# STCS Weekly Update



St. Theresa Catholic School

September 14, 2017

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#### Upcoming Events

Sept. 15—8:35 mass planned by Loyalty House

Sept. 16—10am— Beaverdale Fall Festival Parade; 6-9pm—STCS Parent/Staff Party

Sept. 19—School pictures; 6pm—School Board

Sept. 20—No PreK; 6:45 –7:30—1st Reconciliation Parent meeting

Sept. 21—10:20-2:45— 4th grade to Brenton Arboretum

Sept. 22—8:35 mass planned by Courage House; 9:15-12:15—6th grade Leadership training; 12:30-1:30—Drake football players read to students



Dear Parents,

What a great year! Fr. Mark blessed the students backpacks after our first all school mass. Middle school students visited Dowling last Friday to see the relic of St. John Paul II. Each student carried several holy cards which they are giving to younger students. Middle school students also made blessing stones for the Des Moines and Urbandale police departments.

We have held a fire drill and our bus drills. Middle school students love their new Open Up Resources math website! There is learning everywhere! Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Hingtgen and Mrs. Schauls attended our new STEM scale up training yesterday. Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Hingtgen, Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Durbala flew with a Civil Air Patrol pilot over Des Moines including over our parish campus last week.

Our 8th grade House leaders are planning a fundraiser for the victims of the hurricanes. Under the leadership of 6th grader Sam Friedman and his mom students are bringing in gently used shoes and socks which will be taken to Mexico.

Saturday, September 16 is a busy day for STCS. We are participating in the Beaverdale Fall Festival parade for the first time in many years. Please check the Thursday folder for more information. We need you! Saturday evening is the Parent Party from 6-9pm. What a great way to meet new friends and catch up with old friends.

Congratulations to Mrs. Durbala and her 5th grade classroom! She won \$500 and 500 bonus points from Scholastic. The planning for the classroom library has kicked into high gear!

We have everything we need for a great year—amazing children, wonderful parents, a talented staff and a supportive parish! We are blessed!

With prayers,

Ellen Stemler

Welcome, Justice! Justice is our new reading dog. He and his owner Anita Holub will visit STCS every Monday morning to read with students.





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