

26 August 2018 ([21st Sunday of Ordinary Time](#))

Greetings, St. Therese Family!

The start of our school year is just over a week away as we begin this last week of August. Teachers and staff will be hard at work this week preparing for an excellent 91st school year at St. Therese Catholic Academy! New staff/teacher orientation begins tomorrow, Monday, 8.27, and our entire team reports Tuesday, 8.28, for our in-service. Please keep us in prayer as we reorient, rededicate, and refocus ourselves to accomplishing our mission this year with a talented, committed, and passionate group of educators! In many ways, our work has already begun. Teachers and staff have been on campus throughout the month arranging and rearranging classrooms, digging into curriculum content, and engaging in planning and communal building conversations on a regular basis. Last Tuesday, 21 staff and school commission members participated in a conversation with local writer, blogger, and racial justice advocate Ijeoma Oluo (author of *So You Want to Talk about Race?*) with other educators at Holy Names Academy. This experience was formative, informative, and will guide all of us as we embark on our continued call to break down boundaries as we pursue “justice for all” and work together to build up the Kingdom of God.

Last week, we also welcomed dozens of new families to campus for our annual New Family Orientation. In our transition from last year to this year, we are losing quite a few families who have been long-time members of the St. Therese Family in large part due to relocation. However, with 38 new students enrolled for the first day of school and their dedicated families joining our returners, we will once again begin this school year with more students than last year (4 straight years!). Next Tuesday, 9.4, **156 Allstar students will assemble for morning assembly to officially begin our 91st school year**. Thank you to all of you for choosing St. Therese to be the educational home for your children and families – there is no better option this side of heaven! The “Dream Team” staff and I look forward to igniting the faith, minds, and dreams of our students with renewed vigor, unrelenting dedication, and a passion second to none in the year ahead. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Back-to-School BBQ on Wednesday (8.29) evening, and have a blessed last week of summer!

Blessings,

Matthew D. DeBoer, Principal

Included in this update are:

- **Extended Care Updates**
- **Meal Program Updates**
- **Staffing Updates**
- **General Reminders**
- **Important Dates**

Extended Care Updates

With the launch of our 2018-19 school year, we also embark on completely new staffing personnel for our extended care programs. As a reminder, our campus provides safe, affordable, and quality care for students from 7am-6pm. Our programs, times, and price-points are as follows:

STCA Extended Care Rates (18-19)*	Daily Rate @ Door	Daily Rate Billed	Annual Rate (Daily rate w/ 10% discount)	Monthly Charge (For Annual Rate Sept.-June)	Monthly Rate Only
BSC (7-8:15am)	\$7	\$14	\$1,102.50	\$110.25	\$125
ASC (3:30 (or dismissal time of the day)-6pm)	\$15	\$30	\$2,362.50	\$236.25	\$250
Kids' Club (12:25-3:30pm - PRESCHOOL ONLY)	\$20	\$40	\$3,150.00	\$315	\$325

*Subsidized rates may be requested by contacting the principal, Mr. DeBoer, via e-mail with the nature of your request.

This year, we have moved our enrollment for Extended Care services ONLINE. Please click [HERE](#) to enroll in Before School Care, After School Care, and/or Kids' Club PRIOR TO THE START OF SCHOOL.

Our Before School Care will be supervised by Mr. Scott Penner, doubling as our Kindergarten Co-Teacher. Various teachers will assist throughout the week based on numbers and needs. Our After School Care will be supervised by Ms. Alison Sagliocca September 4-October 19, and by Ms. Maya Abila October 22 for the remainder of the school year. Ms. Alison/Ms. Maya will be supported by Ms. Madelyn Gfeller (AmeriCorps volunteer) and Mr. Lester Pearson (Enrichment Coordinator) with various other volunteers from UW, SPU, Seattle U, and local high schools once the year gets going. Per usual, the Kids' Club will be self-contained in the Preschool classroom and will run through 3:30pm DAILY (including Wednesdays this year) and staffed by our Preschool team.

We look forward to a great year in our extended day program. Please ensure to **enter the building** to sign your child into/out of Extended Care services – this is a liability issue. All billing associated with Extended Care services will be managed with FACTS unless payment is made at the door. If you have questions, call the office, and we'll get you squared away!

Meal Program Updates

We have some exciting news for our meal programs at St. Therese. We will continue to partner with **Coach Clifford Jenkins, Sr. and Clear Blue Catering for our breakfast program**. Meals will begin being served on Monday, 9.10, the second week of school. Print order forms will go home the first day of school and will be due for the month on Friday, 9.7. We will transition to an online ordering platform later this fall. Prices are \$2.50/day in advance or \$4 at the door. Preorders are highly encouraged as meals will be prepared off site. Breakfast will be served in two sittings: 7:45am and 8:00am. Punctuality is a must to be served by our program!

For our lunch program, we have a new caterer with menu options and a pricing arrangement that should prove to be a great fit for our various families' needs. **Lunch Ladies Catering, LLC will be providing lunches for**

our children this year with prices starting at \$4.25 per day for a standard meal, ala carte items available each day, and two reduced rates based on family income levels of \$2.25 and \$1.25 per day. All ordering will be done online and can be done as far out as a month in advance or as last minute as the morning of (8am deadline). Parents will work directly with the caterer, (Contact: Ms. Wendy Szabo - w-szabo@hotmail.com), for their ordering, and meals will be delivered packaged, hot, and labeled with names and items daily to our campus. *A welcome and introductory letter will be sent out later this week.*

Thank you to Mrs. Happy Santos for coordinating our efforts to find a healthy and mission-driven option for our lunch program this year. All meal programs will launch the second week of school, September 10, 2018. We look forward to a healthy and happy school year in our cafeteria and around our campus!

Staffing Updates

Good news: We have filled all but one of our open positions for the upcoming school year. Please welcome the newest members of our Dream Team staff: Ms. Anita Robinson, Ms. Alison Sagliocca, and Ms. Madelyn Gfeller. Their contact information and the roles they will be serving in are as follows:

- Ms. Anita Robinson (arobinson@stcaseattle.org – Preschool Asst. Teacher)
- Ms. Alison Sagliocca (asagliocca@stcaseattle.org – TEMP. Preschool Co-Teacher; ASC Coordinator)
- Ms. Madelyn Gfeller (mgfeller@stcaseattle.org – Volunteer Coordinator & ASC Support (AmeriCorps))

We still are looking for a Literacy Support Specialist and Title I Tutor, with the assistance of Seattle Public Schools. If you know anyone with a background in education, particularly with a literacy focus, please send them my way with a resume and cover letter ASAP!

General Reminders: St. Therese Day @ the Mariners Game (9.9), CYO Fall Sports, Business Office Note, First Week Reminders

- **St. Therese Day @ the Mariners Game (9.9)** – Looking for a good way to celebrate the first week of school? Join the St. Therese Family as the Mariners take on the New York Yankees on Sunday, September 9 @ 1:10pm. Tickets are only \$15 and after the game, all youth 12 and under can run the bases at Safeco Field! All tickets sold will benefit the Allstar Dads' Club at St. Therese. **Please return the attached flier at the BBQ this Wednesday, 8.29 with payment in hand!** Tickets will be distributed via e-mail by Friday, 9.7.
- **CYO Fall Sports** – If you didn't receive the notices from our athletic director, Mr. Nelson, the time is NOW to register for CYO Soccer (K-8th Grade) and Cross Country (K-8th Grade)! Soccer registration closes the first week of school and practices will start that week as well. Cross country will begin a few weeks down the road but DO NOT DELAY! Contact Mr. Nelson with questions at mnelson@stcaseattle.org. See the registration forms on our website [HERE](#).
- **Business Office Note** – Mrs. G is on vacation with her family OUT OF THE COUNTRY until Monday, September 10. If you have questions related to your financial obligations or accounts, please direct them to Mr. DeBoer between now and the second week of school.

· **First Week Reminders**

○ **First Day: Tuesday, September 4, 2018 (Noon Dismissal)** - We will begin with prayer on the blacktop at 8:25am (DAILY). Students are welcome to arrive with staff supervision at 8:15am, but parents are welcome and encouraged to stay for the first day (and everyday) prayer and assembly. Before Care services are available starting at 7am. We dismiss at Noon; After Care services are available until 6pm.

○ **First Week Schedule**

- **Tuesday, 9/4 – Noon Dismissal**
- **Wednesday, 9/5 – 2:30pm Dismissal** – Faculty PLC Time (*we dismiss at 2:30pm every Wednesday for Faculty PLCs*)
- **Thursday, 9/6 – 3:30pm Dismissal** (Normal Day)
- **Friday, 9/7 – Noon Dismissal** – Faculty PD

Important Dates

Finally, here is a list of upcoming events:

- **8/27-8/31** - Faculty/Staff In-Service
- **8/29** – Back-to-School BBQ hosted by PTO – 5:30-7:30pm
- **9/4** – 1st Day of School (Noon Dismissal); Parent Coffee Hour following Assembly
- **9/7** – Soccer Registration DUE
- **9/7** – Prayer Service (8th Grade) @ 8:45am AND Noon Dismissal (Faculty PD)
- **9/12** – Beginning of the School Year Mass and Social w/ Fr. Maurice – 9am
- **9/12** – Curriculum Night – 6:30-8:00pm

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Back-to-School BBQ this Wednesday, 8.29 from 5:30-7:30pm! The flier for the event is attached, and be sure to sign up to help/bring an item on the PTO's Sign-Up Genius [HERE](#). This community tradition is a truly joyous and celebratory way to kick off a school year! See you there, and feel free to bring a friend/neighbor/loved one – it's a great way to introduce others to our community!

Have a blessed week,

- Mr. D