



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC

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October 12, 2023 News & Updates

Upcoming Important Dates

10/13/23 No School

10/16/23 No School-PD

10/20/23 8:30 a.m., School Mass - 8th grade/Picture retakes 10:00 a.m.

10/26/23 Spirit Day

10/27/23 8:30 a.m., School Mass - 7th grade/Trunk or Treat 6-8 p.m.

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School News

PICK A DATE
to donate

October 2023

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	NAME: _____			
			GRADE: _____			

Going to see family over the school break? Extra time to talk to neighbors and friends? Now is a great opportunity to work on filling your calendar squares! Only calendars with 31 filled squares are eligible for Spirit Wear and gift card raffle, but all amounts are welcome to help support our school.

HOW IT WORKS:
Pick a date & pay the amount according to that date.
(Example: The 10th = \$10, The 2nd = \$2)

100% of the proceeds help support teacher appreciation days & school events!

Students who turn in their money (\$496 total Cash/Checks) with a filled calendar, will receive a "Spirit wear" item of their choice.
Each filled calendar will also be in a raffle for a \$100 giftcard.
(If a few 50th & 60th are left, we'll randomly pick one for the person who donated on the 10th.
*Please note: checks are also accepted. Don't forget to help support our teachers!

Thank you for your support!!!

JMC Registration

Families - Thank you to those of you who have done your JMC registration! For those of you who have not done it yet, will not be able to have your child's picture taken for Facebook posts and your family will not be able to be in our directory. JMC is also where we notify you of important messages, and you can make sure your information is up to date. Here is the information again: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hVLENOXe8vP7g0Nyb5ZCZqWwvqE48N4fCgoo6He9UMI/edit> Please call Mrs. Jorgensen if you need help or to set up time to come to the office and do it.

Enrollment for 2024-2025 School Year

You are an important part of this school community. We want to save your spot for next year!

Enrollment for 2024-25 is open now, and current families must enroll by November 15 to receive priority. After November 15, enrollment will be open to other families in our parish followed by new families in the broader community.

Next Steps:

- Scan the QR code to complete the [enrollment form](#).
- After this form has been submitted, watch for an email within 2-3 weeks from Blackbaud Tuition Management to set up your account.
- Pay the \$100 per student enrollment fee when setting up your tuition account. (This replaces the registration fee typically due after the first of the year.)
- You will receive a confirmation email from Blackbaud when these steps are completed.



We recognize the revised enrollment process is taking place earlier than what you are accustomed to. We appreciate your assistance as we implement this new process.

If you need assistance with Blackbaud, please contact Joni Swedenhjelm at the Des Moines Regional Catholic Schools office - jswedenhjelm@dowlingcatholic.org or 515-222-1051.

Parish Mass

We invite all school families to attend Mass this Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and represent St. Theresa Catholic School.

We encourage you to wear your school uniform so you are easy to identify as a St. Theresa student. This is an opportunity for our school families to give back to the parish and for the parish to see our school families in action. This is the beginning of a ministry that school families will provide to the church. Each month, different grades will be encouraged to sign up to participate in an assigned mass. Be thinking about how your family can help today. This is our fall schedule:

Date	Time	Classes
Sunday, Oct.15	8:30 am Mass	1st, 5th, 7th
Sunday, Nov. 19	10:30 am Mass	K, 4th, 6th
Saturday, Dec.16	4:30 pm Mass	2nd, 3rd, 8th



Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat on October 27! We need volunteers, groups clubs, etc. to host trunks, sign up [here](#).

Parent Institute Newsletter October 2023 Elementary School English.pdf

Parish News

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Servers play an important role in the Mass and with developing our relationship with the Church and God. Be that important role! Grow in your faith and help Father!

**CALLING BOYS & GIRLS
4TH GRADE & OLDER**

Training Times
Wednesday, November 8th 7:30-8:30pm
Thursday, November 9th 7:30-8:30pm
Meet in the church
*Must attend 1 session, 2 preferred

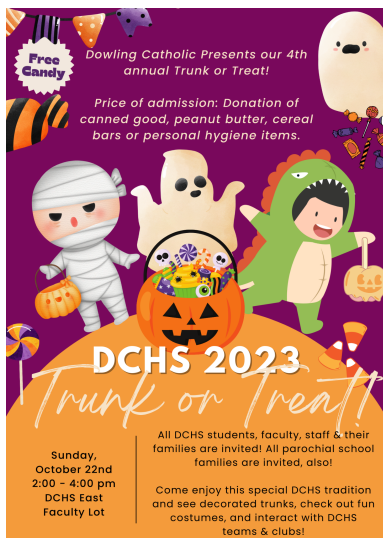
Fall Clean Up Day

SAVE THE DATE: SCHOOL FALL CLEAN UP–Thursday, November 9 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. We invite parents and grandparents to join our students and staff in being servants to our school by cleaning up the school and church grounds to help the parish mission Clean Up Project. More details coming soon.

FALL 2023 CLEAN UP....is upon us again....the CLEAN UP PROJECT is scheduled for Saturday, November 11 for members of our parish who need a little help with yard clean up or minor home

repair. Our Fall Clean Up is now in its 19th year of service to the needs of our parishioners and we thank all those who have been involved in past years and welcome them back again this year! All volunteers - please be in the church parking lot on November 11, at 8:00 a.m. to begin our day. If you are able to contribute to this project in any way, large or small please call us. Please bring your own rake and be ready to work. Thank you! Questions: Sergio Loch at 515-707-6172, or 263-2922; sloch@grandview.edu; Paul Chicoine at 515-979-3822, pcchicoine@gmail.com

Community News



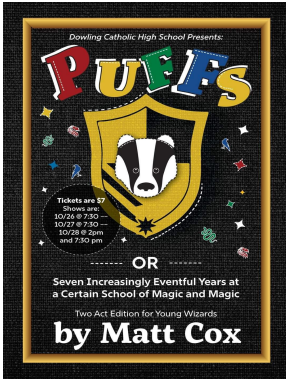
DCCH Pancake Breakfast

Please join us for the 62nd Annual Dowling Catholic Pancake Breakfast on October 29th from 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM in the Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Proceeds from this great DCCH tradition support student clubs and activities. To purchase tickets, sign up to volunteer, or donate baked goods, please visit www.dowlingcatholic.org/pancake-breakfast.



Join us for a blood drive honoring Ava Vaske. Ava was a sweet, gentle and caring girl. She could always be found spending time with her family and friends. She was a graduate of STCS and DCCH(2021). In November 2021, while attending Iowa State, she was diagnosed with Small Cell Carcinoma of the Ovary. She had to receive blood and platelets many times during her intensive

treatment, oftentimes having to wait long periods while blood could be located for her. She was O negative and could only receive O negative blood. Sometimes blood would have to come from another hospital and a few times a different city. Ava planned to hold a blood drive when she recovered to pass forward the gift of blood that had been given to her. Ava passed on September 11, 2022, and we honor her memory through this Blood Drive. Sign up to schedule an appointment to donate blood [here](#).



Support our STCS alumni in the DCHS Fall Play! The DCHS Performing Arts Department presents *Puffs, or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic* on Thursday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, October 28 at 2 & 7:30 p.m. in the DCHS auditorium. Tickets are \$7 and must be purchased [online](#).



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- Student performances
- Learn about our tuition assistance programs

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