

# St. Theresa Catholic School

## OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

School Office Hours 7:30-3:15

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### School News and Information

**Stated School Mission:** St. Theresa School, the westernmost Catholic elementary school in the United States, is dedicated to guiding learners as they follow the footsteps of Jesus. Faith, 'Ohana (family) and a quality education are the pillars upon which we build tomorrow's leaders.

### Calendar Highlights

*Detailed info is posted to School Speak*

- October 2 Feast of St. Therese flower ceremony
- October 3 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Volleyball Tournament 3pm
- October 4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi PET DAY!
- October 5 Parent Association Meeting 5:30pm
- October 6 SLE awards, end of quarter. **12:00 dismiss.**
- October 7 Regal Food Pick Up on campus 9-12
- October 9-13 FALL BREAK
- October 16-20 Terra Nova Testing
- October 20 Report Cards published
- October 23 CALENDAR CHANGE: CONFERENCES
- October 25 Walk To School Day!
- October 28 Haunted Halloween Fundraiser
- October 31 Halloween Fun Day, *sponsored by the Parent Association. Halloween Costume Dress Up!*

#### Parent Association Meeting

- October 5-

Open Invitation to All Parents

#### Agenda

1. Mission Statement decision
2. Halloween Day activity planning for learner enrichment (Oct. 31)

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### Principal's Message

**Accreditation News:** Our school is renewing its accreditation status this year. WASC and WCEA accreditation allows us to accept scholarships from funders such as Kipona and Pauahi Keiki.

The Accreditation process includes a written report, by the school, about all school factors:

1. Catholic Identity
2. School's Purpose
3. Organization of Student Learning
4. Data Analysis to Support Instruction
5. SLEs and Standards
6. Instructional Methodology
7. Support for Spiritual, Personal, and Academic Growth
8. Resource Management and Development

The report will culminate in an Action Plan which targets four key areas of identified need.

Your PARENT SURVEYS provide valuable information for several areas of this report. Thank you to those who have completed the surveys thus far! Your input TRULY helps. Survey results will be shared after the portal closes on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

A team of 4 Accreditation Committee members will be on campus February 21-23 to assess our school. They will meet with faculty, staff, learners, and parents to get a full picture of who we are.

COOL STUFF on School Speak  
Volleyball  
Playground  
Surveys  
Flowers and Pets  
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT STS?

## STS HAUNTED HALLOWEEN EVENT

Event Date: October 28, Saturday 6pm-9pm

(this event will REPLACE Trunk or Treat)

Coordinator: Mr. Verdugo (middle school teacher)  
[david.verdugo@sttheresakauai.com](mailto:david.verdugo@sttheresakauai.com)

STS Haunted Halloween event will be open to the public. There will be food booths, boat ride, haunted house, and child focused activities. There will not be a traditional costume contest, but will feature a costume parade!

### GET INVOLVED!!

Want to help in a booth? Haunted House? Food Booth? Axe Throw? **Want to decorate a truck for treating?**  
**We would love to have a few trunks!!**

**We are looking for cool things** to include in the Haunted House walk. NOT GORY or EVIL looking props! It will be dark, there will be costumed people in there.... But we are aiming to have decorations that kids will like seeing! Have a cool big stuffed animal? An elaborate costume? Posters? Bubble or fog machines? All ideas and loans of 'cool stuff' are welcome!



## REGAL FOOD Sales Report

Congratulations! STS completed the ticket sale and profited \$6,546.60. Woo Hoo!!! This moves us closer to our goal for the Playground Renovation Project.

Thank you for your teamwork in reaching this goal!

Top School Seller \$300 Winner: Iyana Laguatan (gr 6)  
Top 3 Selling Classes \$50 winners: Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>  
Lucky Number \$300 Winner: James Logan Pereira (gr 7)

Free Dress Day on **MONDAY October 2nd** for beating Castillo's sales:

Tehya Catbagan, Cameron Winburn, Maica Oporta-Munar, Xyrus and Kyus Bajo, Iyana Laguatan, Adrian Henkel, Mackenzie and Savannah Domingo, Makena Cabral, Chayden Aki, Lucia, Eleanor and Evelyn Silva, Rhyse Badua, Darius Tumbaga

## Math Matters

Math is a scaffolded subject, the objectives in one grade depend on the objectives in the previous grade.

Our base Math curricular resource in grades K-6 is Dimensions by Singapore Math. There are online resources/videos that parents may access to gain more information on the program.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade math is pre-algebra (with an Algebra ability group). 8<sup>th</sup> grade math is Algebra (with a Geometry ability group). Every year, 7 and 8 graders are offered the end of course exam in either Algebra or Geometry to gain a high school credit. *Last year, 3 learners graduated with Algebra and Geometry credits, and 3 with Algebra credits.* These are great accomplishments, and our goal is to keep our program strong and help our learners succeed in high school.

Helping strengthen math skills is important. Pre-algebra is incredibly difficult if recollection of previous objectives is slow. The basics are always addition, subtraction, multiplication, division. Practicing those facts is SO valuable, especially in the lower grades.

Learners can use online practice from IXL, Prodigy, 99Math, Cool Math games or good old-fashioned flash cards at home to practice! Basic fractions talk at home helps too! "Hey, dad ate 5/8 of the pizza! If I eat 1/8, how much will be left?" Every little bit of math exposure helps!

Grade level math standards are posted under Program Information on School Speak.

### Ingredients needed for HALLOWEEN food booth:

- Kidney Beans 23 cans
- Rice 1-20#
- Hot Dog 80ct
- Hot Dog Buns 80ct
- Cup O Noodles 2-case (costco)
- Kalua Pork/Pork Butts 4pcs
- Nacho Chips 2-bag (costco)
- Chicken (Costco) 4 bags (costco)
- Soda/Water water, sprite, coke