

St. Theresa School

1954-2024

Celebrating 70 years

Forming Christian Scholars!



Forming Christian Scholars for the 21st Century



Forming

- Partnership with parents
- Intentional “shaping” of our students into “other Christs”
- Deeply relational
- So that learning and education can occur

Scholars

- Understand the Design of the world
- Can explain it to others
- Can manipulate it
- Bring it to the Good

Christian

- In an active relationship with Jesus Christ
- Understanding God’s will for them
- Acting on God’s will in a scholarly and professional manner
- Inherently Virtuous, Beatitudinal, Sacramental
- Why we have a chapel

21st Century

- bring the world back to Christ
- Improve it in all areas of truth, beauty, and goodness
- Using the techniques and tools of the day
- Building on what was established before
- Improve the world rather than falling prey to it



All through this day Lord,
let me gently touch the lives of others,
through the power of the Holy Spirit,
by the prayer I breathe,
the words I speak,
and the life I live. Amen.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, pray for us.





I am a CHRISTIAN SCHOLAR

I am KIND in how I treat others

I am HONEST in what I say and do

I am WISE in my choices

I know I am a BELOVED CHILD OF GOD

I am a CHRISTIAN SCHOLAR



Virtues: Charity, Integrity, Wisdom

- Integrate the **three key virtues of charity, wisdom, integrity**, into the culture of the school so they form the basis of the identity of a Christian Scholar and those who form Christian Scholars

Staff Culture

- Importance of a strong and consistent staff culture
- Informed by survey data
- Includes looking at our hiring and compensation



Math Instruction

- Homework and regular practice will be done on pencil and paper
- Students will be expected to maintain a traditional/paper and pencil math notebook and take notes during class
- Teachers have the option to limit the strategies presented
- Students must demonstrate mastery of the proscribed math facts right in the first week of school
- Continue to identify how enVision resource needs to be supplemented
- Elimination of the i-Ready Learning Path in math
- Continued conversation with the high schools



Study Skills

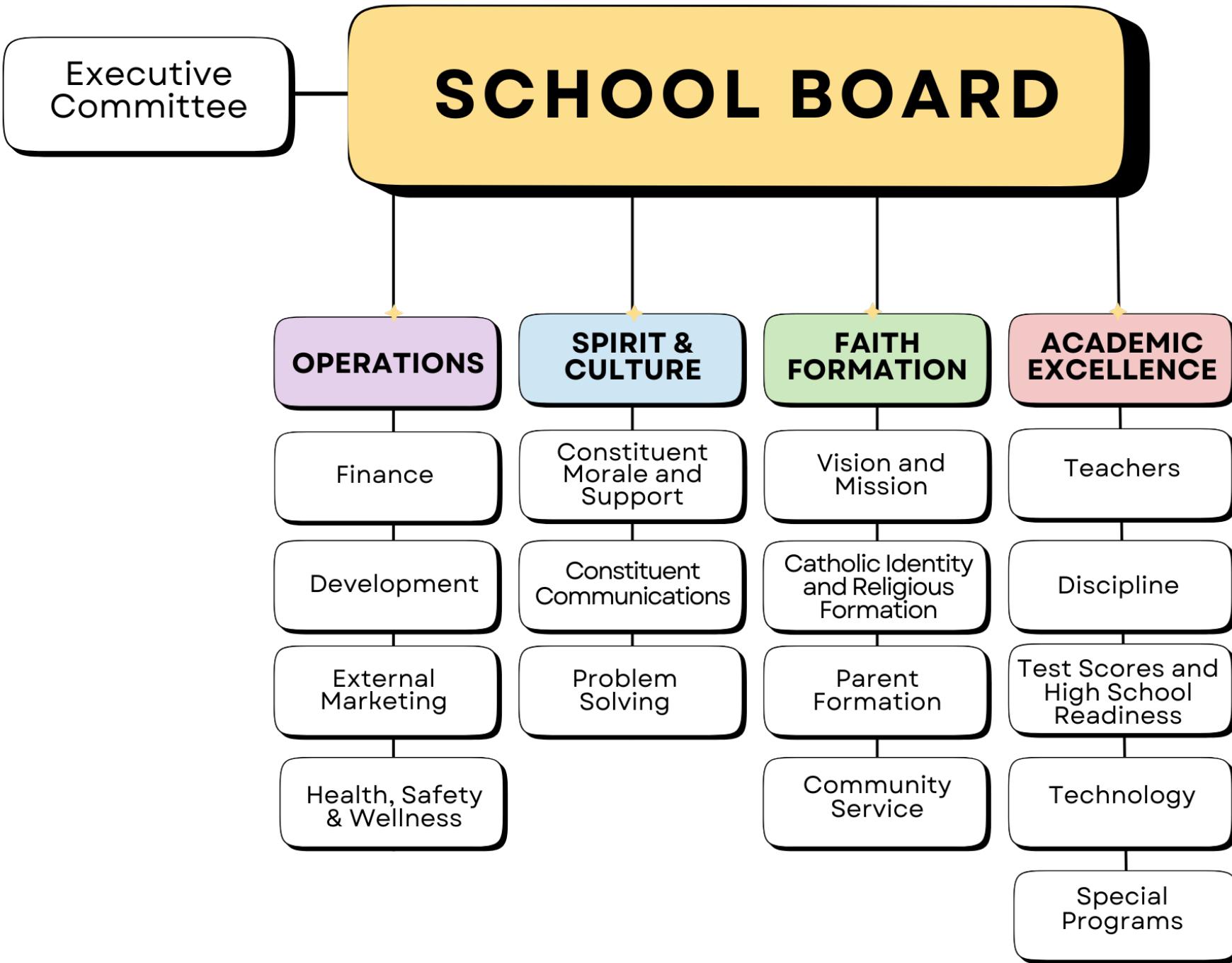
- Clearer definition of what skills students need to develop to be successful in high school
- Stronger cross curricular consistency with skills
- Strong emphasis in the Middle School Program

Artificial Intelligence Policies and Procedures

- Key: how to use AI wisely and with integrity
- How to teach with the possibility of AI
- Updated AUP



School Board



Parents Association

- Best way to **know what is going on** is to **be a part of what is going on**
- Goals:
 - FUND** programs that impact on our student body
 - SUPPORT** the classrooms through monetary contributions
 - HONOR** our faculty and staff, teacher appreciation activities
 - CELEBRATE** our community with events
 - PROMOTE FUN** social events throughout the year
- Realigned fee structure – fewer collections during the year



Louie and Zélie Martin Parent Ministry

- Focus on bringing parents together
- Offering a speaker series starting in September
- Continuing parent Mass in the Little Chapel
- Working on a Family Mass on Sundays



The Team

- ★ Mr. Dan Roehrig, Assistant Principal
- ★ Miss Lexi Hall, Preschool
- ★ Mrs. Lora Hecht, Preschool
- ★ Mrs. Michelle Bauler, Preschool
- ★ Mrs. Sandy Wiseman, Preschool Aide
- ★ Miss Lauren Nelson, 2nd Grade
- ★ Miss Natalie Schneider, Elementary Science
- ★ Mr. Conrado Robles, Middle School Science

Position Changes:

- ❖ Mrs. Dorothy Skelton, Preschool Mentor
- ❖ Mrs. Anne-Marie Kaiser, Preschool Team Leader



Team

Preschool Team

Miss Lexi Hall & TBA

Mrs. Michelle Bauler & Mrs. Sandy Wiseman

Mrs. Lora Hecht & Mrs. Margo Mertes

Mrs. Anne-Marie Kaiser & Mrs. Allison Sclafini

Primary Team

Kindergarten

Ms Karen Rosenkranz & Mrs. Carolyn Johanson

Mrs. Kathy Wohlgemuth & Mrs. Nancy Betti

Mrs. Bridget Ziebka

1st Grade

Mrs. Diane Guedel

Mrs. Patti Trojan

2nd Grade

Mrs. Lisa Lahart

Miss Lauren Nelson

Intermediate Team

3rd Grade

Mrs. Mimi Conrad

Miss Amanda Wozniak

4th Grade

Miss Kayla Sachs, ELA

Mrs. Silvia Medina, Spanish

5th Grade

Miss Cara Denten, ELA

Mrs. Mary Ellis, Math

Middle School Team

6th Grade

Mrs. Katy Ballard, ELA

Mr. Conrado Robles, Science

7th Grade

Mr. Jeff Sheehan, History

Mrs. Maureen Hull, Art

8th Grade

Ms Carisa Wozniak, Math

Miss Tori Moran, ELA

Mrs. Maria Isch, Spanish



Team

Enrichment Team

Mr. Tim Lahart, PE

Mrs. Maureen Hull, Art

Miss Natalie Schneider, Elem Science

Miss Gia Pappas, Music

Mrs. Jessica Banakis, Library

TBA, Technology

Resource Team

Mrs. Deb Udelhofen, Resource

Mrs. Joanne Spachner, Int Resource

Mrs. Celeste Kerr, Primary Reading Resource

Administrative Team

Miss Mary Keenley, Principal

Mrs. Terri Kolbus, Admissions

Mrs. Molly Montrie, Nurse

Mrs. Enza Soby, School Secretary

Mrs. Elizabeth Vogt, Dir. Religious Education

Mr. Dan Roehrig, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Christina Pfaller, STEP Director

Mrs. Joanie Schwarzbek, Operations Admin

Mr. Mike Tuntland, IT Admin

Mrs. Bozena Osiecki, Maintenance

Mr. Jorge Avila, Maintenance



School Hours

- Morning:
 - K-8th doors open at 7:20, class starts at 7:40
 - Preschool 8:00
- Afternoon:
 - K-8th 2:30 Monday-Thursday, 1:30 Friday*
 - Preschool 2:00 Monday-Friday

Attendance

- If your child is not in school, have to notify us before 7:40am
- Only online – attendance note on the website, or email attendance@sttheresaschool.com
- No longer accepting phone calls

Change in Plans

- Call or email no later than 11:30am



Bus

- Waiting to hear about routes from D15
- May impact ending time by a few minutes
- Will have service on August 20
- Waiting to hear about drive days

Playground

- Tore out base of playground equipment, laid in 8" new mulch
- New ball thingy
- New tables and benches (coming around September 1)
- Slides still pending

Village Flood Remediation on Benton

- No more pull off on Benton



Nurse's Office

- Helps all of us remain healthy and safe
- If you don't know what to do...call Mrs. Montrie
- If your child is feeling ill...please stay home
- Pick up within 20 minutes

Cell Phones

- No need for a cell phone here at school
- Phones off and in the locker during the school day
- Phones will be confiscated and parent has to come pick it up



Safety Reminders

- Enter and exit through doors 1 or 2 only
- Sign in in the main office
- Wear yellow STS lanyards – all adults are badged
- Complete all compliance regulations
- Be sure SchoolRush is set up
- Drill Day is Friday, August 30



Time: Monday-Friday 7:20-7:40

Area: All drop off on the Playground side, Door 2

- Pull down the Little Way, all the way down to Door 2
- Please **be ready** to exit the car when you pull up
- Please **do not exit the car** to help your child – we will do that
- Please **do not have items in the trunk** – it is a safety issue
- Please **pull all the way up** to the end of the drop off lane – do not stop in front of the door.
- Do not pull out of the line – wait for the care ahead of you
- Proceed **SLOWLY** down Freemont

Walkers/Bike Riders: stay on the sidewalk, Enter Door 1



Time: Monday-Thursday 2:30 Friday 1:30

PENDING...

Pick Up



Reminders:

- Please be patient...first two weeks are very slow!
- Please **do not block driveways**
- Please **stay in your car**
- Please follow the rules: they are designed for efficiency but also for student safety

Reminders... 

Uniforms

- Uniforms start right on TUESDAY
- THURSDAY is a dress up day for pictures – please remember the dress code!
- In summer uniform for the young men
- Hair on the Young Men:
 - K-5 must be cut above the collar, ears, and eyes
 - 6-8 must clean, styled, and out of the face at all times
- If uniform has not arrived:
 - Check used uniform room
 - Wear nice “church clothes” until they arrive



Communication

- **NEW:** Teacher Websites
- Calendar
- Weekly Parent Newsletter on Thursday
- Email
- SchoolRush
- PS-3rd SeeSaw 4th-8th Google Classroom
- 5th-8th PowerSchool (grades) – opens after Labor Day
- Phone
- Conferences
- Notes
- Facebook and Instagram
- Website



Communication

Most of the Time

Classroom Teacher

Compliance

Mrs. Schwarzbeck

Tuition

Mrs. Schwarzbeck

Medical

Mrs. Montrie

STEP

Mrs. Pfaller

Parents Association

stspa@sttheresaschool.com

Don't Know?

Call Mrs. Soby



Preschool and Kindergarten: Wednesday, August 14

4:45	Doors Open
5:00-6:00	Preschool - in your child's classroom
6:30-7:30	Kindergarten - in your child's classroom

1st-8th Grade Curriculum Night: Thursday, August 15

4:30	Doors Open
5:00-5:45	6th Grade
6:00-6:45	7th and 8th Grades
*6:45-7:15	Special Event: Preparedness for High School Math Craig Barnes, Math Department Chair, Palatine HS
6:30-7:00	1st-5th grades
7:00-7:30	1st-5th grades (repeat)



Both Events

Location:

Start in your child's homeroom

Parking:

Park in the Benton Street parking lot and enter Door 1 -or-
Park in the Dolan parking lot (back of church) and enter Door 2

Also Available:

Mrs. Montrie, School Nurse

medical forms, specific questions about health at school
tuition and compliance

Mrs. Schwarzbeck, Op Admin

general questions

Mrs. Soby, School Secretary

Before/After School STEP Program

Come and Visit:

Parents Association Activities

Used Uniforms

Volunteer Opportunities

Spiritwear Ordering

After School activities

In My Child's Homeroom:

Bus routes (if requested)

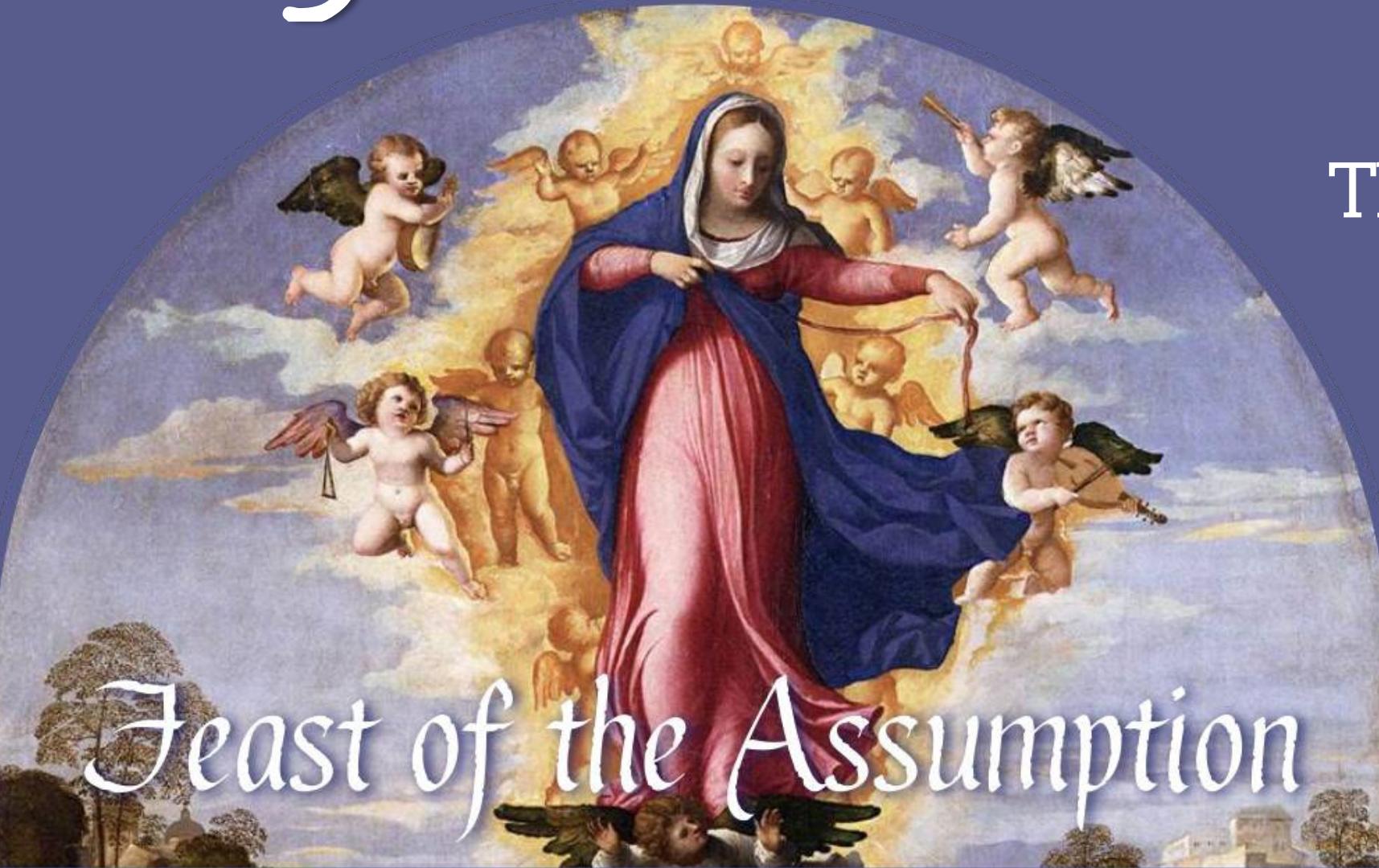
Picture Day instructions

Supply Kits (if you ordered)

Forms and Paperwork: please bring all medical, compliance and other paperwork you need to turn in! Reminder: all medical forms are due by August 15!

**Who Should Attend:** Only parents

August 15



Feast of the Assumption

Mass Schedule
Wednesday, August 14
7:00pm (vigil)

Thursday, August 15
6:30am
8:00am
7:00pm



Preschool Orientation

Kindergarten Parent Orientation

Parent Curriculum Night 1st-8th

Parish Back to School Picnic

Meet the Teacher Open House

First Full Day of School

All School Mass of the Holy Spirit

BONFIRE!

STS Walk A Thon

Grandparents Day

Wednesday, August 14 at 5:00

Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30

Thursday, August 15 (see schedule)

Sunday, August 18

Monday, August 19 7:30-11:00am

Tuesday, August 20

Tuesday, August 27 at 8:00am

Saturday, September 14

Friday, September 20

Friday, October 4

Upcoming Events...

Forms Due:

- All medical forms
- Compliance forms to volunteer

Summer Study

- August Book
- Math Facts
- Recitation

SchoolRush: make sure it's active!

Reminders... 

Send us pics of your summer fun!

Email to: mkeenley@sttheresaschool.com



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