



# Saint Theresa School Weekly E-News

February 16, 2011



## Food of the Holy Land Dinner

Saint Theresa's will hold its 5th annual dinner featuring foods of the Holy Land.

See the accompanying picture for details.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### FOOD OF THE HOLY LAND A TASTE OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Please join us for our  
**5th annual community dinner**  
sponsored by the Home School Association

**When: Saturday, March 26, 2011**  
**Time: 5:30 - 9:00 P.M.**  
**Where: Saint Theresa School Gym**

Tickets will be available in  
the school main office, the rectory office,  
or please look for order forms to follow.

COME ENJOY THE MUSIC AND FOOD

**Tickets are \$20.00 per adult and  
\$5.00 for children 10 and under**  
(Chicken Fingers will be available for children)

**All proceeds will benefit Saint Theresa School**

Catering donated by: **LAYLA'S FALAFEL**  
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- March's [hot lunch](#) order form
- [Box Tops](#) for Education
- Child Lures [Prevention](#)
- Bridgeport Girls [Softball](#)
- Big Y Homework [helpline](#)

## Middle School Spelling Bee By Casey Goulden & Ceara Hughes

On Thursday, February 10th, Saint Theresa School had their 3rd Annual Middle School Spelling Bee. For this event the kids in grades 6th-8th get dressed up in crazy costumes and spelled pneumonic words. The students from grades 3 - 5 were the audience. The teams for this year were: Team Yankees, Team Injured, The Bad Spellerz,

The Business Spellers, The Flying Colors, The Krazy Kittens, The Sparkle Couture, The Crazy Mad hatters, The Bocks, The Grouchos, The Flamingos, Papparazzi, and the Bieber Creepers. Mrs. Stratton was the announcer and official. The competition was very close. The winners were in 3rd place, sixth grader Kate Hughes from the Bad

Spellerz. In 2nd place was eighth grader Rocco DeFelice from team Grouchos. And in 1st place, eighth grader Ceara Hughes from team Sparkle Couture. Ceara received a \$25.00 gift card to Olympia Sports for first place at the Middle School Spelling Bee. Congratulations to the winners and their teams! See photos on page 5.

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## Volunteers Needed for the HSA Nominating Committee

A nominating committee of up to 5 persons is needed for the upcoming election of new HSA officers. This year, a Co-President, a Co-Vice-President and Financial Treasurer must be elected to serve the new 2-year terms that start on July 1, 2011. Brief Descriptions of Open Officer Positions:

Co-President – run HSA meetings, coordinate with HSA chairpersons, and communicate with parents/teachers on HSA matters

Co-Vice-President - develop fundraising opportunities and help implement new fundraising events

Financial Treasurer-Receive dues and other monies, make approved disbursements and keep accurate records.

The nominating committee should include at least one teacher and cannot include a candidate for one of the open positions. The nominating committee members are responsible for:

- requesting and collecting nominations for the open positions (such as through a form sent home in the Wednesday envelope)
- confirming with the nominees that

they accept the nominations

- creating a ballot and counting the votes cast at the May general meeting.

Being on the nominating committee is not very time-consuming and it is of short duration. Please consider volunteering to be on this committee if you are not planning to be a candidate. If you would like to volunteer for the committee or if you would like more information, please contact Theresa Purdie by February 25th at 203 374-7854 or send an email to [purdiet@hotmail.com](mailto:purdiet@hotmail.com).

## Saint Theresa Student Wins St. Thomas Aquinas Award (photo page 5)

Congratulations to Freddie Tamarkin on being honored as the recipient of the St. Thomas Aquinas Award at the Breakfast of Champions!

Recipients of the St. Thomas Aquinas Award were selected for two reasons. These individuals have shown excellence in academics at their respective schools. The awardees also exemplify the Gospel Values we are

called to in our Catholic faith through service to others and Christ-like behavior.

The award has been named in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the greatest and most influential theologians of all time. He was extremely focused in the area of academics as well as in the practice of virtue. St. Thomas Aquinas lived in

the thirteenth century, was canonized in 1323 and declared a Doctor of the Universal Church by Pope St. Pius V in 1567. In 1880, Pope Leo XIII designated him as the patron saint of all Catholic universities, academics, colleges and schools throughout the world. His feast day is January 28th. St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us. *From the Breakfast of Champions Program*

## St. Theresa's Miracle Workers: Gently Used Toy Drive

“Small Things with Great Love”

We are collecting gently used toys to bring to the Daughters of Charity of the Most Precious Blood in Bridgeport. A box is located in the foyer of the school where the items can be placed. It is a great time to go through your closets and share with those in need. Please make

sure items are in good condition. Please put small pieces to toys or games in ziplock bags. The collection will last:

**Thursday, Feb 10, 2011**

**to**

**Friday morning, March 4, 2011**

The students will clean-up the toys and pack them to be delivered on that Friday. Parents are needed to help facilitate the clean-up during recess & the deliver the toys after school on that day. If you are available please contact Mrs. Tamarkin at: [ltamarkin@diobptedu.org](mailto:ltamarkin@diobptedu.org)

All volunteers must be Virtus trained.

## Notes

### Snow Day Lunches

Due to the snow days on February 1st to 3rd, any hot lunches purchased for those days will be served on February 22nd to 24th during the make-up week.

The menu for each missed day will be the same during the make-up days.

### Coffee with the Principal

March 10 @ 9:00



**Please join Mr. Vittoria  
in the gym for coffee,  
refreshments and good  
conversation!**

### New School Website

The school's website continues to be improved and as part of that effort, please note the new address:

[www.stesonline.org](http://www.stesonline.org)

### New Parish Website

Saint Theresa Parish also has a new website. Please be sure to visit!

[Saint Theresa Parish](http://SaintTheresaParish.org)

## Second Quarter Honor Roll



## Author Visit at Saint Theresa

Author Mary K. Corcoran visited St. Theresa's School on February 10th. She spoke to grades K to 3 and 4 to 8, and gave a presentation appropriate to each group. She began by telling the students how she became a writer, her experiences in publishing and then a quick preview of her upcoming books. After the talks, she signed copies of her books in the library.



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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Saint Theresa School Parents,

In this week's envelope you will find the Tuition Agreements for next year. Please remember that the Diocese has requested that all our families enroll in the Smart Tuition Collection Program. Therefore, in addition to the tuition agreement, you are asked to fill out the Smart Enrollment Form. Both documents, along with a \$100.00 activity fee, are due in the office by March 18, 2011. The business office will not process contracts without the \$100.00 fee. Also, keep in mind that spaces cannot be guaranteed after the March 18th deadline.

I am scheduling a session of Coffee with the Principal for Thursday, March 10th at 9:00am. We can meet in the gym for some good conversation over coffee and refreshments.

Please keep in mind that this coming Monday is Presidents' Day and school will be closed. However, school will be in full day session from February 22-25.

S. Vittoria



## Laptop Raffle

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**Dell Laptop**

**Tickets Only  
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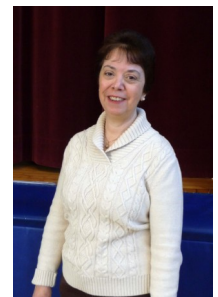
**Help Support the 8th Grade Graduation & Class Trip & Possibly win a Laptop at the same Time! Now Thru: *March 18th.***

## School Value of the Month By Ms. Angela Licursi

Our school virtue for this month is Simplicity. I have chosen St. Theresa as an example of someone who followed a life of simplicity. St. Theresa's spirituality was simple and she called it her "Little Way". Her "Little Way" teaches us that God is everywhere - in every situation and person - and in the ordinary, simple details of life. It tells us to do the ordinary things of life with extraordinary love. St. Theresa's greatness showed in her love for others in the simplest ways. She believed that the smallest action, done with love, was more important than great deeds done for personal glory of gratification. Jesus is the power for love and goodness within us. We can pray to St. Theresa with the honesty and love of a friend and the simplicity of a child.

### Simplicity of Saint Theresa

My sweet Jesus, give me the charity and simplicity of St. Theresa. She said her mission in Heaven would be to make others love God as she loved Him, and to teach others to seek and find God in the "little" things in life. Grant that I may not rest until I love God with all my strength and with the childlike simplicity of the Little Flower. Amen



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*Dr. Margaret Dames, Fr. Sean Kulacz, Liz Tamarkin, Freddie, Bishop Lori, Jared Tamarkin, Fr. Brian Gamon & Mr. Vittoria*

### **Breakfast of Champions!**



### **Middle School Spelling Bee**