



St. Theresa School

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September 17, 2020

Dear STS Family,

As promised, I will try my best to keep you updated on Thursdays of each week.

This week we're on the cusp of completing our first full week of school! Our PreK has now started, so we are going the full gamut of 6 week olds to Grade 8. I cannot tell you how happy we are to have everyone back! (Even if some of that reality is virtual). An empty school – as it had been since last March – is surreal and sad; it is our children that make it come alive.

With that said, we had our first Remote Learning Wednesday yesterday. As with all things, it would be great to say that it went off flawlessly, but – as with all things – that would be a rarity. Nonetheless, Mrs. Sacco, Mr. Gatchalian and Mr. Aguinaldo are working tirelessly to remedy whatever they see needs remediation (frankly, I usually have no idea what they're talking about, but I know they are all working hard). And, quite honestly, it's been less than two full weeks of school so I think, all things considered, the teachers, the students and technology-at-large have been doing a phenomenal job and giving a 100++++ effort.

Of course, we can only be an open school because we know our God and His blessed Mother are here protecting us! With this in mind, Fr. Giovanni, our Pastor, will be blessing the entire school this Friday morning. It would be wonderful to have all of you here for this event, but unfortunately, this will not be possible now, but know that as soon as we can, we will get back to our programs and events during the school day and on evenings and weekends. This is our hope moving forward, but in the meantime, we will video the Blessing of the School and try to get it out to you by Monday (at the latest).

Also this Friday, there will be a ZOOM Info Meeting for Forensics. If your child(ren) is interested in public speaking, please try to attend this meeting with them. Tryouts will be on Tuesday, September 22 (4-5 pm). Please contact Mrs. McCarthy with any specific questions. Thank you.

Along with this letter, you should be seeing at www.mysts.org the announcement that our long-planned Tricky Tray will be held virtually on October 24th. And the best part... the baskets were already prepared and donated by our families from last

March so we not even asking you for a basket (next March is another story). All we are asking is that you help to get the announcement out AND that you might be able to lend a hand. **Any questions or to volunteer, please contact Alex at lexa94@aol.com.** By the way, since the event will be virtual, we can have as many people attend as possible! The more we are able to gain from this event, the less we'll be pestering you throughout the year to participate in fundraising.

This Saturday, at 10:30 am, there will be a Mass at St. Theresa's to honor our First Responders. Please see the flier below. We hope you are able to attend.

St. Theresa's R. C. Church
541 Washington Avenue, Kenilworth, NJ

MASS IN HONOR OF FIRST RESPONDERS



Of Kenilworth and Surrounding Areas

Save the Date!
Saturday,
September 19, 2020
10:30 am
In St. Theresa's Church
We will thank God
and celebrate all those
who are keeping safe
our Community during
these difficult times.

Come and join us!

More information at:
908-272-4444

As always, any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at louann.fantauzza@mysts.org or at the Office (908-276-7220).

God bless and have a good week!

Sr. Lou Ann, FMA

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Principal



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REMOTE LEARNING UPDATE

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We are almost at the end of our first full week of classes and we were able to have our first official Wednesday Remote Learning Day. I wanted to provide you an update on our remote learning.

Overall, the remote learning has been effective but has had its challenges which we are working diligently to rectify. We have upgraded many of our classrooms with new wifi access points so that online students experience less drops. We have already seen much improvement in this area.

We have also identified issues with our Google Chromebook users. This would affect students in our Middle School, grades 5-8. It seems that the Chromebook has a difficult time processing all that video from Google Meet. It should be noted that Zoom has the same issues.

We believe this issue will continue but, as a short-term solution, we would like to strongly suggest the following for the remote students and for all students on Remote Learning Wednesdays: if possible and if you have availability to these devices, for the Google Meet Classes, use a PC laptop/desktop instead of the Chromebook. PC's have the ability to process video much more efficiently and the student should experience less "drops" or "freezing". Additionally, utilizing the PC for the Google Meet allows students to use the Chromebook for their schoolwork exclusively.

The **St. Theresa School Tricky Tray** has been rescheduled!!



Please join us for our Tricky Tray...

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If you had already purchased tickets to the Tricky Tray that was scheduled for March, great, we will honor them.

If you do not have an entrance ticket, contact us, we are still selling them, or they can be purchased at the door.

Date of Live Drawing: Oct. 24th, 7:30 pm via Facebook Live

Available Dates for Ticket Drop: Oct. 23rd 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Oct. 24th 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Must sign up for a time slot to drop your tickets on Sign Up Genius starting 9/21/20

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4FAEAA2FA3FE3-ststricky>

Discounted Ticket Bundles are available for this event... bundles must be purchased by October 19th for the discounted price. Bundles will still be available for purchase after the 19th, and at the event, but special discounted price will not apply. Single tickets will also be available for purchase the day of the event. Tickets will be on sale starting 9/21/20.

Please contact Alex Infante at 908-337-2416 or via email at lexa94@aol.com to purchase tickets or with ANY questions.

Prizes can be picked up, for up to 1 hour after calling happens on Saturday 10/24 and Sunday 10/25 from 10 am – 3 pm.

You must bring your portion of the ticket for verification.

ST. THERESA SCHOOL

Tricky Tray pre-packaged ticket bundle order form

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Bundle #1 \$55.00 (value of \$70.00)

1 bid sheet, 6 red tickets, 3 yellow tickets, 5 white tickets, 3 black tickets , 1 blue ticket

Number of Bundles wanted _____ @ \$55.00 – Total Price _____

Bundle #2 \$80.00 (value of \$95.00)

1 bid sheet, 6 red tickets, 3 yellow tickets, 5 white tickets , 3 black tickets, 3 blue tickets

Number of Bundles wanted _____ @ \$80.00 – Total Price _____

Name: _____

Childs Name: _____ Grade: _____

Contact Number/Email: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

*******PRICES FOR THESE BUNDLES WILL INCREASE AFTER OCTOBER 19th*******

Any questions please contact Alex at lexa94@aol.com