



# ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## *Parent's Guide to Becoming a Viking – from your St. Theresa PTO*

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### **PTO OFFICERS**

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### **HOMEROOM COMMITTEE**

Chair: Danielle Williams  
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### **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

Chair: TBD

### **ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE**

Chair: TBD

### **BOOSTER CLUB COMMITTEE**

Chair: TBD

### **VOLUNTEERS COMMITTEE**

Chair: Melissa Trevino  
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### **FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE**

Chair: TBD

### **HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN THE PTO**

Contact a chairperson or a PTO Officer to join any of our school committees, become a room parent or office/classroom assistant. We look forward to serving with you!

### **SCHOOL HOURS**

Monday - Friday, school starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. On Wednesday only, school starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m.

### **MORNING CARE**

Morning care is available every school day beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the gym at no charge. Breakfast is available for a small fee.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

After school care is offered by KidVenture Monday through Friday (except noon dismissal days) from dismissal until 6:00 p.m.  
<http://kidventure.com/st-theresa/>

### **MORNING ASSEMBLY**

Each school day begins with morning assembly in the gym where the entire school prays together and announces the events of the day. We also recite the Pledge of Allegiance and celebrate birthdays.

### **MASS**

Mass is held every Wednesday at 8:10 a.m. except Holy Days of Obligation, Mass will begin at 12:10 p.m. Formal uniform is required on Mass day. Parents may sit with their child at Mass on the last Wednesday of the month.

### **LUNCH**

Lunch is available daily via the Little Flower Cafe. [littleflowercafe.com](http://littleflowercafe.com) Menus are provided monthly. Students who do not wish to buy their lunch may bring a sack lunch. Parents are welcome to have lunch with their children.

### **UNIFORM**

New uniforms may be purchased from Parker Uniform. Gently-used uniforms are available for purchase through the PTO. Contact Jenn Lenz at [jennvenlenz@gmail.com](mailto:jennvenlenz@gmail.com).

### **WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

The Welcoming Committee is here to welcome new St. Theresa families to the community. Each new family is paired with an existing family. If you are a new family and have not been contacted, please notify the PTO Hospitality Committee Chair.

### **VIRTUS TRAINING**

A prevention and awareness training that will focus on the prevention of abuse and the protection of children. The program includes training in the signs and symptoms that indicate a child is being abused in some way, and how to talk with children about these issues as well as the Archdiocese's reporting policies and procedures for suspected abuse of a minor. This training is required for all adults interacting with students on the St. Theresa campus. It's PTO's goal to have at least one member of each family VIRTUS trained this year. If you plan to volunteer in the classroom or chaperone a field trip, VIRTUS training is required. You can visit [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) to find training locations. Contact Marcia Mushinski [marcia.mushinski@sttheresa.cc](mailto:marcia.mushinski@sttheresa.cc) for more info.

### **RenWeb**

RenWeb has a Parent's Portal that is private, secure and allows parents to view information specific to their children. On RenWeb, you can view your child's homework assignments, attendance, the school calendar, school directory and reminders. Contact Rhonda Lastovica [r.lastovica@sttheresa.cc](mailto:r.lastovica@sttheresa.cc) for more info.

## **SPIRIT DAY**

Every Monday is "Spirit Day" for students who have not been tardy or absent the prior week. Students with perfect attendance may wear their Spirit shirt and jeans or jean shorts every Monday. You may order Spirit Wear by submitting a Spirit Wear Order Form. If there are enough order forms submitted, a bulk order will be placed monthly. You can find the form at <http://www.sttheresaschool.cc/booster-club>.

## **BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES**

First Wednesday of each month (12:00 to 1:00), bring your lunch and eat with the Principal, administration, and other parents in an informal setting and chat candidly about all things school and/or student related!

## **SPIRIT NIGHT**

Join us at Chick-Fil-A (2222 Shearn St. Houston, TX 77007) the first Tuesday of the month for dinner. 20% of each purchase is given back to our school!

## **FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES**

School fundraising is an effort to help bridge the "gap" between tuition and the true cost of educating our students. We ask each family to join us in these efforts by committing your time, talents, and/or treasures to one or more of our fundraising opportunities. For more info, visit [www.StTheresaSchool/giving](http://www.StTheresaSchool/giving)

**Annual Fund** (Aug. 2016 – May 2017)

**Steps for Students** (Feb. 18, 2017)

**Gala/Auction** (Apr. 28, 2017)

For inquiries regarding fundraising opportunities contact the PTO Fundraiser Chair.

## **ATHLETICS**

**Athletic Director** Scott Sugalski  
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### **St. Theresa Community Youth Sports (WHCSA.org)**

**Soccer:** Fall  
PK3 - 4th grade - Co-Ed

**Basketball:** Winter  
K - 4th grade - Co-Ed

**T-Ball/Softball/Baseball:** Spring  
PK3 - 4th grade - Co-Ed

### **Middle School Sports (St. Theresa School Athletics)**

**Soccer:** Aug – Oct  
5th - 8th grade - Co-Ed

**Volleyball:** Aug – Oct  
5th - 8th grade - girls only

**Football** Aug – Oct  
6th- 8th grade - boys only

**Girls Basketball:** Oct – Feb  
5th - 8th Grade

**Boys Basketball:** Oct – Feb  
5th - 8th Grade

**Baseball:** Feb – Apr  
5th - 8th Grade - boys only

**Track:** Feb – Apr  
3rd - 8th grade - Co-Ed

**Softball:** Feb – Apr  
5th - 8th grade - girls only

## **IMPORTANT PTO DATES**

6/17 New Family Welcome  
7/17 Back to School Mass and Picnic  
8/8 New Parent Orientation/Meet the Teacher (Early Childhood)  
8/9 New Parent Orientation/Meet the Teacher (Elementary and Middle School)  
8/10 First Day of School/Tea & Tears  
8/17 First School Mass  
9/10 PTO Volleyball Tournament  
9/22 General PTO Meeting #1 & Back to School Night  
10/2 Feast Day  
10/23-31 Red Ribbon Week  
10/28 Halloween Party & Parade  
11/2 General PTO Meeting #2  
TBD Teacher Appreciation hosted by Middle School  
TBD Christmas Concert  
12/16 Christmas parties, noon dismissal  
1/29-2/4 National Catholic Schools Week  
1/29 Open House for Prospective New Families (Uniforms & Spirit Wear sold)  
TBD Teacher Appreciation hosted by Elementary School  
2/9 General PTO Meeting #3  
2/28 Fat Tuesday & Mardi Gras Parade/parties  
2/18 Steps for Students  
TBD PTO Election Noticed Emailed  
TBD PTO Nominations Forms Emailed  
TBD PTO Nominations Due  
TBD PTO Officer Voting Begins  
TBD PTO Officer Voting Ends  
4/27 General PTO Meeting #4  
4/28 Gala/Auction  
5/1-5/5 Teacher Appreciation Week  
TBD Teacher Appreciation hosted by Early Childhood  
5/31 Family Spaghetti Dinner  
6/2 Last day of school, noon dismissal

### **Recurring Events:**

1st Tuesday - Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A  
1st Wednesday - Brown Bag Lunch  
4th Thursday - Awareness Day (free dress with \$1 donation)  
4th Sunday - School Spirit Mass