



# ST. THERESA CATHOLIC

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## May 2, 2024 News & Updates

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### Upcoming Important Dates

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

5/3/24 Yearbook Orders Due

5/3/24 8:30 a.m. Mass planned by 1st grade

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

5/10/24 8:30 a.m. Mass planned by 2nd grade

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

5/17/24 8:30 a.m. Mass planned by 5th grade

5/27/24 No School/Memorial Day

5/29/24 8:30 a.m. Mass planned by 8th grade

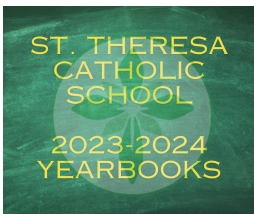
5/29/24 PK and 8th grade graduations

5/29/24 last day of school for 8th graders

5/31/24 Talent Show

5/31/24 12:00 p.m. dismissal - last day of school for K-7th grade

[2024-2025 Academic Calendar](#)



### 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** with distribution taking place after May 27th. 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](mailto:klowe@stdsm.com) or drop off in the school office.

[Tuition Form](#)

## Education Savings Account (ESA)

1. Application open April 16 - Due June 30, 2024
  2. Eligibility based on 2023 Iowa 1040 tax form
  3. Families who received an ESA last year must apply again this year through Odyssey.
  4. Odyssey link: <https://iowa-households.withodyssey.com/login/>
  5. Once the application is approved you will then need to sign back in and select your school.
- If you have any questions please email [klowe@stsdsm.com](mailto:klowe@stsdsm.com)



The STCS Leadership Council's Community and Social Committee has planned an exciting week of appreciation for our beloved teachers. Please consider participating in the planned activities on Tuesday and Thursday of next week.

Monday, May 6:

- Teachers and staff will be welcomed with a decorated Teacher Lounge and stocked snack cart. They will start the week with relaxing on-site chair massages.

Tuesday, May 7:

- Unique Bouquet: Bring a flower (from your garden or a single stem) and a message to your teacher(s). It is time to bestow upon your esteemed teacher a shower of admiration! Infuse a touch of marvelous magic and embellish those blossoms with a heartfelt note. Deliver your floral tribute on Tuesday, making their day blossom!

Wednesday, May 8:

- Teachers and staff will enjoy lunch provided by the Leadership Council.

Thursday, May 9:

- Fill their Bucket! Find your teacher(s)' favorite things listed in [here](#). Each teacher will have a bucket in their classroom excitedly anticipating your generous tokens of gratitude as we fill their buckets to the brim with happiness.
- A coffee truck will also be stopping by so teachers and staff can get their "It's almost Friday" caffeine fix.

Friday, May 10:

- The Leadership Council will gift a book to each teacher. Teachers will enjoy an after-school happy hour.

## **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.

## **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://sainttheresaowa.org/school/about-our-school/employment-forms/>



## **Vacation Bible School**

Registration is open for children entering grades K-5 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](mailto:jbecicka@stsdsm.com), with questions.

[Registration](#)

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# Year End CARNIVAL

**Parochial School families with children in  
pre-kindergarten through third grade are  
invited to join us!**



**MAY 11 4:00-6:00 PM**

**DOWLING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL GYM**



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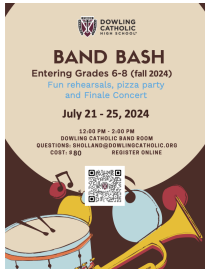
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## Attention 7th Graders

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.

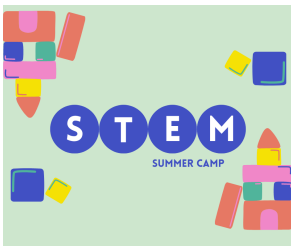
## [DCHS Summer Academy](#)



## Attention 6-8th graders - DCCHS Band Bash

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

## [DCCHS 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](#)

## Free Bowling

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

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

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## Sports Camp and Clinic Information

### Summer Youth Camps

DCCHS registration is open for summer youth camps

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

## **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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