# Hawk Happenings!

Week of Feb. 7, 2022

### Hawk Highlights-School News

Dear St. Thecla Families,

What a busy week we've had at St. Thecla. The students had fun finishing up spirit days for Catholic Schools' Week! Thank you for all your support.

#### **Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to ALL the students who put themselves out there for St. Thecla's Spelling Bee. That's not an easy thing to do! We are proud of ALL of you!

Shout out to our top 3 students:

Kayleigh Deguzman- First

Kenny Ray- Second

Anjali Sheth- Third

Kayleigh will complete again in March at the MISD along with other students in the county! Best wishes to Kayleigh.

Thank you to Mrs. Moschouris and Mrs. Peratsakis for all their work in making the Daddy Daughter Dance such a wonderful evening for our girls and their dads (or dudes). We appreciate you! Also thank you for all who volunteered, donated and were in attendance. Please see the note below from the co-chairs of the event.!

## A BIG Thank You from the Daddy Daughter Dance co-chairs

Thank you to all our St. Thecla families who attended the DDD. We hope your evening was fun filled and memorable! It made our hearts so happy to see your smiles and laughter. We truly love planning this special event...and we're already looking forward to next year!

We could not have done it without our amazing volunteers! A very big Thank You to all of you... Michael and Amanda McKenney, Melissa Wierszewski, Maria D'Agostini, Brenda Roths, Mary Mackool, Maria Yousif, Maria Stanescu, Maria and Lyra Basas, Lauren Bulgarella, Kristine Deguzman, Roula Lucci, Bridget Murawski, Rita Fares, Mary Ventimiglia, Rebecca Bonafonna, Alyia Hakim Mehanna, Juliana Sabitini Plastiras and Jeff Genaw.

A special Thank You to...

- -Tara McHenry for being so wonderful and taking the Daddy Daughter photos.
- -Father Bryan Shackett, Dr. JB and her father. Thank You for attending.
- -Shanon Rupkus and Sandi Ray for ALWAYS answering our questions! You're the best!

Your DDD Chairs...

Chrissy Peratsakis & Vivian Moschouris

#### **Collection for Food Pantry was AMAZING!**

During Catholic schools week of January 31 – February 4, the St. Thecla school children undertook a very generous and heart-warming project. The parish's Food Pantry had informed the school that we had some definitive shortfalls in our inventory that needed to be addressed so that we could continue to serve those in need. The children responded with an overwhelming display of generosity by delivering enough food and food supplies that will keep some of our inventory replenished for the next 3 months. We cannot thank you enough for everything you did to make this happen. Please understand that what you did is so beneficial to many families in need who may not know where their next meal is coming from. Continue to do God's work and know that you really made a difference!

Dave Schweiger Judy McMahon Dee Marti

#### SUBSTITUTE PRESCHOOL AIDE NEEDED

If you are looking for a part time position where you will experience happiness and love everyday- we have the job for you. We are looking to hire a preschool aide for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:15 A.M.-3:15 P.M.. We'd like to fill this position as soon as possible and it may run through the end of the school year. if you are interested, please contact Dr. JB at johnsond@stthecla.com or at 586-791-2170.

#### FACTS- RE-ENROLLMENT FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

The application for school re-enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year opened on January 30. Registration is online on the school website.

- Please go to the ADMISSIONS tab.
- Click on re-enrollment for current families tab.
- There is a step by step process from there.
- Since you are re-enrolling the process in much easier and just takes minutes to complete.
- If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Maloney. Just a friendly reminder- if you complete your re-enrollment by Feb. 28, the enrollment fee is reduced by \$75.00.

#### **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 Dinner Dance and lunch recess. Please contact the chairs of the event or the school office to express your interest in volunteering.

#### **CALENDAR REMINDERS**

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

Half day of school- March 10 (Preschool dismissal noon, grades K-8 dismissal 12:15 P.M.)

No school- March 11

No school- March 14- AOD Professional Development

Quarter ends: March 25, Grades cut off March 23, Report cards released March 31

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Parent-Teacher Conferences- March 10- afternoon and evening

Dinner Dance- Save the date: March 12

#### **REVIEW:**

#### **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-Perseverance

One 8th grader led us in prayer this week.

Dear Jesus,

Help me to wait without complaining, help me to see You in my neighbor, and help me to let Your grade enter this moment so that I may not lose my patience throughout this day. Amen.

#### 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,



# 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."





## Spelling Bee-Top 5

These are the top 5 spellers representing grades 5, 6,, 7 and 8.

Congratulations to all of you!



# Congratulations to our top 3 spellers!

Thank you for all your hard work. You should be proud! Kayleigh Deguzman Kenny Ray Anjali Sheth



# Pearl- Our adopted cow

St. Thecla adopted Pearl for the 2021-2022 school year!
We are happy to support
Discover Dairy, Dairy
Excellence Foundation, and the
American Dairy Association of
Michigan!

We were notified of Pearl's birth and her life on Werth Dairy LLC located in Alpena, Michigan. We will continue to receive updates on Pearl throughout the school year (November, January, March/April and in April/May). The final visit could be a live "chat" with Pearl and the farmers!

St. Thecla plans to incorporate some learning and service activities that align with our adoption of Pearl.

- Learning about cows/calves/dairy, farming, and agriculture
- Stories/literature about cows, calves and farming
- Spirit days to collect money to purchase milk for shelters or organizations in need
- Curriculum lessons that align with math, reading and science
- And many more projects determined at the classroom level

