

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

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Principal's Corner:

Anita Crain, Principal
Mary Schumacher, Secretary

Dear Families and Friends,

The Lord has blessed us with another grand week of Life. Grades 6, 7, & 8 went to Cahokia Mounds and marveled at the site of a long ago civilization. We toured the museum, and then went to Monk's Mound and Wood Hinge. Lots of excellent questions, observing, learning, and delightful conversations took place. We had a sunny day, good weather with the rain holding off until we were leaving Vandalia, after visiting the Statehouse. What an experience to walk the same floors as Abe Lincoln. Each place we went, all of the people commented about what a great group we were and to come back soon. Many thanks also go to our parent chaperones-Bridgett Bollman and Molly Kelley.

Our sincere thanks and gratitude goes to the Bryant family for cleaning up the earth around Our Lady. We will work hard to keep Her area looking its best.

The students had Tuesday Spirit Day, Wednesday was Chaplet, and then Thursday was Baseball Spirit Day. Of course, Friday will be Community Shirt Day-so picking out the clothes was pretty easy this week.

Persist in praying for St. Thomas School so we may continue our Mission that guides every child to: LIVE, LOVE, AND SERVE AS CHRIST.

God's Blessings, Anita Crain

Are you a New Parent, Teacher, Substitute Teacher, Grandparent, or Coach for Our School???

Protecting God's Children/Safe Environment Program—Have You Attended this Required Program in Order to Volunteer at School or Church when Children are Present?

If not, please plan on attending this required program that we are offering at St. Thomas School in October. The program has changed from Protecting God's Children to the Safe Environment Program. It is a 1 hour program which will be presented on October 29th at St. Thomas School at 7:00 p.m. Please call Kathy Thorson (684-2571) to register. Babysitting services will be available at 7:00 p.m. If you have already taken the PGC program, you are **NOT** required to take the Safe Environment Program.

ALL Volunteers Must Be Fingerprinted As Well

The second part to the Safe Environment Program is for all of our volunteers to be fingerprinted. If you have not had this done in the past, please plan on attending the fingerprinting sessions at St. Thomas School at 5:30 p.m. on October 29th.

We need all new parents to the school, grandparents who want to help volunteer around the school, coaches, and any others that did not have the chance last year to make it to this program to attend this session.

The Planning Stages Have Begun for our 42nd Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

One Important Step in the Success of the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast is the "Up-Front" Donations we receive prior to the breakfast!

Below is a list of ways families can help out with our "Up Front" Costs. You can help by giving a full or partial monetary donation for a particular item:

Raffle Tickets – \$250.00	Paper Plates – \$125.00
Postage – \$126.00	Napkins/Forks/etc – \$65.00
Coffee/Dawn – \$35.00	
Syrup – Bring a bottle of your favorite syrup and place it in a tub in the back of St. Thomas Church)	
Table Clothes – \$45.00	Garbage Bags – \$50.00
Creamer/Sugar/etc. – \$100.00	Milk – \$200.00
Newspaper Ad – \$72.00	Envelopes - \$40.00
Pancake Batter – \$400.00	

Your Donation can be dropped off at the School Office or placed in the collection baskets at any of our 3 parishes!

Dates to Remember

HEWING 20
Hot Lunch-Chicken Strips/Mac & Cheese

BOYER 21
11am - Visit from STM (8th Gr)

MARTIN 22
Picture Day
8:20am - Rosary/Gym
11:30am - 8th Gr Parent Luncheon

POWELL 23
8:30am-Mass (7)
No PM Bus Service
Full School Day
3:30pm-Crafts 'n Stuff at Philo Library

NO SCHOOL 24

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 Oct 29th
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
Tanger Outlet Mall	

8th Grade Parent Luncheon Date Change

The 8th Grader Parent Luncheon has been changed to Wednesday, October 22nd at 11:30 a.m. in the Concession Stand Foyer.

School News:

Off To State Our Cross Country Athletes Go on Saturday, October 18th! Congratulations to:

The Boys Team placed 3rd in Sectionals and will advance to State this weekend. The runners are: Nick Godsell; Jack Bolger; Justin Deters; Sean Kelley; and Lucas Decker. They will be joined by team mates: Max Martin & Chandler Bollman. Also, advancing to State this weekend will be an individual runner for the girls: Regan Kelley, who placed 9th during Sectionals.

We wish each of them the best – Go Tigers!

**Hot Lunch is Spiritwear Day!!!
Monday, Oct. 20th – Chicken Strips & Mac & Cheese**

Please turn in as many GM Box Tops by October 20th for another \$\$\$\$ submission!!!



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.:

Confirmation Class

Come see our prayer banners and path to holiness in the 'Jr. High Zone'!

Our prayer banners are decorated with names of the Holy Spirit. Tibetan tradition says the wind moves through the banners and carries the prayers. When children move through our hallway, we see the air move the banners, and carry our prayers to heaven. Also, our beautifully decorated sandals are a symbol of our journey to Jesus and becoming more holy. Each sandal has a bible verse that was picked out by the student as having special meaning to them.

Pages For All Ages - Support St. Thomas Catholic Grade School

Pages will be hosting a Book Fair for our school. It will be held from Saturday, October 25th, and will continue through Sunday, November 2nd. Visit the store and choose from their entire inventory of books, magazines, gifts, and stationary items, greeting cards, and music. **Mention St. Thomas School - PHILO when checking out and Pages will donate up to 25% of your purchase to our school.**

Market Day

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and Market Day has many easy to prepare products. This month, **St. Thomas will earn extra dollars** with every Sweet Rewards purchase! Choose from 13 delicious selections including our new single serving Carrot Cakes and Strawberry Swirl Cheesecakes. Don't forget customer favorites like Apple Deep Dish Pie and New York Style Cheesecake! There is still time to place your order. Internet orders can be placed online at www.marketday.com by noon on Nov. 3rd, or return the order sheet to school by Oct. 30th. Please contact Tiffany Dodd for assistance at 373-6893. Thank you for your continued support.

Sports News:

On Saturday, October 11th, St. Thomas Cross Country team competed in the IESA Sectional Meet at Kickapoo State Park.

Girls (58 Runners)

Regan Kelley (State Qualifier) 9th 13:41 PR (6 Consecutive)
Randa Harshbarger 14th 14:03
McKenzie Martin 32nd 15:43
Morgan Carmien 40th 16:20
Kayley Sollers 50th 18:20 PR

Boys (70 Runners) Team Placed 3rd/Qualified for State

Nick Godsell 1st 11:32
Jack Bolger 10th 12:27
Justin Deters 18th 12:53
Sean Kelley 21st 13:02
Lucas Decker 31st 13:35
Max Martin 70th

STATE IS SATURDAY. PLEASE KEEP OUR RUNNERS IN YOUR PRAYERS & THOUGHTS!!!
GOOD LUCK RUNNERS!!!

Community News:

2 Upcoming A & R Shopping Trips

1. St. Thomas's Bus will be going to The Galleria Mall in St. Louis on Thursday, November 13th - Cost is \$35 - Call Pat Kirby to reserve your seat 684-2269.
2. St. Patrick's Tolono's Bus will be going to Castleton Square Mall, Indianapolis on Friday, November 21st - Cost is \$30 - Call Lainey Hewing for reservations 485-5244.

Step Up To The Plate - 40 Days For Life

This fall, from Sept. 24 to Nov. 2, our community will be uniting with dozens of other cities across America - and around the world—for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history - the 40 Days for Life campaign. People of faith are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion. For more information regarding 40 Day for Life, please go to www.40daysforlife.com/campaign and sign up to participate in this cause for 1 hour of involvement.

Dick's Coupons Available \$10 off any \$50 purchase - Julie Gay has 9 available to give away. Call 684-2304

St. Thomas More High School News:

STM 2008-09 Admissions All 8th grade students and parents are invited to attend the STM Preview Night-Part 1 on Wednesday, October 29th starting at 6:30 p.m. Reserve your spot today by calling the school office at 352-7210. The High School of Saint Thomas More will begin accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year beginning Monday, November 10th.

Cowboy Corral

Chat with the STM coaches and "hit the trail" to support our student athletes. Head down to the corral for an evening of good grub and live entertainment provided by the No Secret Band. To make your reservations for the upcoming Athletic Boosters Annual Dinner/Dance, November 7, 2008, you may go online at www.hs-stm.org or call the school office at 352-7210. To reserve a table, please contact the school office. Seating is limited.

Fall Follies

STM will be hosting the Fall Follies Talent Show Friday, November 14th 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. There is no charge to attend this event.