please remember to send a note with your child when they return after an absence. These are state laws and we must make sure everyone complies to avoid any truancy issues. **We would appreciate these notes on paper and not via email.**



PTG Meeting/Meet the Teacher Night

All are invited to join us on Thursday evening, August 30 for the first PTG Meeting and our Meet the Teacher night! The PTG meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and then there are two sessions to meet the teachers. The teachers will be discussing curriculum and classroom expectations. There will only be two sessions; so if you have more than two children, both parents might want to attend. We ask that you do not bring children to the meeting. Child care will be available during the meeting.



Morning Drop Off

To facilitate morning drop off to make it quicker and easier, we are going to put a new procedure in place. There will be faculty members outside the first couple weeks of school to help with the new system. School begins at 7:45 a.m. this year. The school doors will not be unlocked until 7:30 a.m. due to no morning supervision. **This 7:30 a.m. time will be strictly enforced this year.** If you see a teacher walking into school before that, they have been instructed NOT to allow the children to enter with them.

We are going to ask parents to drop your child off in the front of school unless your child needs special assistance getting out of the car. 7:00 a.m. Mass will be letting out right about the same time as morning drop-off so the back lot will be busy. So, only those students who need special assistance should be dropped off in the back lot. Students in grades 1 and 2 can drop off by the primary door which will open at 7:30 a.m.

When dropping off in the front of school by the main door on Rulison, you should travel from Zula to Cleves-Warsaw. You will drop off on the right hand side of the street. There will be two cones set up and six to seven cars will fit in between the two cones. The first car will pull all the way up to the first cone, the next car right behind etc. All cars will drop off at the same time. The cars will pull away and then the next car will again pull all the way up to the first cone, the next car behind etc. This will allow parents to drop off children from 6-7 cars at a time which will speed up the process. Now, for this to work, children **MUST** exit the car on the passenger side of the car so they are not getting out in the middle of the street. In addition, all hugs and kisses should take place at home, prior to the actual drop-off so that you pull up and the child immediately gets out of the car. Kindergarteners should be able to open the door by him/herself and get him/herself out of the car on their own. We do not want parents getting out of the car to open the door. If you have a child that cannot do this, you should drop your child off in the back of school so as not to slow down the system in front of school.

If you are dropping off your child in the back of school, again 3-4 cars should drop off at a time. You **MUST** pull in from Rulison and you **MUST** exit onto Glenway. Now, we have asked Church traffic to follow this same traffic pattern, but we can't guarantee that they will.



Spirit Days

This year we will have two kinds of Spirit Days. The first Thursday of the month will be our **ESAP Tuition Assistance Out of Uniform Day**. For a charge of \$2, a student may come to school out of uniform (in appropriate attire as outlined in the Student Handbook). This is a way to earn money for tuition assistance which is disbursed to our school families who need a little help.

The last Thursday of each month will be our regular school **Spirit Day**. For .25 a student may come out of uniform; however, they must wear some kind of St. Teresa spirit wear (St. Teresa Tshirt, St. Teresa sports jersey, a green or white Tshirt). Please see the Student Handbook (on school website) for guidelines.

***Our first .25 Spirit Day will be Thursday, August 30th!**



St. Teresa on Social Media

St. Teresa is on Facebook and Twitter! Our Facebook link is www.facebook.com/stteresabruins. Our Twitter account is @teresaavilacin. Join us online!

Restaurant Day Lunches

When ordering lunch please use the following guidelines:

1. Each child needs their own order form. Please be sure to include name and homeroom.
2. Only 1 envelope per family is needed.
3. Please use correct change when paying cash or make checks payable to St. Teresa PTG (no change will be given)
4. Please contact Tanya Morgan at tanyamorgan73@gmail.com or (513) 259-7014 with any questions.



Looking Ahead...

Monthly Calendars are available to be viewed on the school website and on google calendar. Here are some dates you may like to add to your calendar:

Upcoming School Events

Monday, September 3	No School – Labor Day
Tuesday, September 18	Picture Day
Friday, September 21	Grandparent/Special Person Day
Friday, September 28	No School – In-Service
Monday, October 8	No School - Columbus Day
Friday, October 26	No School – In-Service Day
Monday, November 19	1:00 Dismissal for Conferences
November 20- 23	No School – Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, December 6	7pm Christmas Concert in Church (Grades 2 – 5)
Wednesday, December 21	1:00 Dismissal (No PM Bus Service)
December 22 – January 6	Christmas Break
Monday, January 21	No School–Martin Luther King Day
Thursday, January 24	6:30 – 8 pm Open House
January 27 – February 2	Catholic Schools Week
Friday, February 15	No School
Monday, February 18	No School – Presidents' Day
Friday, March 22	No School – In-Service Day
Friday, April 18- 23	Easter Break
Friday, April 26	Walk-a-Thon
Friday, May 3	May Devotions/Graduation Picture Evening of the Arts
Thursday, May 9	Graduation 7 pm
Tuesday, May 21	No School – Memorial Day
Monday, May 27	Last Day of School 11:00 Dismissal
Thursday, May 30	

Sacrament Dates

Thursday, October 11	7 pm Confirmation Parent Meeting
Wednesday, January 10	7 pm Reconciliation and First Communion Parent Mtg.
Wednesday, January 16	7 th Grade Confirmation Retreat
Sunday, February 10	11 am 2 nd Grade First Reconciliation
Wednesday, February 20	7 pm Confirmation in Church (Archbishop Schnurr)
Wednesday, May 1	7 pm First Communion Pictures
Friday, May 3	2 nd Grade Jesus Day/May Devotion
Sunday, May5	1 pm First Communion



Virtus

There are many opportunities to volunteer during the school year at PTG events, for field trips, school events, sports, lunch and recess help and many more. To volunteer you must complete the Virtus Training. This includes attending a Virtus Class (there are many locations that offer this). You also must sign-up at Virtus.org and do a background check. In addition, you will receive monthly training bulletins by email. You must complete these mandatory trainings on-line every month (read the article and answer question) to stay current and in good standing with the Archdiocese. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bill Thoman at 921-9200 or drop him an email at thoman_b@stteresa.net.



New Ed Commission Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to our Education Commission: Lance Hart, Jenna Martin and Scott Wolfram. Congratulations and we look forward to working with you and to the good things you will bring to St. Teresa of Avila School!



Athletic News

A Soccer Mass will be held on Sunday, August 26th at 9:30. Come show your support to your fellow Bruins and pray for a safe and fun season for all.



Parish Picnic

Save the date!!! We will be wrapping up the summer and celebrating our wonderful parish family with St. William and St. Catherine at our annual parish picnic on Friday, October 12th at Stricker's Grove from 5-10pm.



Around Town



PTG News

Welcome

Welcome to the new PTG Board Members for the 2018-2019 school year!

Co-Presidents	Shannon Darnell & Robyn Tierney
Treasurer	Beth Hebenstreit
Recording Secretary	Christy Wolfram
Communications Reps	Michelle Hageman
Corresponding Secretary	Tricia Ober
Events Coordinator	Robyn Schwarz
Teacher Representative	Joni Tieman

We look forward to a great year of ideas, activities and fun!



The Meet the Teacher /PTG Meeting for the beginning of the year is next Thursday, August 30 at 6:30 pm. Child care will be available.



PTG will be selling Buddy Cards at the PTG Meeting. Cost is \$10.

**Please like our St. Teresa of Avila PTG page on Facebook to stay up to date on all our events!

Cafeteria and Recess Volunteers Needed

If you are willing to be a Cafeteria and Recess Helper, please use this Sign Up Genius link to volunteer.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4dadad23a6fd0-lunch>

Quote of the Week...

"Don't count the days, make the days count."

