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April 25, 2024 News & Updates

Upcoming Important Dates

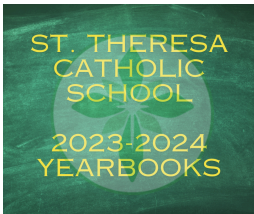
4/26/24 8:30 a.m. Mass -Kindergarten

5/3/24 Yearbook Orders Due

5/2/24 7:00 p.m. 5th-8th grade Spring Concert (and Band)

5/9/24 6:00 p.m. PK-4th grade Spring Concert

5/13/24 No school; PD day for teachers



April showers bring... May Yearbooks!

The Yearbook Committee is hard at work putting the STCS yearbook together. Please complete the order form so that an accurate amount of books can be purchased. **Orders are due May 3rd.** Thank you!

[Online Order Form](#)

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](#)

Tuesday, May 7: Ben Tracy Social Media Parent Presentation

Ben Tracy (Speaker and Founder of Safe Social Network) will be hosting a parent presentation at 7pm on May 7 at St. Augustine. St. Theresa's parents have been invited to attend. Please click [here](#) to RSVP.

Ben Tracy speaks to more than 100,000 students, parents, and educators each year about digital citizenship, online safety, and responsible social media use. He shares his own powerful story about how teenage social media impacted his life and discusses cyberbullying, online predators,

the relationship between social media and mental health, drugs on social media, and he encourages students to use technology in a positive way.



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>

Nonpublic Transportation Reimbursement

Families of students in K-8th grades may be eligible for a nonpublic transportation reimbursement if they live more than two miles away, one-way from St. Theresa Catholic School. Forms must be submitted each semester (due Dec. 1 & May 1) according to the requirements of each district. Eligible families will receive one check following the end of the school year. See below for instructions.

Please click below on the school district in which you reside for instructions:

[Adel DeSoto Minburn](#)

[Ankeny](#)

Dallas Center-Grimes - please [email](#) your [form](#).

[Des Moines Public](#)

DMPS will NOT accept paper copies.

For all other districts, please submit the [reimbursement form](#) to the [public school address](#) in which you reside if you live more than two miles, one-way from STCS.

2024-2025 Staffing Updates

We are excited to share our teacher line for you for next year!

PK-Mrs. Mohrfeld, Mrs. Chicoine

K-Mrs. Collins

1-Mrs. Strom

2-Mrs. Duff

3-Mrs. Castellano and Ms. Sokołowski

4-Ms. Pane

5-Ms. Kreidt

Middle School-Mr. Williams, Ms. White, Ms. Hoben, Mrs. Hogan

Specials-Mrs. Custer, Ms. Patrick, Ms. Sassatelli, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Becicka

Support-Mrs. De Moss, Mrs. Hallgren

Associates-Mrs. Klocke, Mrs. Courtlandt, Mrs. Steward, Mrs. Lowe

We are still looking for a STEM/Math Interventionist full time teacher. We are also still looking to hire two teacher associates. If you know anyone interested in these positions, please have them contact Principal Gretchen Watznauer or fill out the application on our school website:

<https://sainttheresaiowa.org/school/about-our-school/employment-forms/>



Vacation Bible School

Registration is open for entering K-5 students for Vacation Bible School!

June 24-27, 8:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. at St. Theresa Church. The registration link is below. Contact Jane Ann Becicka, jbecicka@stsdsm.com, with questions.

[Registration](#)



Attention 8th Graders - DCHS Show Choir Auditions

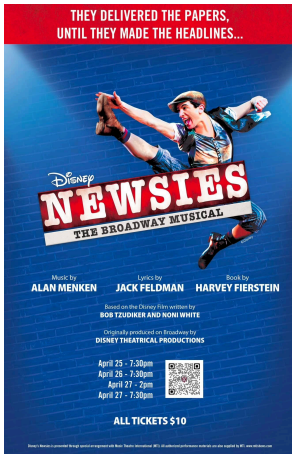
See the flier below to learn more about show choir and auditions for the 2024-2025 school year. We have a lot of STCS alumni involved in this great activity!

[DCHS Show Choir Flier](#)

Attention 7th Graders

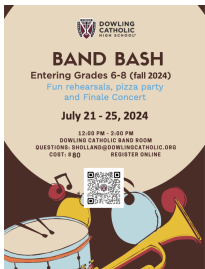
DCHS is offering a summer enrichment program this summer. The program will be focused on providing supplemental learning opportunities to students who have a desire or need for more than what the traditional school year offers. Students will be given skills to prepare them to be successful in high school.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

[DCHS Summer Academy](#)



DCHS Spring Musical

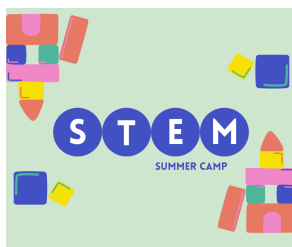
The Dowling Catholic Performing Arts Department presents Newsies on April 25 & 26 at 7:30 p.m. and April 27 at 2:00 & 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased [online](#). There are quite a few STCS alumni in the cast and crew!



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](#)

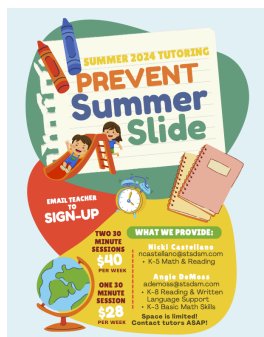


Summer STEM Camp

Sign up your current K-3rd grader up for STEM Camp this summer held at St. Theresa Catholic School. See the flier 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](#)

Free Bowling

Kids can bowl for free this summer. Click on the link to read more information.

<https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/index.php>

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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