



St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School

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Dear Families,

"It is in our struggles, in our weaknesses, in our darkest moments that we grow most in Christ. Don't give up despite hardships. Allow God to use them as training grounds for building up your faith and drawing you closer to Him."

Our staff is working very hard to prepare for this unusual school year. We pray that through our mitigation practices and safety precautions, students will feel safe and stay healthy. We are so blessed to be able to offer a faith-based education with a variety of resources to meet the individual needs of our students. Our teachers will continue to emphasize the importance of having a relationship with Jesus Christ so our children grow in God's image and likeness whether we are learning on-site or from home. Our plan has been to return to school five days a week. We will let you know as soon as possible if anything changes as new regulations came out last week. Our St. Teresa Board of Education is meeting Tuesday night at 7:00 at St. Al's church basement. The details to our reopening plan will be presented to the board for input and shared with families later this week. We also have a meeting with the Winneshiek Department of Public Health on Thursday.

We are looking forward to having your family with us this fall whether in person or remotely. All registration papers are found on our webpage at <http://www.st-teresapvt.k12.ia.us/>. You will find directions for e-registration on there as well. If you prefer to register our traditional way, our Come & Go registration (for K-8) is August 11 & 12 from 1:00-7:00 pm or by appointment. The preschool teachers will be in contact with our families and will be setting up home visits with each of their families very soon. If you decide to register in person, please come at your own convenience to do the following:

- Pay tuition in full or set up installments
- Put money in your child's lunch account
- Turn in certificate of dental screening, birth certificate, and Baptismal certificate (Kindergarten and any new student)

- Turn in Physical form (7th and 8th grade students need a physical to participate in a practice.)
- Sign up for morning or after school care (Morning care will start at 6:30 a.m. at the Calmar Center and 6:00 am at the Ossian Childcare Center. More information will be available at registration)
- Complete the Free/Reduced lunch form
- Fill out e-registration forms on a laptop provided (Will ask for dentists and doctors phone numbers so please know them also will ask for health information so please have your health card with you)

Tuition for the 2020-2021 school year is \$1,700 per child. Round 2 STO award announcements will come out August 4. There is still time to apply for local tuition assistance. The assistance request form can be found on our webpage under the "Admission" tab. On this form please indicate the amount per year you feel you can pay, and we will work together to find an acceptable solution for your family. We request monthly or quarterly payments throughout the school year. Tuition statements will be sent to families through email this week.

The hot lunch free/reduced application form is also on our webpage. We encourage all families who may qualify for this benefit to complete and return the form. Applications are always available in the office and on our school web page under the hot lunch tab throughout the year, so feel free to apply at any time. While meal benefits are good support to families, your applications are also important to St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School, as various forms of financial assistance are based on the number of approved free/reduced applications we receive by October 1 each year. So, if you think you may qualify, please apply! Know that all applications are held in the strictest confidence.

Classes for all students K-8 begin on Monday, August 24. Preschool classes will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 2 for both centers. The Ossian center preschool program will run Monday-Thursday Childcare for our Ossian preschool students will be provided on Fridays at an hourly rate. Our Calmar Center will have the 4 year old program on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and the 3 year old program on Tuesday and Thursday.

Enjoy these final days of summer as we look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kristin Kriener, Principal
Mrs. Jenni Busarow, Lead Teacher