



# Saint Theresa Catholic School

Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders

## Focus on Faculty - STCS Thunder Appeal

November 30, 2021

Dear Parents, Grandparents, Alumni, & Friends,

It is with such joy and anticipation that we enter into this Holy Season of Advent here at St. Theresa Catholic School (STCS)! When school began in August, we knew it would be another extraordinary year with new and continued challenges. But as I walk through the halls each day and see the smiles on our students' faces, the commitment of our parent volunteers, and the incredible dedication of our faculty, I feel blessed for these reminders of our mission and purpose: we are a strong Catholic community, bringing our children to Christ and *Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders*.

As the proud principal at STCS, I witness the collective effort of our community to accomplish all we have. While the pandemic posed extraordinary challenges, our school's response over the last year and a half will remain a shining moment in our history. Last year, **through the profound generosity of our parents, alumni, and parish community, we raised over \$85,000 in the 2020 Thunder Appeal.** With that we were able to support a host of new and increased needs for our school, for example: we enhanced health and safety efforts with upgraded classroom HVAC filters and additional school cleaning and maintenance, we increased our technology efforts with the purchase of new document scanners to enhance in-person and distance learning, and we increased student access to technology through the purchase of Chromebooks for our 5th grade students.

The challenges are now different – but remain significant. Through it all, we have maintained our faith-filled school and our outstanding academics. **So much of this success is due to our teachers**, who work every day to ensure that each child's faith development, academic, and social growth needs are met. Their care and love for our students is genuine and their commitment immeasurable. **This year's Thunder Appeal, "Focus on Faculty," will help raise much-needed funds to support our teachers** by addressing technology needs (replacing their outdated laptops), providing additional professional development opportunities, coursework, and classroom needs, and helping bridge the gap between the actual cost to educate each student and what we charge in tuition.

**I humbly ask you to support the Focus on Faculty Thunder Appeal. Our goal is 100% participation by our current families.** Every gift counts, and provides our faculty and students with needed tools and resources. You can make a gift online on our website, [www.stsashburn.com](http://www.stsashburn.com) (click 'Support/Thunder Appeal'), mail a check in the enclosed envelope, or scan the QR code below with your phone camera. **We are truly grateful for every gift, and for your support!**

I wish you a most blessed Advent season!

With gratitude,

*Erin O'Malley*  
Erin O'Malley  
Principal



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## We love STCS!

### Your gift supports our faculty & students every day!

#### Your \$25 - \$500 Gift

- Classroom enhancements
- Faith formation material
- Supplies for 'Specials' classes
- Counselor & Resource materials

#### Your \$500 - \$1200 Gift

- Teacher professional development/classes
- Materials for Science Labs
- Blackboard to Whiteboard conversion

#### Your \$1200 + Gift

- Laptop for a teacher
- Network switch
- Technology upgrades

*Gifts of any amount are appreciated - and tax deductible!*

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