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March 21, 2024 News & Updates

Upcoming Important Dates

3/22/24 8:35 a.m. School Mass - 4th Grade

3/23/24 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., School Gym
Volunteers needed to fill Easter Eggs

3/27/24 8:35 a.m. School Mass - 3rd Grade

3/28/24 Spirit Day

3/29/24 2:30 p.m. Dismissal - Good Friday

3/30/24 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

4/1/24 No School

4/5/24 Dodgeball Tournament

4/13/24 Gala

Food Drive



Our parish St. Vincent de Paul group is holding its annual food drive ending next Friday, Good Friday. We are asking for food donations from all families at St. Theresa Catholic School. Food donations have been broken up per grade groups listed below. A prize will be awarded to the top grade in each group who brings in the most canned items.

All donations will first go towards filling the St. Theresa food pantry and all the leftover items will be donated to other St. Vincent de Paul food pantries in the Des Moines area. This is a great way to practice almsgiving during the Lenten season, thank you for your support!

Primary grades - canned green beans

Intermediate - canned protein (ex. Tuna, chicken)

Middle School - peanut butter



State Testing - Grades 3-8

Please keep in mind when making appointments for your children that testing is around the corner for students in grades 3-8.

-State Testing for Intermediate April 8-11 (all morning)

-State Testing for Middle School April 9-12 (all morning)

Easter Egg Hunt Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help fill eggs for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 23rd, 11-3 p.m in the school gym. Service hours are available for middle school students. We are also in need of candy donations. Please drop off or send bags of candy with your children to the school office. Thank you for making our fun event possible!



Now's the time to purchase gala tickets, out of uniform passes, 50/50 raffles and pie in the face! Go to events.handbid.com/auctions/2024-stcs-gala



Tuition Assistance

Catholic Tuition Organization/Diocesan Tuition Assistance online applications are currently open. The deadline for submissions is April 15th. The application deadline coincides with the federal tax filing deadline.

[CTO Flyer](#)

To apply, visit www.fairapp.com and enter the **school code 450** and the **password 450ddm**. Please contact Kaisha Lowe, klowe@stsdsm.com with any questions.

ESA

Click [here](#) to read up more about ESA and how it applies to your family.

Sister Jude Scholarship - Applications due

We have an exciting opportunity to share with you. For the past several years at the Gala, a paddle raise donation has been done to raise money for extracurricular activities for students who want to participate but families are unable to support the cost of the extracurricular activity. A portion of these funds will be used to help your family pay for extracurricular activities for your student. While the support may not cover the full cost of the activity, it could cover part of the fee. We are currently accepting applications for 2024 winter and spring activities.

Attached you will find an application to fill out to apply for Sister Jude Fitzpatrick Fund. Applications are due March 22 by 12 p.m. If you need a printed copy of the application, please stop by the school office Monday-Friday during school hours. You will be notified March 29 of your award amount. Kaisha Lowe, klowe@stdsm.com, if you have any questions.

[Sister Jude Scholarship Application](#)



Lenten Meals

Come support our school by attending our weekly fish fry's! A portion of the sales will go towards supporting the Glowin' To The Gala. Grab a delicious dinner, support our school and meet new friends!

Join us each Friday, 5:30 - 7 p.m. during Lent (except Good Friday) for a delicious meal provided by our St. Theresa Catholic Knights of Columbus. The meal will include: fried fish, baked fish, fish tacos, cheese pizza, French fries, coleslaw, macaroni & cheese and desserts. Free will offerings will be accepted. We are looking for volunteers to make desserts. If you would like to provide baked goods for our upcoming fish dinners please sign up [here](#).



Start gathering your teams and sign up for the annual dodgeball tournament held on April 5, 2024! Click [here](#) to register. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m.



Girl Scout Cookie Time Is Ending!

Support your parish and parish school Girl Scouts as they sell Girl Scout cookies February 1st through March 24th. Last year, Troop 363 cookie sales helped make it possible to donate \$1,100 to the Togo Committee for a teacher's salary. Cookies are available for purchase by contacting Angela Thrailkill to find a St. Theresa Girl Scout to fulfill your order -

515-971-0674. Thank you.

Sports Camp and Clinic Information

Summer Youth Camps

DCHS registration is open for summer youth camps

<https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/dowling/camps>

Soccer Volunteers - Ball Boys & Girls

Volunteers, ages 4th grade and up, are needed to be ball boys/girls for the Dowling Catholic Varsity boys soccer home games this season. The ball boys/girls stand around the outside of the track during games and retrieve balls that have gone out of bounds so the players don't have to run to get them. Please use the link below to sign up. 4-6 per game and for Varsity games only (highlighted in yellow in the ball boys/girls column). Please include an email address. Middle schoolers can receive service hours.

[2024 DCHS Boys Soccer Home Game workers](#)

Football Camp

Click [here](#) for more information regarding the 2024 Youth Drake Football Camps.

Summer Swimming Lessons & Swim Team

Click [here](#) to read more about the summer swim team at Dowling Catholic High School. Click [here](#) to read more about the swim lessons offered at Dowling Catholic High School this summer.

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