

HAWK HAPPENINGS!

WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2022

HAWK HIGHLIGHTS- SCHOOL NEWS!

Dear St. Thecla Families,

All through the year we acknowledge our blessings by being part of St. Thecla School and Parish. In January of each year, we have a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school so that others can see what being a part of a Catholic education is all about! We are excited to open our doors to many interested families and hope they join our St. Thecla family.

From our Hawks:

As you know, the choice of a Catholic education is a sound one and the theme of Catholic Schools' Week reflects what we do every day here at St. Thecla. Throughout our day we focus on faith, service, and excellence. The voices of several students from preschool through 8th grade share how St. Thecla Catholic School exemplifies these important traits - because they say it best!

Our preschooler Niko says, "I love St. Thecla because we celebrate our birthdays. In my classroom, I like my friends and centers. I know how to say our Mission statement. Jesus is my friend."

MacKenzie in second grade tells us, "St. Thecla is fun because you get to learn about Jesus, who I love. We learn about the Holy Family. I like our teachers because they are nice to us and respectful to students. My favorite subject is Art because we're learning Art History in Art." Cooper from 4th grade states, "The teachers are very kind. The kids don't get mad if we do something. They are forgiving. The teachers teach good subjects like math and social studies. My favorite is math because I like learning about division and multiplication. The priests are good about teaching Jesus and the Masses are great."

Anjali is a 6th grader and she tells us, "I am so excited to learn at St. Thecla. Math is my favorite subject. My teacher teaches it well. The classmates and staff are so nice. The Masses are great. We follow Jesus and share our Catholic faith."

Bailee from 8th grade attended public school prior to coming to St. Thecla. She reports, "I like the smaller classes at St. Thecla. I got to learn more about my faith. I feel like I understand more because of the way the teachers explain things. Overall, it has been a way better experience here than in the past schools I've been at."

Catholic Schools' Week at St. Thecla (more information included in the email attachment)

On Friday, Jan. 28th, we are kicking off Catholic Schools' Week with \$1 jeans day and wear a red shirt for WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY DAY! (letter explanation was sent on 1/26 by Mrs. Rupkus)

Sunday, Jan. 30, information about St. Thecla will be shared at the 11:00 Mass. Our OPEN HOUSE (through Sign Up Genius) will be from Noon- 3 P.M.

Monday, Jan. 31, it's wear slippers or funky socks day

Tuesday Feb. 1, it's wear your favorite solid colored shirt to share what virtue you strive for: kindness- pink or red, respect-green, responsibility-blue, prayerfulness-yellow and helpfulness- orange

Wednesday, Feb. 2, it's wear your favorite headband or bow

Thursday, Feb. 3rd is Twisted Thursday. Wear mix-matched clothing.

Friday, Feb. 4th is a jean day and wear their favorite high school, college, or St. Thecla shirt.

Thank you for supporting The Great Kindness Challenge (kindness matters checklists and blessing bag/kindness care kit items) and food/pantry items for the St. Thecla Food Pantry. All collected items will support those in our community

Reminders:

Friday, Jan. 28 is the last day to purchase Dinner Dance tickets at a reduced rate.

The Dinner Dance chairs are still seeking and collection donations. If you are able to help out please contact Rachel Kassin at rkassin03@gmail.com.

Please see attachments in the email regarding Dinner Dance, Daddy Daughter Dance and Mom 2 Mom Sale.

Information:

FACTS- RE-ENROLLMENT FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

The application for school re-enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year will open on January 30.

Registration is online on the school website. Please go to the ENROLLMENT/ADMISSIONS tab. Click on re-enrollment for current families tab. There is a step by step process from there. Tuition information is posted on the website. A printed copy is being sent home this week.

Volunteer Hours

A friendly reminder:

Don't forget the volunteer hour requirement for all families this year (20 hours per family)!

Volunteer hours are recorded in AtoZ. Please see the attached flyer on how to sign up in AtoZ and how to record your volunteer hours. Some upcoming opportunities for earning volunteer hours are the Open House, Daddy Daughter Dance and the Dinner Dance. Please contact the chairs of those events to express your interest in volunteering.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

ESP will be closing at 4:30 on January 27th due to the water being shut off per the water department.

St. Thecla Catholic Schools' Week Open House: Jan. 30, 12-3, Sign up genius for new families is open on the school website

Feb. 4- half day of school, preschool dismissal noon, grades K-8 dismissal 12:15 (Daddy Daughter Dance in the evening)

There is NO SCHOOL FEB. 17-22 (Winter break)

Upcoming Events:

Daddy Daughter Dance - Feb. 4th, 6-9:30 P.M. at Penna's of Sterling. (Half day of school)

Return form by January 28, 2022. See attached flyer. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Daddy Daughter Dance co-chairs.

Dinner Dance- Save the date: March 12

Uniforms- Grades K-8

Some of the areas that need the most attention are:

- appropriate skirt/jumper length for all grades (not shorter than 2 inches above the knee)
- gym uniform- appropriate sweatpants (solid gray or navy blue), shirts, color (no logos other than St. Thecla)
- jewelry (religious, post earrings)
- make up (not allowed), including finger nail polish
- hair length for boys

Dress code violations are being issued to those not following the uniform policy.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Recess Reminders:

If the temperature is below 20 degrees and a wind chill below 15 degrees, or evidence of bad weather is threatening to the safety of the students, then indoor recess will occur. **Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for the weather conditions.**

School Closure- Snow Days

St. Thecla will close school for inclement weather (Snow Days) by following Chippewa Valley Schools' decision to close schools due to weather conditions. If Chippewa Valley Schools close for inclement winter weather (snow days) so will St. Thecla.

We will also inform you by email, text alerts through FACTS, and radio and television alerts..

Virtue Of The Month- Kindness

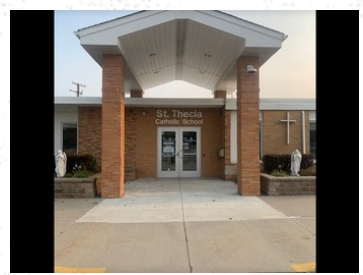
2021-2022 School Calendar- Updated

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K5dV7qfAmi7HGFA54eyTRrlwliT6qVQFmvgTj5imhzy/edit?usp=sharing>

Have a wonderful evening and rest of the week.

Prayers and blessings,

Dr. JB



ST. THECLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

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Mission: "We, the community of St. Thecla Catholic School, dedicate ourselves to serving God through our growth in faith, education, and love for one another as members of God's family."

Vision: "St. Thecla Catholic School forms faithful disciples of Christ with commitment to develop lifelong, independent learners and leaders through a rigorous curriculum anchored in our Catholic faith."

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