

St. Thomas School - "What's Happening?"

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Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

7-9pm-5th thru 8th Grade Dance 14

Speech Regionals 15

8:30am-6pm - Confirmation Retreat 16

CARMEN 17
Hot Lunch - Beef Tips & Noodles (Spiritwear)
Christmas Spiritwear Orders Due

BAXLEY 18

MARTIN 19
8:20am-Chaplet/Gym
2nd & 3rd Field Trip to Krannert
11:30am-7th Gr. Parent Luncheon
5-6pm - BookFair Open to Public
6pm-PTO Meeting

VOLUNTEER NEEDED 20
9-11am - BookFair Open to Public

VOLUNTEER NEEDED 21
Scrip Orders Due
8:30am - Children's Mass (3rd)
Book Fair Open After Mass until
11am for the Public
8th Gr Visits STM
Midterms
3pm - Children's Choir Practice

Buy Gift Cards at St. Thomas School for Gifts or Regular Shopping.

Cards are on hand (used same as CASH) at the School office or find order forms in the back of all churches!!! Place orders in the Sunday Collection Baskets or call

Jean Tay at 684-3395.

Next Order Date is Nov. 21st.

Some Cards on hand

WalMart/Sams	Arby's
Marathon	Kohl's
Dicks	Macy's
Panera	Bergners
Claire's	Pier 1
Limited	Chili's
Starbucks	Bergners
Itunes	Lowe's
Dunkin Donuts	Red Lob/O Gar
Wendy's	Walgreens
TJ Maxx	Ruby Tuesday
Gap/Old Navy	

**Fannie May Candy!!!
Buy Yours for the
Holidays through St.
Thomas School!**

Principal's Corner:

Dear Families and Friends,
God blessed St. Thomas School with yet another fantastic week. We had many familiar faces for the fellowship gathering after First Friday Mass. Last Friday was also the last day for us to collect donations for the NCEA's Child to Child II Collection to aid Hurricane Ike Victims in the South. A total of \$71.45 was sent to the national headquarters for the relief fund.

On Monday, we had a prayer service to honor, remember, and thank our Veterans for all they have done and continue to do to keep our nation free. We gathered at the flag pole for remembrance, song, and prayer; flanked by the American Legion Color Guard. Thank-you to Don Happ for arranging their presence and to the 7th grade for the planning of the program. All of us, regardless of age, gained a richer and deeper spirit of appreciation and thankfulness for all the many people who gave so much for us so we may continue living in, "One nation, under God, with Liberty and Justice for All".

Our school did another fantastic job of helping Phi Eta Sigma, a freshman honor society from the U of I, to supply books to help them start a mini-library for a Catholic High School in Swaziland. The 5th grade class supplied the most and will receive a Pizza Party next Tuesday. Kara will keep us informed with news from the school when the books arrive. The Annual Food Drive has begun and with the spirit of "Helping others as God asks us". Watch for the turn in dates and thank-you to everyone supporting our students as they continue living God's Word.

Congratulations to the Unity Girls Volleyball for going to the State Finals. The team has many St. Thomas Alumni and we are so proud of all of them.

I hope you have had a chance to see and admire the beautiful tree skirt donated by Anita Woodworth, in the front foyer. Get your raffle tickets, available by the tree skirt, and good luck for the drawing on November 26, 2008.

Please keep in your prayers our 7th & 8th Graders as they continue their preparation for Confirmation. They will have their Retreat all day Sunday at St. Mary's.

God's Blessings to all and continue to pray that we will always: **LIVE, LOVE, AND SERVE, AS CHRIST.**
Anita Crain, Principal

School News:

St. Thomas Speech Team!!

The St. Thomas speech team will be competing in the regional contest THIS Saturday, November 15 between 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. at Mahomet Jr. High School. This is the culmination of 2 ½ months of hard work. Look for contest results in next week's What's Happening and GO TIGERS!

**Hot Lunch - Monday, Nov. 17th
Beef Tips & Noodles**

Anita Crain, Principal
Mary Schumacher, Secretary

7th & 8th Grade STS Parents

- Confirmation Retreat at St. Mary's Hall in Rural Pesotum on Sunday, Nov. 16th 8:30 a.m. -6:00 p.m.
- STS Students are to bring Hotdogs, Buns, and Chips.
- Wear your Holy Spirit Shirts
- This is a mandatory retreat for all Confirmation Students.

PTO Meeting The next PTO meeting will be Wednesday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to attend and see what is going on at our school!

Donation Updates Send McKenzie to Washington DC Fund

Total Brought in to Date (11/14/08)	\$1,260.00
Anticipated Donation from K of C's	\$200.00
Anticipated Donation from Village of Philo	\$1,220.00
Total Donations & Anticipated Donations	\$2,680.00

Cost of Tuition -	\$2,440.00
Cost of AirFare -	\$240.00
Total Expenses -	\$2,680.00

McKenzie has also been given the following special items as well:

- A black coat to borrow for the trip
- She was given and fitted with a black formal dress to wear on the inauguration day along with a necklace, earrings & shoes.
- She was given a couple of new outfits and shoes to wear on her trip as well.

She and her family feels so blessed to be in an area of such caring and thoughtful people. She appreciates everything each of you have done for her to accomplish this dream of hers. Thank you from the bottom of McKenzie's heart!

St. Thomas School's New Score Board Update

The Athletic Committee, Students, Staff and Future Students of St. Thomas would like to thank everyone who has generously donated monetarily towards our new board at St. Thomas School. This new score board would not have been possible without each and everyone's gift.

The total cost of the score board and installation came to \$2,394.74. The total donations we have received to date \$2,017.39 leaving a remaining balance of \$377.35 needed to complete the cost of replacing our scoreboard. If anyone would still like to give a monetary gift towards the board, please drop it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Scoreboard" or you can bring it to the Church Rectory. We can't thank everyone enough for the generous donations that have been given already. I know we will get many, many years of use out of the board and all the kids will benefit greatly from having this gift!



Wish List

- Copy Paper (Pkgs or Case)
- Postage Stamps
- HP Ink Cart. 56 & 57
- LexMark Ink Cart. #17
- Staples Gift Cards Ordered from Scrip

All Items Listed above are the School's "WISH LIST" Items. All donations are greatly appreciated. This is just one SMALL way to cut down on operating expenses and to help save our school money.

Scrip -- Go to www.glscrip.com for Updates on their company lists.

We're on the Web!
Stthomasphilo.org

Thank You
To all who have
Helped with our
Wish List - We appreciate
All of your donations!

School News Cont.:

Have You Been Getting our St. Thomas School's Current Up-To-Date News through E-Mail?

Parents - please email Kathy Thorson if you would like for your e-mail address to be added to this "Group Email". As of today's date, she only has one listed per family - do you want to add another address for your family? Kathy is putting together parent reminders and notices of anything added-on at school during the week or just using this system as a great reminder for parents. Also, we will be using this system along with our phone tree as an "All-School Emergency Alert" for when we have an early out because of snow or any type of a school emergency.

Sports News:

Sports Schedules

Can be found at www.stthomasphilo.org. You can find all updated practices and game schedules at this website.

Upcoming Girls Regional Basketball Tournaments

Mark Your Calendars Now - Plan Ahead to Watch our St. Thomas Lady Tigers play their Regional Tournaments:

7th Grade Regionals

Starting: Saturday, November 22nd at 10am at Judah Christian School, Champaign
Possible Game: Nov. 22nd at 1pm
Championship Game: Tuesday, Nov. 25th at 6:30 p.m.

8th Grade Regionals

Starting: Monday, December 1st at 6pm at the Philo Gym, Philo
Possible Game: Dec. 2nd at 6pm
Championship Game: Thursday, December 4th at 6pm

Congratulations go out to both of Girls Basketball Teams! Both teams have made St. Thomas Very proud!!!!

The Girls 7th Grade Basketball Team

won the Illini Conference tournament to take first place! There were six teams in the conference tournament which included St. Thomas, St. Malachy, Thomasboro, Gifford, Ludlow and Judah Christian. On November 4th St. Thomas faced Gifford in the Championship game and St. Thomas pulled through in the final seconds with the win! The 7th grade team was made up of Randa Harshbarger, McKenzie Martin, Josie Powell, Regan Kelley, Christy Lannon, Anna Happ, Kaylee Sollers, Emma Powell, Britton Grimm and Morgan Carmien.

Christmas Spiritwear Orders are Due on Monday, Nov. 17th - Sorry No Late Orders!

The Girls 8th Grade Basketball Team took 3rd place out of 8 teams in the Illini Conference tournament on November 11th. The 3rd/4th place game was between St. Thomas Tigers and St. Malachy Tigers of Rantoul. The 8 teams in this tournament were St. Thomas, Gifford, St. Malachy, Thomasboro, Ludlow, Judah Christian, University High and Holy Cross. Holy Cross ended up taking the Championship in this game against Gifford. The St. Thomas 8th grade Girl's Team is made up of the following Athletes: Camille Gay, Randa Harshbarger, McKenzie Martin, Josie Powell, Regan Kelley, Christy Lannon and Anna Happ.

Speech Performance Times for Saturday, November 15th at Mohomet Jr. High

11:00 Joel, Camille, Hayden (small group acting) Room 111
11:12 Anna and Aileen (improv duet) Room 132
11:24 Christy and McKenzie (improv duet) Room 109
11:36 Hayden and Joel (improv duet) Room 109
11:48 Camille and Randa (improv duet) Room 107
12:00 Christy and McKenzie (duet acting) Room 127
12:12 Regan and Josie (improv duet) Room 130
12:24 Anna and Aileen (duet acting) Room 111
12:36 Megan (solo acting) Room 105
12:48 Randa and Josie (duet acting) Room 132
1:00 Sean and Regan (duet acting) Room 127

The St. Thomas Girls

Basketball Teams will play their final home regular season game on Monday, November 17th. We will be recognizing our only 8th grade Girl Athlete, Camille Gay, at the start of the 8th grade game (approximately 7:00 PM) along with her parents David and Julie Gay. The 7th grade game will begin at 6 PM and the 8th grade game will begin around 7:15 PM. Come and cheer on your St. Thomas Girls at their final home game against St. John's Lutheran of Champaign. These games will be played at the Philo Gym.

Community News:

Shop Early for the Holidays!

The St. Patrick's Guild, Urbana, is having its 2nd Annual Holiday Boutique on Saturday, November 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be plenty of shopping, bake goods, raffles, and hot food. The event will be held in the St. Patrick's Parish Center, 708 W. Main St., Urbana.