



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC

FAITH • SERVICE • COMMUNITY • EDUCATION

May 16, 2024 News & Updates

Upcoming Important Date

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

5/24/24 Mass planned by Staff

5/27/24 No School/Memorial Day

5/29/24 Preschool Graduation

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](#)

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](#)

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@stdsm.com

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Join fellow parents Friday, May 17 at Doc's Lounge in Johnston to listen to St. Theresa's own Justin and Andria Sullivan - Dirty Champagne. Band begins playing at 8 p.m.



Many thanks to our Gala Committee for all of the time they took to plan our biggest school and parish fundraiser!

Gala Committee: Kelly Sheldon, Allison Archambo, Amy Dempsey, Erica Ries, Ashley Cook, Vicki Nolan, Chelsea Dellaca, and Carrie McCuen

The 2024 STCS Gala & Auction raised nearly \$50,000; thanks in part to numerous parish/school families and local businesses.

Top donations:

Live/Silent Auction - \$27,130

50/50 Raffle - \$5,320

Sponsorships - \$5,000

Various other Donations - \$10,000

The Gala Committee appreciates all the volunteers and donations! Donations may continue to be made to the Safety Committee for campus wide safety enhancements.

Track and Field Day/Pie in the Face

Track and Field Day is Tuesday, May 28. It will be a dress down day. It is also Pie in the Face afternoon for Mr. O'Connor and Mrs. Watznauer. More information to come.

Thank You Families for a Wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week!

You all know who to make teachers and staff feel loved. We truly enjoyed the snack cart, chair massages, love messages, flowers, coffee & smoothies, the delicious lunch, snack baskets and Friday Night Out! Several teachers asked if we could have chair massages everyday! Lunch provided on Wednesday, became breakfast and lunch on Thursday also. SOOO delicious! We are blessed with families who are amazing, loving cooks. Friday night out brought lots of laughs and memories to share all year long. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. Thank you to Mary, Lindsay and Laura for planning on behalf of the Leadership Council. We are truly blessed to serve your families and by the love, grace and support you provide each day. Thank you.

8th Grade Information

- 8th grade will lead our final school mass on Wednesday, May 29 at 8:30 am.
- 8th Grade Clap Out will be at the end of the school day on Wednesday, May 29.
- 8th Grade graduation will be Wednesday, May 29 at 7pm in the church with a reception to follow.
- 8th Graders are encouraged to attend the talent show on Friday, May 31.

2024-2025 Staffing Updates

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

Erica Niggemeyer will be joining us as the STEM/Interventionist Teacher beginning in August. We are excited to have Erica join our team.



Vacation Bible School

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

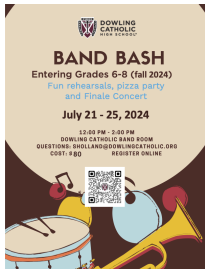
June 24-27, 8:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. at St. Theresa Church. The registration link is below. Contact Jane Ann Becicka, jbecicka@stsdsm.com, with questions.

[Registration](#)

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>

Sports Camp and Clinic Information

Dowling Catholic Volleyball Club and Maroon Softball Club

Visit our school website under new/events for more information about these clubs and their tryouts. <https://sainttheresaiowa.org/school/news-events/>

Summer Youth Camps

DCHS 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.

St. Theresa Catholic School
515-277-0178 stcs@stsdsm.com