



## August 29, 2024 News & Updates

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### Upcoming Important Dates

9/2/24 Mum Order Deadline

9/26/24 Spirit Day

9/5/24 3:30 p.m. Mock Trial  
Informational Meeting

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

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

9/16/24 Deadline to order green polo shirts & spirit wear

9/23/24 No School - Staff Professional Development

### Reminders

1. Make sure your student is in uniform every day. Please refer to page 8 of the [school handbook](#) about uniform expectations.
2. Water bottles must be clear
3. The front entrance is still under construction. Please follow the signs to direct you to the front entrance. Don't ask others to let you inside the school, this compromises our school safety.
4. The carline is one way only from Merle Hay through the parking lot to University.
5. The cones at the beginning of the carline should not be moved any earlier than 3:15 p.m. We have had parents moving the cones and entering the carline before 3:15 p.m. This is a safety issue for our students. If you arrive early you can park in the church parking lot west of the church.

### Breakfast

Breakfast is an important way to start the day! Our breakfast program is Monday through Friday and starts at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 8:10 a.m. If you would like your child to eat breakfast please have them here by 8:00 a.m. Thank you, Food Service

## News/Events

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

## Mock Trial

There will be an informational meeting for 6-8th grade students interested in mock trial on Thursday, September 5, 3:30-4 p.m. Please pick up your child in the car line following the meeting at 4 p.m.

## Mum Plant Sale - Orders Due Monday!

Support our school fundraiser to help support ongoing school safety enhancements. 10" Garden Mums are supplied by Goode Greenhouses.

Cost: \$25 - 1 mum, \$45 - 2 mums, 3 or more mums \$20 each.

Orders are due by Monday, September 2.

Order your mum by clicking on this link,

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeq1jnNbQbEB-BVXtJJ9l-P-wcawEM6C97Gt\\_D-Sk\\_TYqW-4A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeq1jnNbQbEB-BVXtJJ9l-P-wcawEM6C97Gt_D-Sk_TYqW-4A/viewform)

Mums are available for pick up on Thursday, September 5 outside the parish hall under the carport, 2:30 -6 p.m.

Payment is due at the time of order either via check payable to St. Theresa or exact cash turned into the school office, or through the online payment church portal

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stgiving> under Parent Teacher Club fund.

Please contact Erica Ries, [erica.ries11@gmail.com](mailto:erica.ries11@gmail.com) if you have questions.

## 2024-2025 Staffing Need Updates

We are looking to add two teachers associate, a bus driver and substitute teachers to our team.

Please see view information and apply here: [Teacher Associate job info.](#)

## New in the Art Room

This year in art I plan to implement a new program called Artsonia. Artsonia is an online portfolio that allows me to take pictures of the students' artwork and upload it to their profile which can then be shared with family members. My intention is to help make what I'm doing in the art room more visible to our St. Theresa community. Please check your children's backpacks this week for an informational flyer and their personalized code. Parents/guardians will need to create an account and connect to their child(ren) with their own personal code. This account will allow you to view the artwork posted for your child and share your child's profile with other family members. This account is NOT for the child! If the flier didn't make it home this week please feel free to email me at [msassatelli@stsdsm.com](mailto:msassatelli@stsdsm.com) and I can send you the code for your child(ren). I look forward to sharing more art with our community!

## School Uniforms

The next deadline to order green uniform polos is on **September 16th**. Green uniform polos are required for all students to wear to school Mass held every Friday.

Screen printed spirit wear items must be ordered by September 16th.

Click here to place your order: <https://www.promoplace.com/stsuniforms>



Remember that the only uniform approved sweatshirt to be worn during the school day is the green or navy sweatshirt with the school logo.

## Family Survey

Last year's Learning Night received positive responses and many families have asked about the next one. Our STCS Empowering Families Night is set for Thursday, September 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Food and childcare (tentatively) provided.

Please help us in creating a meaningful event by completing the two questions in the survey below by Friday September 6th.

[Learning Night Survey](#)

## JMC Sign Up (e-registration)!

Thank you to the MANY families who have already completed this task! If you need any help, please call the office.

Attention STCS families--You have signed up on our Google form, and on Blackbaud for tuition management, and now it is time to sign up on jmc (e-registration)!

St. Theresa uses jmc for our student information system (online database) for emergency contact information, school lunch, permissions, and required forms. ALL FAMILIES, new and returning, need to complete the jmc e-registration process to have your child at our school. Please have this done by Thursday, August 22, 2024. The information you provide is critical to running our school and your child's safety. Registration works best on a computer.

If your child has two parents living separately, only one of you will log in and go through the registration process. Once you have completed the steps, please contact the school office and we will add the second parent as a primary contact as well so they can access everything through jmc.

[Here are the instructions for jmc e-registration](#)

## **Backpack Buddies Program**

This year we will continue to offer each of our students the Backpack Buddies program. This program is designed to provide children and their families with easy to prepare food over the weekends when they do not have access to school meals.

If this support will be helpful to your family, please complete the form below and return it to your child's teacher. **Your participation is optional.**

[Participation Form](#)

**If you choose to participate**, your child will receive a backpack filled with non-perishable items that your family can use over the weekend. The backpacks will be sent home every Friday and will need to be brought back to school on Monday to be refilled for the following weeks.

If you have any questions about the Backpack Program, please contact Ms. Custer at 515-277-0178 ext 101 or email [mcuster@stdsm.com](mailto:mcuster@stdsm.com).

## **2024-2025 Leadership Council (Parent Committee)**

All families are part of the Leadership Council by being parents of children in our school. Get involved on the Leadership Council Committees and help make wonderful things happen at St. Theresa. Together we can do great things.

First Meeting:

Thursday, September 5-Committees meet 6pm, Leadership Council meeting at 7 pm

Meetings will be on the first Thursday of each month on days when school is in session. Committee meetings at 6 and the Leadership Council meets to discuss committee meetings and school activities.

Parents are invited to join Committee meetings and the Leadership Council meeting. Please park in the parking lot by the playground and come in the Kindergarten doors. Meetings are in Room 111.

Current Leadership Council Positions:

Chair-Amanda Dvorak

Vice Chair-Theresa Welch

Secretary-Sara Brown

Treasure-Vicki Nolan

Faith Committee Chair-Jil Dimon

SIAC Committee Chair-Allison Archambo

Community/Social Events Committee-Christine Giberson

Fundraising Committee Chair-Tia Lieu

## **DCHS Sporting Events**

Does your family plan on attending Dowling Catholic sporting events this year? Joining the Dowling Club will get you admission into ALL home DCHS athletic events for 2024-25. Dowling Club is the booster organization that has been supporting Dowling Catholic student-athletes since 1941. You can be a part of this tradition that has been raising awareness, enthusiasm and funding for our beloved Maroons for over 80 years. To view the future Maroon and family packages visit: <https://www.dowlingcatholic.org/athletics/dowling-club>

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