

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

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## Dates to Remember

TAY	6
Hot Lunch - Beef & Noodles Noon - Market	
FINN	7
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4/5/6 Gr Field Trip to Springfield Leaving at 7:30 am & Returns at 5:00 p.m. 8:30am - Mass (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	
POWELL	9
3:30pm-Crafts 'n Stuff at Philo Library	
RENTSCHLER	10
Hot Lunch-Tacos No Daily Mass 8:20 a.m. - Rosary in the Church	

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 13<sup>th</sup>  
Some Cards on hand

WalMart/Sams	Arby's
Marathon	Kohl's
Dicks	Macy's
Panera	Bergners
Claire's	Pier 1
Limited	Applebees
Subway	Chili's
Starbucks	Red Lobster
Olive Garden	Bergners
Tanger Outlet Mall	
Goodrich Theaters	

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Luncheon Date Change

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

## Principal's Corner:

Last Thursday, our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade prepared the wonderful Mass for us. At the end of Mass, Msgr. Ramer had the Ken Decker Family pass the Traveling Chalice to the Harshbarger Family. In order to help us remember to Pray for Vocations, Msgr. Ramer started a new tradition for the school and parishes. He placed a Chalice in a container with the message to use this Chalice in your home to remember to pray, as a family, for Vocations. At the end of the School Mass, he passes the Chalice on to another family to continue the prayers. May we all continue to Pray for Vocations and for the families continuing this faithful tradition. Thank-you, Msgr. Ramer, for this beautiful gift which encourages families to set aside special times to come together and pray.

We had a great turn out for our Thursday Open House. Msgr. Ramer Blessed our newly designed and painted Crucifix with our motto of: LIVE, LOVE AND SERVE AS CHRIST. From the moment you walk through the doors of St. Thomas School, may there never be a doubt of our Love of Christ. The evening continued with a great wiener roast, hay rack rides, desserts, camp fires, lawn chairs, and grand fellowship. Our sincere gratitude goes to the St. Thomas School PTO for their planning and hard work which made such an enjoyable and memorable evening possible. It's fair to say, "And a good time was had by all!"

Philo Fest was a hit this year and the Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast held Sunday morning was very well received by the community. Everything was absolutely delicious. Thank-you and many blessings and accolades go to the hard working St. Thomas Folks who made it possible. Another special event this week was the Ice Cream treats for the whole school at noon on Tuesday, for meeting a major goal of their Magazine Sales.

We are so proud of our students for how they live each day. Each day we give Thanks to Our Lord for all of the parents who chose to give their children the opportunity to attend St. Thomas School where learning to, LIVE, LOVE, AND SERVE AS CHRIST, is valued so highly.  
God's Blessings, Anita Crain

## School News:

### The Shorts Exemption (Dress Code)

ends October 30th. The Shorts Exemption will resume April 1, 2009.

### Bible Study

The Great Adventures Bible Study (24 week course) may be offered on Thursday Afternoons after School from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact Debbi Koeberlein (217-369-2641) or the Parish Office (684-2571) if you are interested in attending the GABS at this time of day. We need at least 6 to 8 people in order to start this course.

**Children's Mass will be on  
Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at  
8:30 a.m.  
At St. Thomas Church**

Anita Crain, Principal  
Mary Schumacher, Secretary

## 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 one of our 2 required programs 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 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas School at 7:00 p.m. Please call Kathy Thorson (684-2571) to register for 1 of these dates. 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 one of the fingerprinting sessions at St. Thomas School at 5:30 p.m. on October 15<sup>th</sup> or October 29<sup>th</sup>.

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 one of these 2 sessions.

**Hot Lunch is Spiritwear Day!!!  
Monday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - Beef Tips & Noodles  
Friday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> - Tacos**

## St. Thomas Subcommittee's Upcoming Meetings - All are Welcome & Encouraged to Attend!!!

The Technology Planning Committee will have their first meeting of this school year on **Thursday, October 9 at 6:00 in the School Library**. Please come and join us!!!! We need members who can meet approximately 4 times per school year. Please call Anita Crain, Principal, at 684-2309 for more information

The Marketing Committee will have their next meeting on **Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas School Library**. All people interested in marketing St. Thomas School are welcome to attend.

Each committee at St. Thomas needs to have a strong team with a commitment to guiding and overseeing the growth and maintenance of the programs in place. This means St. Thomas School needs you, **yes you**, and your willing spirit and great mind to help us be the best! It takes all of us working together to make St. Thomas School **GROW!**



## 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](http://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.:

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

Spiritwear Orders Are Due Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

## School Calendar/Sports Calendars are on the Website!!!

Get up-to-the-minute information by going to the St. Thomas School Website at [www.stthomasphilo.org](http://www.stthomasphilo.org). The "live" calendar is located on the right hand side of the page. Check it out - It's Great! Also, all sporting events will have a "live" calendar this year. This should help all families, grandparents, neighbors, and friends know when events are at St. Thomas School. Be sure to pass the word!

## Sports News:

On Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, St. Thomas Cross Country team competed in at the Unity Meet in Tolono.

### Girls (107 Runners)

Randa Harshbarger 7<sup>th</sup> 13:54 Personal Record (PR)

Christy Lannon 9<sup>th</sup> 14:05  
Regan Kelley 10<sup>th</sup> 14:05 PR  
McKenzie Martin 24<sup>th</sup> 14:51 Season Best  
Morgan Carmien 50<sup>th</sup> 16:37 PR  
Kayley Sollers 82<sup>nd</sup> 19:18

### Boys (123 Runners)

Nick Godsell 1<sup>st</sup> 11:42  
Jack Bolger 5<sup>th</sup> 12:29  
Sean Kelley 10<sup>th</sup> 12:57 PR  
Justin Deters 13<sup>th</sup> 13:12  
Lucas Decker 18<sup>th</sup> 13:28  
Max Martin 104<sup>th</sup> 17:34

### BOYS

1 <sup>st</sup>	St. Matthew	30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Thomas	47
3 <sup>rd</sup>	PBL	63
4 <sup>th</sup>	Edison	99
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jefferson	141
6 <sup>th</sup>	Unity	215
7 <sup>th</sup>	Uni	318

### GIRLS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Edison	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Matthew	85
3 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Thomas	100
4 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of Lourdes	126
5 <sup>th</sup>	PBL	131
6 <sup>th</sup>	Unity	156
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jefferson	162

Congratulations to each of our runners!  
Keep up the hard & rewarding work

**Many Thanks** - to all who worked to get the new score board up in our gym. Ryan Perry, John Schumacher, Julie Gay, Dennis Happ, and American Dowell Company spent many hours ensuring we had a working score board in our gym for our home games. Many thanks goes out to them all. Also a huge thank you goes to Ed Decker and family for the use of the scissor lift to get the score board up.

Also, thank you to each of your who helped in any way with your generous donations to help with the cost of the new score board-- Ted Rund, Knights of Columbus, and an anonymous donation.

If anyone would like to donate to the cost of the scoreboard, we still need \$397.00 towards the full cost of the score board. If you would like to help with the cost of the score board, please contact the church office. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous gifts that you have given whether it was time or monetary. It all has gone to benefit the current and upcoming students at St. Thomas School.

## St. Thomas More High School News:

**STM 2008-09 Admissions** All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents are invited to attend the STM Preview Night-Part 1 on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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 reservation for the upcoming Athletic Boosters Annual Dinner/Dance, November 7<sup>th</sup>, you may go online at [www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org) or call the school office at 352-7210. To reserve a table, please contact the school office. Seating is limited.

## STM 2007 Paideia Award

**Nominations** Nominations for the 2008 Champaign Vicariate and High School of Saint Thomas More Paideia Award are now being accepted through November 7<sup>th</sup>. This award is presented each year to an individual who exemplifies true leadership in the area of service to Catholic education. This year's recipient will be recognized at the STM Annual Donor Appreciation Brunch "Showcase of Thanks" scheduled for Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Consider nominating someone from your parish or school for this prestigious award. Nomination forms are available on the STM website at [www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org) under Resource/Giving/2008 Paideia Award Nomination Form, or by calling the office at 352-7210.