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April 5, 2024 News & Updates

Upcoming Important Dates

4/5/24 8:30 a.m. Mass - 1st grade

4/13/24 Gala

4/5/24 6 p.m. Dodgeball Tournament

4/19/24 8:30 a.m. Mass - 3rd grade

4/11/24 8:30 a.m. Mass - 6th grade

4/26/24 8:30 a.m. Mass -Kindergarten



Food Drive - Donations Due by Monday, April 8

Food Items are being picked up Monday at 8:30 am

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul group is holding its annual food drive. 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



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



Come and watch some fun and competitive dodgeball on Friday night! Don't worry, the dodgeball tournament will be over in time for you to get home to see the Hawkeyes tip off!

Enter school through south kindergarten doors

6 p.m. Doors Open

6:20 p.m. All teams must be registered

6:30 p.m. Dodgeball games begin

Admission fee will be free will donations as this is a fundraising event. The 8th grade class thanks you for your support!

Concessions (pizza, drinks and snacks) available for purchase. Please bring cash!



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 15-19 (all morning)

Required Assessments

Dear Parent or Guardian,

As we continue to implement our initial year of the ESA system, we want to remind all parents and guardians of the assessment requirements. Students using ESA funds and attending nonpublic schools are required to participate in the same federal and state required assessments as students attending public school. [Iowa Code section 257.11B](#), states:

Each pupil participating in the education savings account program is required to take all applicable state and federally required student assessments and the results of those assessments shall be provided to the pupil's parents or guardians and reported to the department of education.

Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) is Iowa's statewide annual accountability assessment. ISASP is a required assessment. Many nonpublic schools have partnered with Iowa Testing to provide ISASP testing for ESA students during the school day. It will be your responsibility to ensure that your child is present and completes the required assessment. You may want to contact your child's school to obtain the ISASP testing schedule, if you haven't received it already.

- Iowa Department of Education



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.

Teacher Updates

We are in the process of hiring new staff for the upcoming school year. Ms. Hug and Ms. Degen are leaving St. Theresa as they begin a new journey in life. If you see them, please wish them well. We are actively seeking applicants for a STEM/Math Intervention position and Teacher Associates. If you know someone who may be interested, please direct them to reach out to Mrs. Watznauer and to apply on the school website. We will provide staffing information for next year when all positions are filled.

Leadership Council

We are looking for new members for our Leadership Council for 2024-2025. We have several parents who have been serving for multiple years stepping off the leadership council. We would like to have as many families involved as possible to support our school. If you are interested, please open the form below to learn a little more about the leadership council and indicate your interest and how you could best share your time and talents serving on the Leadership Council. Members will be selected by the end of April. Please let Gretchen Watznauer know if you have questions.

[Leadership Council Interest Form](#)



Attention 8th Graders - DCHS Show Choir Auditions

See the flier below to learn more about show choir and auditions for the 2024-2025 school year. We have a lot of STCS alumni involved in this great activity!

[DCHS Show Choir Flyer](#)



Attention 6-8th graders - DCHS Band Bash

See the flier below to learn more about a great band activity for students this summer.

[DCHS Band Bash](#)

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 Swim Lessons

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

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