



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC

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October 3, 2024 News & Updates

Upcoming Important Dates

10/11/24 Picture Day

10/12/24 Spooktacular Mash Bash

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

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

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

10/18/24 No school

10/21 No school

10/27/24 Trunk or Treat, 4-6 p.m.

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

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

Thank you to the families who came to our Empowering Families Night last week!

Sign up for conferences begins Monday morning at 9:00 a.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 NOT BE OPEN UNTIL MONDAY MORNING AT 9:00 a.m. . Please know your child's teacher's names. Third-8th graders must be present at conferences.

News/Events

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

Smart Watches

Students are not allowed to wear Smartwatches during class unless there is a medical reason and a note is provided by their doctor. Per our handbook, smart watches cannot be worn during school. Even if a kid says he/she can disconnect it from the wifi, it needs to go in the locker or stay at home.

Electronics

St. Theresa Catholic School is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged electronics. Cell phones and other electronic mobile devices including smart watches and fitbits are not allowed during school hours and will be powered off at the beginning of the school day. Students are not allowed to text, film, record or use any of the above mentioned items without specific permission from a teacher.

School phone number

Our school phone number is 515-277-0178. Please make sure this is the number in your phone, as we discovered a few parents have been using a rollover number and we do not get the messages.

Drop-off safety

Students shouldn't be out of the car until 7:45 a.m. with a staff member present. Students should not be out of your vehicle in the morning before 7:45 a.m. It is not safe to have a student out of your car without a staff person present. School doors are locked until 7:45 a.m. and students can enter the building.



Halloween Spooktacular Mash Bash

On Saturday, October 12, St. Theresa 8th grade students are hosting a Monster Mash Bash. Students in grades K-8th grade are invited to join the 8th Grade class for a Monster Mash Bash. Admission is \$8 for a fun night of dancing and activities. Concessions will also be available for purchase all evening long (cash only).

The Monster Mash Bash will take place in the school gym. We can't wait to see you in your costumes and dance the night away! Please make sure no weapons are included in your costumes-- ie. swords, staffs, etc.

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

Calling all ghosts and goblins. Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27, 4:00-6:00 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.

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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