



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC

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October 10, 2024 News & Updates

Upcoming Important Dates

10/11/24 Picture Day

10/18/24 No school

10/12/24 Spooktacular Mash Bash

10/21 No school

10/14/24 2:30 p.m. dismissal;
3:30-7:30 p.m. conferences

10/27/24 Trunk or Treat, 2-4 p.m.

10/15/24 2:30 p.m. dismissal;
3:30-7:30 p.m. conferences

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

*Our online school calendar has all of the school Mass dates included for the year.

10/17/2024 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. conferences;
No School

Picture Day Tomorrow! Friday, Oct 11, 2024

Students may be out of uniform for pictures in dress clothes that are school appropriate (no jeans). Wearing a uniform is fine too! And they may wear their dress clothes to mass. Please bring tennis shoes for PE.

News/Events

Check out our [news/events](#) portion on our school website for information regarding sports, camps, extracurricular activities and more information.

School Mass Livestream

If you are unable to join us each week for school Mass consider joining in on livestream each week on our parish [Facebook page](#).

Sign up for conferences ends Sunday night at 8 p.m.

Conferences are Monday October 14 from 3:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday October 15 from 3:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursday October 17 from 9 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at St. Theresa Catholic School. To sign up, go to www.schoolbookings.net and the event code is db4vk. **THIS WILL CLOSE SUNDAY NIGHT AT 8:00 p.m.** Please know your child's teacher's names. Third-8th graders must be present at conferences.

School Food Pantry

Our school's food pantry is in need of donations, and we would love your support! The pantry is running low on several essential items, and your generosity will go a long way to help those in need in our community.

We have placed donation boxes throughout the school, where students can drop off items. The classroom teachers can also help the students place their items in the boxes. Here's a list of some of the items we frequently run out of:

- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Canned tuna
- Packaged Milk
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Rice
- Canned soups and stews
- Granola bars and snacks
- Toilet paper
- Baby wipes

Every little bit helps! Whether it's a single item or several, your contribution will make a difference in the lives of those who rely on our pantry.



Halloween Spooktacular Mash Bash - This Saturday

Registration in advance is required. Tickets are \$8 and only cash is accepted for concession items. Concession items will be \$1-2 per item. Your registration will be non-refundable. **Registration link will need to be submitted and your Blackbaud will be billed.** **Link to register:** <https://forms.gle/mpgQZZX3kntqx6Wz9>

Kindergarten - 2nd grade Dance 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. (Parents must attend with their child)

3rd - 5th grade Dance 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

6th - 8th grade dance 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Teacher Conference Meal Signup

The STCS Leadership Council-Community & Social Committee is organizing Conference Meals for October 14 and 15 for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Please sign up to donate or help if you are able. For monetary donations - we are able to charge your Blackbaud account. Please contact Christine Giberson at 319-572-0224 or christine.giberson@gmail.com for details.

Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DAFA92EA6FECF8-51701005-conference>



Trunk or Treat - New Time 2-4 p.m.

Calling all ghosts and goblins. Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27, 2-4 p.m. in the school parking lot! We need volunteers, groups, clubs and business to host trunks.

You can also donate candy by Friday morning (October 25). Drop off donations to the school office or car line.

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Nonpublic Transportation Reimbursement

Families of students in grades K-8 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.

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. Please click here to complete the form online.

Southeast Polk - please print and mail this form to: Accounting Department, Southeast Polk Community School District, 407 8th Street SE, Altoona, IA 50009.

West Des Moines Schools

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 St. Theresa Catholic School.

Please Join us! Dowling Catholic's 63rd Annual Pancake Breakfast

October 27th, 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Varied Industries Building, Iowa State Fairgrounds
Enjoy family activities and fun for all ages! Purchase tickets online at www.dowlingcatholic.org/pancake-breakfast. Proceeds support the new DCHS student activities endowment.

Dowling Catholic Annual Open House

Parents & students of all ages are invited to attend Dowling Catholic's Annual Open House on Sunday, November 3, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The day includes student-led tours, interactive activities, the opportunity to meet faculty, coaches, staff and much more! Our tuition assistance representatives will also be available to answer your questions. Please visit our website to learn more: [Dowling Catholic Website](#).

SPORTS

Middle School Wrestling DCHS Middle school wrestling is for 7th and 8th grade boys that attend a parochial elementary school. Click [here](#) for more information.

6th-8th Grade Cheer Clinic

DCHS is hosting a cheer clinic. Click [here](#) for more information.

Attention 4th/5th grade parents - MBA Coaches Needed

We are looking for 4th/5th grade boys coaches for the Maroon Basketball Academy this year. Practices begin on October 29. 4th/5th grade teams will be selected during the first two weeks of practice. Practice times are Tuesday and Thursday nights at either 4 p.m. or 5 p.m. We have kids from St. Theresa, Holy Trinity, St. Francis, St. Joseph, Sacred Heart, St. Augustin and will have two teams from Jefferson Elementary filling out our league. We do have spots available if any 4th or 5th grade boys are still looking to play.

If interested, email Justin Einerson: jeinerson@dowlingcatholic.org

[Click here for more information](#)

2024-2025 Staffing Need Updates

We are looking to add two teacher associates, a bus driver and substitute teachers to our team. Please see view information and apply here: [Teacher Associate job info.](#)

We are looking for a second bus driver. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Gretchen Watznauer gwatznauer@stsdsm.com.

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