



Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School

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Weekly Newsletter

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“BE A SHOOTING STAR FOR GOD”

WELCOME

Thank You God for wonderful students with bright smiles and excited energy for this new school year! Thank You God for wonderful families ready to support their children to get the best education possible! Thank You God for wonderful teachers and staff that will care for your children and will help them grow! Let us strive to be Shooting Stars for God!!!

PRINCIPAL’S NOTE

We want to help our students to be Shooting Stars for God, so they can wow people as they show their Christian Values through actions and words! Help us nourish their spiritual growth and let’s watch them SHINE!

ARRIVAL

Students arriving from 7:15 – 7:35 report to the cafeteria. All other students should be at the front doors **by 7:45**. We start prayer at 8:00. **Please help your child be prepared for the day by arriving at 7:45**, so they have time to unpack in their rooms, get settled, and then arrive for prayer with their class.

DISMISSAL

Students are dismissed at 3:30pm. Kindergarten through fourth grade leave from the front of the school while the older students in grades 5-8 will dismiss from the back. Know that students are always supervised by staff members, and they are not allowed to cross the street if you park across from the school. Your child’s safety is top priority for our Sister Thea Bowman family.

UNIFORM

Please review uniform requirements from your handbook. We start to enforce the rules next week, so please do not let your student come to school without checking if they meet the standards. Key items: **Belts** (Brown or Black, Plain Buckle), **Socks** (White), **Headbands** (Girls: Plain, flowers, etc), No Nail Polish or Lip Gloss.

SIGNED FORMS

Thank you for returning the signed Handbook Verification, Concussion and Internet Use forms. They were included in the family packet. If you still need any of these forms, please send a note with your child for the office.

BUSES

Buses started today. For bus riders, you should have received notification of pick-up/drop-off times and locations for your children. If not, please contact the office.

REDUCED/FREE MEAL APPLICATION

Don’t forget to complete the application for free/reduced meals and return it as soon as possible. The deadline for the application is **Friday, September 1**. ***Please note that failure to return a completed application form will result in full priced meals.***

EXTENDED DAY

The Extended Day program for students in grades K-8 program runs Monday through Friday from 3:30pm-5:00pm. If interested, please return the enclosed registration form and fee by Tuesday, Aug 22. Extended Day begins on August 22nd.

ECLIPSE FIELD TRIP

Please return all field trip forms by Friday. Remember to have students at school between 6:30 AM and 6:45 AM on Monday, so we can feed them and leave by 7:00 AM.

SMART TUITION CHANGE

Several families asked if we could change the SMART TUITION date that money is pulled from accounts to avoid issues when months have 31 days. **Starting immediately, all SMART TUITION withdrawals will occur on the first day of the month.** So your next withdrawal is September 1, not August 30.

PEACEMAKER ACTIVITY

Our first peacemaker activity for the year is August 31. As a special incentive, students who are Peacemakers during August (no major discipline issues) will attend a Peacemaker Activity on Thursday, August 31, at 2pm. Ice cream might be involved!

MASS

Our first Mass for the year will be Friday, September 8, at 8:30 AM. in the chapel. You are welcome to join us for this Mass, as well as all Masses held throughout the year. Ordinarily, our Masses are every Friday at 8:30a.m. Please check the calendar for any alternative dates.

NO SCHOOL

There will be NO SCHOOL on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4. School will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

POSITION OPENINGS:

We have a few positions open at our school. If you are interested or know a qualified person, please contact the office. All positions require the applicant to complete an application, interview, Child Protection Training, and background check. Pay is hourly.

Lunch/recess monitor: M – F from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Requirements: Good interaction with kids.

4th Grade Religion Teacher: M – Th from 2:15 – 3:00 PM. Requirements: Catholic, PSR teacher experience helpful.

Extended Day 6-8th Grade: M – F from 3:30 – 5:00 PM. Requirements: College Degree. Preferred experience in 6th – 8th grade teaching or high school.

Calendar

August

- 17 First Day of School
- 18 All School Assembly 8:30 am in chapel
- 22 Extended Day-Session 1
- 24 Curriculum Night 7PM Mandatory, Adults only, no students
- 25 Prayer Service-K-2, Gr. 3-5 8:30am and 9:00am
- 31 Peacemaker Activity

September

- 1 Prayer Service- Gr. 6-8 8:30am
Peacemaker Flags due
- 8 Opening Mass 8:30am (Grade 8 leads)

Make sure to visit our web page at **stbcs.com** for all the latest information.



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CURRICULUM NIGHT

August 24, 2017

Please plan to join us for **Curriculum Night on Thursday, August 24**, starting at **7:00 p.m.** and finishing by **8:30 p.m.** **This is a night for Parents/Guardians only, and we ask that children not attend this event.** We have made it **mandatory** this year because it is very important to get teacher information firsthand! We will do our best to start and end on time. Please plan to be present for the entire presentation.

We will begin in our school chapel (located next to the school) and have the second part of the evening in the school building. You will have the opportunity to hear about our school, experience some of the schedule of a “mini-school day”, and receive information from your child’s teachers about the curriculum for this new school year.

In order to help us plan, please complete the enclosed form and send it to school with your child **by August 22**. We are looking for 100% participation in this first Parent/Guardian meeting of the new school year. **Students who have a parent/guardian to represent them for this meeting will receive a non-uniform pass for Friday, August 25.**

Sincerely,
Dan Nickerson
Principal

CURRICULUM NIGHT Commitment Form

_____ Yes, I/We will attend the Curriculum Night on Thursday, Aug 25. I understand this event is for parents/guardians only, and students/children are not to attend.

_____ I am unable to attend the Curriculum Night due to _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Name/Grade (Please print)