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April 11, 2024 News & Updates

Upcoming Important Dates

4/12/24 No School-PD Day

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

4/13/24 Gala

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



LAST CHANCE - 50/50 Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets need to be purchased before 10pm Friday night. They will not be available for purchase online or at the gala Saturday.

Raffles can be purchased at

<https://events.handbid.com/auctions/2024-stcs-gala>.

The pot is currently at \$4,500!

Congratulations to 3rd Grade! They sold the most 50/50 raffles and will receive a donut party after the Gala. Many thanks for all the parent/student efforts! There were raffles sold by all grades, PreK-8th. That is fantastic!

Silent Auction is OPEN!

The 2024 Glowin' to the Gala SILENT AUCTION is OPEN! Head to Handbid and bid on some fun items! The silent auction will close at 8pm Saturday night.

<https://events.handbid.com/auctions/2024-stcs-gala>

2024 Lent Food Drive Results

Thank you for making our food drive successful! The kids did an AMAZING JOB with some help from some high school students. The school donated over 1200 pounds of food!

Here are the classroom winners from the food drive contest that brought in the most food during the food drive:

- 8th Grade
- 5th Grade
- 2nd Grade



Tuition Assistance - Due April 15th

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@stdsm.com with any questions.

ESA

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

2024-2025 Tuition Letter and Form

Please return the parish tuition assistance form if applicable to your family to Kaisha Lowe, klowe@stdsm.com or drop off in the school office.

[Tuition Form](#)

All qualifying families are guaranteed some tuition assistance. Apply before April 15!

Find your income and household size in the chart below. Follow the arrow to see what programs you may be eligible for in the 2024-25 school year. If you are eligible for both ESA and CTO, please apply for both programs. Receiving tuition assistance does not affect ESA eligibility and can only help a family's financial situation.

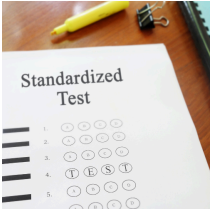
Household Size	Maximum Income	Maximum Income
2	\$81,760	\$102,200
3	\$103,280	\$129,100
4	\$124,800	\$156,000
5	\$146,320	\$182,900
6	\$167,840	\$209,800
7	\$189,360	\$236,700
8	\$210,880	\$263,600
	CTO & ESA	DTA

Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO) and Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA)

- Both programs use the FAIR application
- \$31 fee to apply – All qualifying families will receive an award
- Eligibility based on maximum income – Line 9 of 2023 federal income tax form
- Receiving tuition assistance will not affect ESA eligibility
- **Only one deadline this year: All applications must be received by April 15**
- Apply at www.fairapp.com (School Code: 450; Password: 450ddm)

Education Savings Account (ESA) - Iowa Department of Education

- Application opens April 16 - Due June 30, 2024
- Eligibility based on 2023 Iowa 1040 tax form
- Learn more at educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/educational-choice/education-savings-account
- Families who received an ESA last year must apply again this year
- **All families will be eligible in 2025-2026 regardless of income**



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 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

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](#)

Leader in Me Survey

We are in the final stretch of the school year. We started a new Leader in Me curriculum this year. At the beginning of the year, we asked for your feedback. We would like to ask for your feedback again to end the year. Please complete the following survey to share your thoughts about your students learning of Leader in Me.

Please use this link to complete the survey:

<https://www.leaderinme.com/s/saint-theresa-catholic-ia/families>

2024-2025 Staffing 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.

Meet Craig Imme

Mr. Imme is our Math Interventionist shared between St. Theresa and Christ the King Catholic Schools. He supports students in individual and small group interventions as well as supporting teachers during math instruction in the classroom.



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 Flier](#)

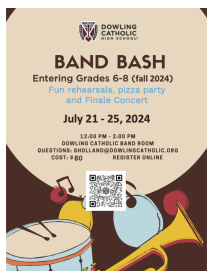
Attention 7th Graders

DCHS is offering a summer enrichment program this summer. The program will be focused on providing supplemental learning opportunities to students who have a desire or need for more than what the traditional school year offers. Students will be given skills to prepare them to be successful in high school. Please see the attached flier for more information.

[DCHS Summer Academy](#)

DCHS Spring Musical

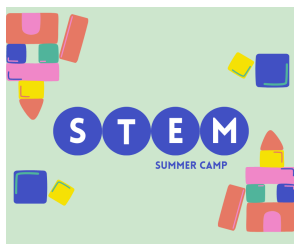
The Dowling Catholic Performing Arts Department presents Newsies on April 25 & 26 at 7:30 p.m. and April 27 at 2:00 & 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased [online](#). There are quite a few STCS alumni in the cast and crew!



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](#)



Summer STEM Camp

Sign up your current K-3rd grader up for STEM Camp this summer held at St. Theresa Catholic School. See the flier below for more information.

[Summer STEM Camp Flier](#)

[STEM Camp Registration Form](#)



Summer Tutoring

Two St. Theresa Catholic School teachers are offering summer tutoring for students. See the flier below to learn more.

[Summer Tutoring Flier](#)

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 DCCHS 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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