



Dear Parents:

So here we are halfway through summer! The Lord has been teaching me things...I hope, you, too. Sister Teresa Marie and I are the chief gardeners at the Motherhouse, or at least I used to think so. Some days we work like dogs down there, enjoying almost every minute of it. This summer the Lord has been doing the watering. Wow, He does a good job. His water does so much better than when we water. How similar to life, sometimes I try really hard to get things done, then the Lord does the deed with little effort on my part. Sometimes He seems to want us to work hard, other times, relax a little. He gave us that model in creation, working six days and resting one. If I were wise, I'd intentionally put a few more requests on His list, and a few less on mine. I think He'd like that. In the Mass readings this morning, he rescues His people from almost certain annihilation by causing the death of 185,000 soldiers in their sleep. The Assyrian General left without a fight. That's a deal! Assuming you are on the right side.

Lord, please continue to bestow your gifts on your beloved while they slumber. May the Lord grant us all a greater awareness of His many gifts. Lord we also ask your continued blessings, and one more thing, grant us restful slumber. I am looking forward to having you all back in August!

Sister Mary Michael

Building update: Floors are the issue of the summer!

Art room – the gray paint with the red showing through is gone! The polished concrete is well under way. The art room will also be getting a new counter with two sinks and a few outlets. Thanks to those who have helped with details on the project.

Classrooms – Eight rooms were re-carpeted. That project is 95% finished.

Sinks and countertops – With the help of Mr. Nelson we have installed four new sinks, counters and backsplashes. We took out the four most fluorescent counters and replaced with a more natural beautiful look.

Hallways on 2nd and 3rd floor – This will be the biggest and most apparent improvement! The brown asbestos tile in the hallways was professionally removed and the new tile has arrived. July is the month for installation. The ceramic tile weighs more than just a little bit. Thanks so much to those who helped carry it up to third (and second) floor. We try to work well with the installers and surely this gets us started on the right foot. Once again, the floor will work into our building beautifully. The terrazzo floor in the main stairwell is the inspiration as we move forward. Terrazzo ages well and does not move. After about 75 years the stairs still look great, so we move that look on down the hallways. As in the 1926 restroom renovation, this too will not jump out to a newcomer as a new 2024 floor, rather a beautiful floor that could have been very well done in 1956 when we were new. The rest of the hallway renovation will continue next summer.

Resurfacing the front pad – Both the west parking lot and the front of the school will be patched and resealed between when I write this and when you receive it.

Faculty update

We work on the inside as well as the outside...The National ICLE (Institute for Catholic Liberal Education) Conference is at Benedictine College in Atchison this year. Over half of our faculty will be in attendance at the four-day conference. We continue to bring the blessings of the restoration of Catholic Education to our children, families and parish.

FACULTY/STAFF 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

ADMINISTRATION

Chief Administrative Officer - Fr. Nicholas Kipper
Principal – Sister Mary Michael, C.K.
Assistant Principal – Sister Mary Agnes, C.K.
Assistant Pastor - Fr. Mitchell Schleis

FACULTY

PreK – Mrs. Theresa Schafers
KA – Mrs. Karri Hraban
KB – Mrs. Sadie Moser/Mrs. Sarah Seib
1st - Mrs. Angie Schafers
2A - Sister Teresa Marie, C.K.
2B – Mrs. Sophia Kresak
3A – Mrs. Cindy Werner
3B – Miss Kaitlyn Becher
4th – Mrs. Shelly Sullivan
5th – Sister Mary Faustina, C.K. (5-8 Technology, 6th Theology)
6A- Mrs. Grace Fusselman (5-7 Math & Algebra)
6B – Mrs. Sydney Shanahan (5-8 Nature Studies & 8th grade Math)
7th – Miss Katherine Hums (6-8 History, 6th Grammar/Writing)
8th - Mrs. Brittany Kudron (6-8 Literature 7th & 8th Grammar/Writing)
7-8 Theology & K-8 Art – Mrs. Kelly Pokojski
Library K-8 & 6-8 Logic – Mrs. Susan Pepino
Music K-8 –Mrs. Terri Schilmoeller
Band 5-8 – Mrs. Melissa King
P.E. & Athletic Director – Mrs. Mary Kate Miner
Resource & Special Ed Coordinator – Mrs. Mary Murphy
Educational Consultant – Mrs. Chris Jacobsen

SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Administrative Assistant – Mrs. Mary Schmit
Secretaries – Mrs. Laura Minchow, Mrs. Jill Zimmer
Paras – Mrs. Kathy Berrick, Mrs. Jen Sager, Mrs. Monica Garcia, Mrs. Kim Vacek, Miss Gretchen Kleinschmit, Miss Grace Vinton
Volunteer Para Assistant – Miss Jody Degenhardt
Property Manager – Mr. Ben Hirsch
Food Service Director – Mrs. Rosie Polak
Assistant Cooks - Mr. Gary Harper, Mr. Roger Hothan, Miss Grace Vinton
Extended Day Director – Miss Gretchen Kleinschmit
Extended Day Assistant – Miss Grace Vinton

Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

Tuesday, August 13: Jayhawk Jumpstart and School Pictures for Grades PreK-8

Please refer to pages 7&8 in our handbook for students hair and picture day dress code policy.
School uniform or modest shorts are acceptable at Picture Day during Jayhawk Jumpstart.

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. School Photos in Kaczmarek Hall

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Classrooms are open for students to meet their teacher and drop off school supplies.

Class Lists will be posted by the front office and outside the A/B split classrooms.

Grilled Hamburger and Hot Dog Dinner with chips and a water bottle will be provided complementary of our *Saint Teresa Knights of Columbus Fitzgerald Council 833*. Thank you Knights, for your support and a meal for our School Families during our Jayhawk Jumpstart.

Items due August 13th. Please turn in before or during Jayhawk Jumpstart:

- Payments for Breakfast and Lunch
- Free and Reduced Breakfast & Lunch application
- Physicals and immunizations if applicable.
- Original birth and baptism certificates if applicable. (We will make a copy while you visit your child's classroom)
- Prescription medication and OTC meds in original containers clearly labeled with child's name, with completed *Medication Permission form*, that is attached and will be available at the front office for you to fill out.

First Day of School for K-8th: Friday, August 16th. Please arrive to school between 7:45 a.m.-8:04 a.m. Students must be in the classroom by 8:05 a.m. when the tardy bell rings. Dismissal is at noon. Breakfast Program will begin on the first day of school, serving between 7:15 a.m. to 7:35 a.m. each school day.

First Day for PreKindergarten will be an Open House on Friday, August 16th.

PK-A: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

PK-B: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Regular PreKindergarten sessions start on Monday, August 19th.

Extended Day Program - Enrollment is now open: As a service to our Saint Teresa School families, we offer an after-school program with a mission to provide a safe, positive, and fun environment for our students. The program will begin immediately after dismissal, at 3:20 p.m. and runs until 5:30 p.m. The fee for the program will be on a sliding scale, based off your family FACTS application. To secure a spot in the program for your children, please email the school office at taelaa@cdolinc.net. We will contact you with more information.

Physicals and Immunizations: Students entering Kindergarten and Seventh grade *must* turn in their physical forms and updated immunization records to the school office before or on August 13th. State Law requires that these forms are turned in before the first day of school.

Sports Physical Forms: All 8th grade students participating in our Lincoln Catholic Schools League must have a physical/sports physical on file. The form is due before the student is allowed to practice. The 7th Grade Physical form will suffice for 7th grade sports participants. Our athletic director will send an email regarding how to participate in the Catholic Youth Sports League, and information including how to sign-up, pay fees, fill out waivers and other important paperwork needed.

Volunteers: We welcome parents and volunteers to help in our school throughout the year. Before you volunteer for classroom activities, field trips, coaching a sports team or club, etc., you must be up to date with your Diocesan Safe Environment Training and Background Check. Many volunteer opportunities come quickly after the start of the school year. Consider renewing your Safe Environment Training before August to be ready to volunteer when needed. Background checks are valid for five years; Safe Environment training must be renewed every year. When you log into your account on the CMGConnect website at cmgconnect.org. You will be notified what needs to be completed. Please contact the School Office with any questions regarding areas in which you might help, as well as questions on background checks or Diocesan Safe Environment Training.

Used Uniform Closet: We are in need of gently used and laundered uniforms especially small jumpers. Please drop off any donations during our open summer office hours, Wednesday mornings, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Visit our school website, stlfschool.org to view the updated 2024-2025 information on the Student-Parent Resources page:

- School and Art Supply List
- Tentative Yearly School Calendar
- August 2024 School Calendar
- August 2024 Breakfast & Hot Lunch Menu
- Free & Reduced Price School Meals Family Application 2024-25
- Service Hours Log 2024-25
- School Handbook, with uniform guidelines and other important information.
- Summer Adoration celebration
- 5th – 8th grade Back to School Block Party
- 8th Grade Afterschool Pop Ice Fundraiser