

In Brief . . .

- STS will have a 7:40 a.m. start time based on the District 15 busing schedule
- Before and after school care will be available
- The two-year old Early Learners preschool will again be offered
- All-day preschool is offered for three and four year olds
- Two All-Day Kindergarten classes are being offered
- Teachers continue to focus on 6-Trait writing skills, differentiated instruction, and integrating technology into the curriculum as school goals
- Teachers apply Marzano's researched-based instructional strategies for increased student performance

BAND ROOM RENOVATION COMPLETE!

The renovation of the Band Room and storage area in the basement is complete. It is the first phase of the Library, Computer Room, Band Room, and Lunch Room renovation project. Band students will now have a dedicated, acoustically sound, and inviting area to practice. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this capital improvement project.

St. Theresa School has been educating children in the Catholic faith for more than 50 years!

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2007-2008 Year in Review



ST. THERESA SCHOOL
Education In Catholic Faith



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Dear St. Theresa Alumni, Friends, and Families:

As the 2007-2008 school year draws to a close, it is important to look back as we plan our course for the future.

St. Theresa School continues to thrive academically and spiritually. Our theme this year, RESPECT: Respect for Rules, Environment, Self, Parents, Each Other, Church, and Teachers, played an important role in the messages and actions we conveyed each day.

The staff and faculty at St. Theresa School and Parish realize the awesome responsibility we have for educating the future leaders of our communities and church. We are excited and proud that our students continue to meet and exceed the academic and social challenges set before them.

Supporting Catholic schools is an investment in the future of our communities and church and ultimately the responsibility of the entire Catholic community. St. Theresa School continues to offer award-winning academic instruction while forming future civic-minded and justice-oriented citizens. Thank you for continuing to invest in St. Theresa School and the future.

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St. Theresa School Mission Statement

Bound together in our Catholic Faith, the staff, teachers, and parents of St. Theresa School and Parish are committed to providing a superior quality education founded in love and Christian faith. We strive to nurture and develop students to become academically sound, strong in character, inclusive and socially responsible, and equipped to be lifetime followers of Jesus Christ, in whom they will find purpose and joy.

Green & Gold Gala

"African Safari" - Wildly Fun!

Nearly \$180,000 was raised at this year's successful Green & Gold Gala. The school's operating budget received \$100,000, while \$66,500 was allocated to various capital improvement projects, including the multi-phase project to enlarge the library, cafeteria, and computer room. In addition, nearly \$8,500 was allocated for the School Endowment Fund. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the Gala!

Mark your Calendars!

Green & Gold Gala
Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009
The Meadows Club, Schaumburg



STS Continues to be Committed to Community Service

Students at all grade levels are involved in various community service projects throughout the year. New activities in 2007-2008 included collecting pajamas for children at rescue shelters and collecting gently used soccer and baseball cleats for needy children in Chicago. STS continued with its traditional community service activities:

- Annual PHD Walk
- Shopping for Thanksgiving baskets
- Visiting retirement homes and special needs facilities
- Collecting and packing items for military personnel
- And more!

Teachers and Support Staff Leaving STS

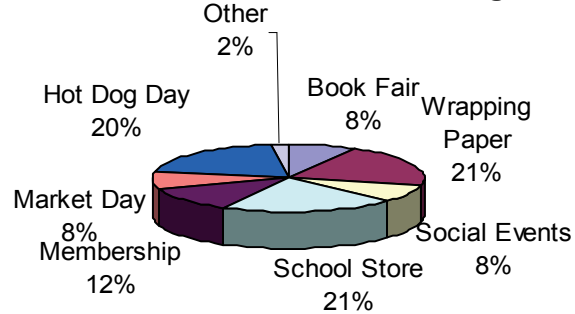
Lisa Teschner
Donna Donile
Dennis McCarthy
Your years of service are appreciated!



STS Parents' Association

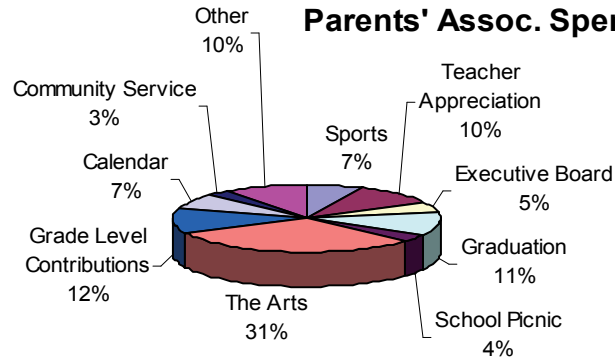
Helping keep our school strong!

Parents' Assoc. Fundraising



Cast from the Jr. High production of "Fiddler on the Roof"

Parents' Assoc. Spending



A parent volunteer helps a student during the PA's Meet the Masters art program.

Additional Funds

Box Tops for Education - \$2,366

Shop Program - \$4,500

Campbell's Labels - 19,406 labels collected resulted in donation of office and gym supplies

Faculty and Staff Development

Continuing education is an important component of staff development at St. Theresa School. Recently, four faculty members received awards and degrees.



From left to right: Marcia Larson, Amanda Wozniak, and Lisa DelGiudice. Not pictured, Kathleen Crane.

- ♦ Marcia Larson, assistant principal, was initiated into Kappa Delta Pi, an International Honor Society in Education, at Northern Illinois University. The Society emphasizes excellence in education, recognition of outstanding scholarship, contributions to education, and the encouragement of service, leadership, and research in education. Mrs. Larson also received her Masters Degree in Education Administration and received the Illinois Type 75 Administrative Certification.
- ♦ Third grade teacher Amanda Wozniak received her Masters Degree in Teacher Leadership at Roosevelt University.
- ♦ Fifth grade teacher Lisa DelGiudice received her Masters of Education degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in Curriculum and Instruction from National-Louis University.
- ♦ Sixth grade teacher Kathleen Crane received her Master of Arts in Teaching degree from National-Louis University.

Terra Nova 2008 Test Results

The Terra Nova Test was taken in March. Students performed well above the national average in all subject areas. The total composite score is an average of total reading, language, and math scores. For example, a % tile of 89 means this grade did as well or better than 89% of the students at that grade level in the country who took the test. The faculty uses this information to make curriculum decisions and plan direction for school improvement.

Grade	3 Nat'l %tile	4 Nat'l %tile	5 Nat'l %tile	6 Nat'l %tile	7 Nat'l %tile
Total Composite Score	89	82	90	89	89

Technology Update

The generous donation of \$15,000 from Terry and Kathy Ryan, current St. Theresa School parents, a \$20,000 Gift in Kind donation from Hewlett Packard, and an anonymous \$2,500 donation made it possible for faculty and staff to have updated computer equipment. Thank you very much for the generous donations!



School Facility, Environmental, and Safety Improvements

The safety of students, faculty, and staff is paramount for a vibrant learning environment. The Palatine Police approved the school's safety plans and procedures during the Department's 2007 review with the school.

- All the doors to the school are locked and access is via an intercom/buzzer system. The main door into the office area is also via a buzzer system. Visitors must sign in at the front desk and are given badges to wear.
- The parking lot between the Pauline and Dolan Center was blocked off to parking and striped for a walkway. It also included safety pylons to provide a safe passage way for students moving between the school and the Dolan Center.
- Lunch Supervisors who are monitoring students on the playground during recess wear brightly colored vests so students can quickly spot them.
- Recycling has come to St. Theresa School! Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, paper, aluminum, plastic, and glass will be recycled. This is an easy way for the students, staff, and faculty to help the environment.

Appeal Continues to Help

In December 2007, the second Annual Appeal was made to alumni, friends of St. Theresa School, and parents of past students. The Appeal generates unrestricted funds to allow STS to maintain its status as a leader in providing a quality education grounded in a faith-based experience. The funds have been used for advertising, office equipment, marketing, tuition assistance, and endowment contributions. Thank you for all of the generous donations!



New Experiences in Faith and Sacraments

Students at all grade levels experienced new and exciting faith-filled events this year. Fr. Antoine Thomas, a visiting priest who started Children of Hope, an organization dedicated to teaching children around the world how to spend time in adoration, visited with students from all grade levels and taught them how to be with the Blessed Sacrament during adoration. The eighth grade students also went on a field trip to St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Ill., where they toured the beautiful grounds and went to Mass with all the seminarians. The sixth and seventh grade students learned about vocations when priests visited their classrooms.



Fr. Antoine spends time in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Basketball Team wins Catholic Conference



The 7th grade girls' basketball team had an outstanding season with 24 wins and only two losses. The team was undefeated in Conference play with a 16-0 record and named the Catholic League Conference champions. The final score of the championship game against St. Alphonsus of Prospect Heights was 34-26.

Enrollment Management and Marketing

In order to keep St. Theresa School thriving, it is important to keep track of enrollment trends, contact prospective families, communicate with current families, increase our visibility in the community, and maintain communication with our alumni. To accomplish these tasks, St. Theresa School has created a volunteer Enrollment Management and Marketing position.