

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

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Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

HAPP 24
Hot Lunch-Chicken Strips & M/C

STINEBAUGH 25

HAPP 26

Christmas Tree Skirt Drawing
8:30am-Children's Mass (2nd)
Hot Lunch - Thanksgiving Meal

No School 27-30

DECEMBER

VOLUNTEER NEEDED 1

10am Nursing Home Visit
Hot Lunch-Hamburgers
Noon-Market Day Orders Due

VOLUNTEER NEEDED 2

LANNON 3

8:20am-Rosary/Gym
7:30pm-Ed Comm Meeting

STINEBAUGH 4

Picture RE-TAKE Day

BOYER 5

Last Day to turn in Soldier
Christmas Cards
8:30am-Children's Mass (8th)
8:30-10:30am-Open School Visit
Time
After Mass-Coffee & Donuts
5pm-Market Day Pick Up

3pm Holiday Ornament 6
Workshop At Philo Library

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.

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	

Principal's Corner:

Dear Friends and Families,

Thanksgiving is almost here, plans are being made, and prayers are offered for safe journeys, grand family gatherings, and for those who are alone or in poor health. St. Thomas School collected over 1,000 cans of food for the Annual Food Drive. Each can given is a prayer of love for others who may be in need. What more could you ask of a young person than for each one to continue living their life as Jesus has asked of us. They are all, truly, great Saints in Training.

Last Saturday was the Speech Meet for our "new" Speech Team. There were many First and Second Places received, and we are so proud of them. Also, we give thanks for Wendy Carmein and Sheila Decker for their excellent coaching. Please read more later in this edition of WHAT'S HAPPENING and in the local papers.

Our Basketball Season is running full blast. The Girls continue to thrive and play "just good ball". The Boys also run the courts full of zeal and great sportsmanship. All the teams are electrifying and a joy to watch. Please join us when you can. You can get every sports calendar on the St. Thomas School Web Page, www.stthomasphilo.org.

I would like to thank all the students and staff for an enjoyable PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION DAY. What a surprise! I have a great neon green T shirt with GREEN CRUSH on it, a yummy cake was made, and a beautiful card signed by all the students and staff. What another great memory of everyone at St. Thomas School for me to cherish! Each day God reminds me how blessed I am to be in His school that He filled with staff, students, and families from His Heavenly Garden.

May this Thanksgiving bring you great joy and be the best "memory maker" yet! May each of us continue to: **LIVE, LOVE, AND SERVE AS CHRIST.**
Anita Crain, Principal

School News:

Fannie May Candy Orders Are Due Wednesday, Nov. 26th!!!

Let us help you Christmas Shop a little by purchasing Fannie May Candy through St. Thomas School. Please turn in all orders to the school office by Wednesday, November 26th! Easy as 1,2,3!

Collecting Christmas Cards for Soldiers

The Kindergarten class is collecting Christmas cards to be mailed to a military hospital. These cards will be distributed to the wounded and recovering soldiers. If you would like to participate, please have your Christmas cards (purchased or homemade) turned in no later than December 5th. Help spread the joy and spirit of the Christmas Season!

Anita Crain, Principal
Mary Schumacher, Secretary

2nd Grader Students in Mrs.

Deem's Class have reached their goal to help build libraries across the country by reading 100 books by December 19. We chose the Smart Start School in San Diego to receive books on behalf of our reading efforts. Despite the fact that we have reached our goal, we are continuing to read! We are quickly approaching 200 books (and still counting!)

Frog Bride a Big Hit On Wednesday, Mrs. Deem and Mrs. Baird had the wonderful opportunity to take their students to a presentation of the Frog Bride at Krannert Art Center. David Gonzalez, a poet, musician, and storyteller performed this Russian fairy tale both in an entertaining and amusing way. 20th century Russian art and music was integrated into the amazing performance. The students thoroughly enjoyed the method of storytelling that Mr. Gonzalez used, and laughter was heard throughout the performance. Thank you so much to our outstanding PTO for financing this trip. It was an awesome experience!

Mr. Clennon & Mr. Deem Came to See the 2nd & 3rd Grade Classes in Honor of Veteran's

Day! The 2nd and 3rd graders had two honored guests for Veterans Day. Mr. Leo Clennon and Mr. Tom Deem came to tell of their experiences during WWII and Desert Storm. Mr. Clennon brought along his many memorabilia, including his purple heart.

Mr. Deem shared what life was like in the desert, even bringing along some MRE's (that's meals ready to eat) for the kids to taste. It was an educating experience and a chance for the children to honor those who have fought for their freedoms. God Bless all our wonderful Veterans!!!!

St. Thomas School's New Score Board Update - We hit our Goal this Week. Thanks to all of our generous donors! We truly appreciate everyone's help with this much needed Scoreboard!



Spend an Hour with Jesus Christ at St. Patrick's in Tolono

Call their parish office (485-5194) to leave a time that you would like to sign up for Perpetual Adoration from Friday, Nov. 28th 8:00 p.m. to Sunday, Nov. 30th at 7:45 a.m. Or, if you have any questions call JoAnn Hesselmann at 485-5341. They would appreciate any help our three parishes and school can give them in making their Perpetual Adoration for "40 Hours" a blessing. This is kicking off their 150th Anniversary!



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.

Students - Wear your Coats, Hats, and Gloves (We go outside for recess if the temperature is above 30 degrees and no precipitation.

**Remember - Everybody
Go to**

www.boxtops4education.com
and enter to win extra box tops
for St. Thomas School!

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

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

Speech Contest Results from Saturday, November 15th at Mohomet Jr. High

1st Place- Joel Ping, Camille Gay, Hayden Harshbarger (small group acting)

1st Place - Anna Happ and Aileen Tierney (improv duet acting)

1st Place - Christy Lannon and McKenzie Martin (improv duet acting)

2nd Place - Hayden Harshbarger and Joel Ping (improv duet acting)

2nd Place - Camille Gay and Randa Harshbarger (improv duet acting)

Speech Contest Results Cont.

1st Place - Christy Lannon and McKenzie Martin (duet acting)

2nd Place - Regan Kelley and Josie Powell (improv duet acting)

1st Place - Anna Happ and Aileen Tierney (duet acting)

1st Place - Megan James (solo acting)

1st Place - Randa Harshbarger and Josie Powell (duet acting)

1st Place - Sean and Regan Kelley (duet acting)

Also, Megan James won a Judge's Choice award for her solo acting piece, "Super Sitter". She was one of only 17 (out of 192 entries) in the speech contest chosen for this award. Wow!

The Speech Team Members would also like to thank Mrs. Crain for providing pizza for our party and to Sheila Decker for all of her help. Also, thanks to all the teachers, students, and parents for your help and support for our first year with a Speech Program. We'll be back next year!

Wendy Carmien, Coach

St. Thomas More High School News:

STM 3rd Annual Madrigal Dinner

Hear ye, hear ye! This yuletide banquet of fine food, good cheer, and hearty merriment will take place on Dec. 5 & 6th at 6pm at The High School of St. Thomas More. Finest tables in the castle are the King's table for \$35. Nobility seating has excellent views for \$25, and Gentry seating, located at the side and not including dinner, is available at \$10. Tickets may be ordered by calling 863-2046. Gentry tickets are only available at the door. For more info call 621-9635.

Community News:

MOPS Scrapbooking Night

Calling all scrapbookers! Fun, fun, fun! Scrap the night away, get those Christmas photos organized and leave dinner to us!

St. Pat's MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is hosting a Scrapbooking Night on Friday, Jan. 30 from 4 p.m. to midnight at the St. Patrick's Parish Center, 212 E. Washington, Tolono.

Registration is required. Pay only \$15 if you register by Jan. 16 or pay \$20 after Jan. 16. The price includes a meal, snacks and drinks. Proceeds will go to St. Pat's MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers). We will be raffling off several very nice Creative Memories items, too. Early registration includes 10 free raffle tickets.

Creative Memories Consultant June Kopmann will be available for supplies and assistance. People may preorder Creative Memory supplies by Jan. 16 at www.mycmsite.com/junekopmann for additional raffle tickets.

To register call Lainey at 217-485-5244. For more information visit www.stpatsmops.org.

