

# St. Teresa Tidbits

Oct. 12, 2020

## *Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences*

This year we will be doing electronic sign up through your parent Powerschool account to schedule fall parent/teacher conferences. You will be able to sign up beginning Tuesday, October 13th. Please follow the directions below and if you need any assistance please call or email Heather at 563-562-3617 or [hbullerman@st-teresa.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:hbullerman@st-teresa.pvt.k12.ia.us)

1. Click **Parent/Teacher Conferences** located toward the bottom of the left column.
2. Click the **Event Name**.
3. Use the dropdown to Select a Teacher.
4. Type the parent email address in the row of the desired date and time slot.
5. Click **Save**.
6. To delete the reservation, refresh the pack and **click** the red dash.

The screen will also list reservations scheduled for other family members.

## *65% Iowa Tax Credit*

As an Iowa taxpayer, you can help families with demonstrated financial need attend any Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Dubuque through a qualifying contribution to the Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO). Each qualifying contribution will receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65% of the donation. The gift may also qualify as a charitable deduction on your federal tax return. Visit [www.ourfaithsto.org](http://www.ourfaithsto.org) or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546 ext, 219 to learn more.

63% of our students received assistance from STO this school year totaling \$73,319. This program is incredibly important to our families and our school. Please consider donating to this program so we can provide Catholic education until Jesus comes again.

## *Professional Development Rescheduled*

Since South Winn Elementary/Middle School is continuing their hybrid model until December 18, we will now have school on Nov. 30. That professional development day is being moved to Dec. 4 to align with their virtual learning on Fridays. With the high school continuing their hybrid plan through the end of the semester, we will continue to have busing available for our students on Fridays.

## *Health Assessment*

Please continue to evaluate your child's health at home. Teachers are still checking their health forms for temperatures, symptoms, and close contacts with positive COVID-19 cases. Thank you for supporting our mitigation and safety precautions. We really appreciate your willingness to keep your child home when symptomatic and sending a mask with them daily as we believe this is why our students and staff are relatively healthy.

## *Story Walk*

Our primary classes will be attending the seventh Ossian Main Street Story Walk. This walk features the book "The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything" by Linda Williams. The story begins like many great stories . . . once upon a time, there was a little old lady who was not afraid of anything! But one autumn night, while walking in the woods, the little old lady heard . . . *clomp, clomp, shake, shake, clap, clap*. And the little old lady who was not afraid of anything had the scare of her life! With bouncy refrains and classic art, this timeless Halloween story is perfect for reading aloud.

The story walk will be held on Wednesday, **October 14, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** and begin at the corner of Mary Street and Main Street, across from the Ossian Post Office, and end up at the Ossian Community Center. Pages of the story are in the flowerpots along Main Street. Children are encouraged to stop at each flowerpot and read that page of "The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything". The story walk book will remain in the flowerpots along Ossian Main Street for two weeks.

## *Water Rocks!*

Last Friday our first through 6th grade students enjoyed attending an outdoor program sponsored by Iowa State Extension. Water Rocks! delivers lessons about watersheds, wetlands, soil, pollinators and biodiversity to students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Within each 45- to 50-minute program, Water Rocks! strives to achieve its educational goals through a combination of hands-on games, interactive activities, music, plays, discussion and energetic presenters.


"Together with Iowa's classroom teachers, Water Rocks! is helping students increase environmental literacy on timely natural resources issues, with high-energy programs that make a lasting impact," said Ann Staudt, Water Rocks! director. "In compiling the annual report, we were also delighted to note that more teachers reported introducing students to watersheds and water quality topics before our visits and indicated desire to promote follow-up discussion and activities with their students."




## *Upcoming events:*


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Oct. 12-16. National School Lunch Week  
Oct. 13. 7th grade football  
Oct. 14. 5/6 Mass- Ossian  
Oct. 15. 3/4 Mass- Spillville  
Oct. 15. 7/8 XC meet  
Oct. 16. No School- Professional Development  
Oct. 20. Board of Education  
Nov. 3 & 4. Conferences  
Nov. 4 & 5. Picture Retakes

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