

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

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## Principal's Corner:

Dear Families,

We recognized the National Red Ribbon Week Celebration this week by writing poetry, pledging to live a healthy life, wearing red on Tuesday, and of course, Thursday was our "Sock It to Drugs Day". May it help all of us to remember to Thank God for our bodies and for helping us to keep our Faith in Him and ourselves.

We had our School Mass on Thursday this week. At the end of Mass Msgr. Ramer and I handed out the Honors and High Honors to Grades 5, 6, 7, & 8. Our students work very hard on their studies and yet manage to maintain their family life, participate in athletics, youth groups, and other activities. Congratulations to all of you and to your excellent teachers and parents for guiding and supporting you on your faith journey.

Watch your calendars for next week and all of you are most welcome to join us, especially for our Prayer Service on October 30<sup>th</sup> for All Saints Day. God Bless All of You,

LIVE, LOVE, AND SERVE AS CHRIST.

Anita Crain, Principal

## School News:

### Congratulations to Our State Cross Country Runners

The State Cross Country Meet was held on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at Maxwell Park in Normal, IL

Girls – 207 runners  
Regan Kelley 101<sup>st</sup> 13:51

Boys – 204 runners  
St. Thomas' team finished 17<sup>th</sup> of 24 teams!  
Nick Godsell 13<sup>th</sup> 11:18 Medal  
Jack Bolger 59<sup>th</sup> 11:58 PR  
Sean Kelley 111<sup>th</sup> 12:26 PR  
Justin Deters 121<sup>st</sup> 12:30 PR  
Lucas Decker 182<sup>nd</sup> 13:27

Congratulations on a Job Well Done! Go Tigers!

**Hot Lunch is Spiritwear Day!!!  
Monday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – Hamburgers**

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** Our new P.E. Teacher, Larry Swinyer, will be available during P/T Conferences next Thursday evening. Mr. Swinyer will be in the kitchen/teacher's lounge area of the gym. Stop by and introduce yourself (or reacquaint yourself) to him.

Anita Crain, Principal  
Mary Schumacher, Secretary

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**Sign Up Today!!!  
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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 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 this session.

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**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 parishioners/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

Pages for All Ages Book Fair Begins	25
DODD Hot Lunch-Hamburgers	27
FINN	28
FINN 8:20am - Rosary/Gym 5:30 pm - Fingerprinting 6:30 pm - Pre-View Night at STM for 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders 7-8pm - Safe Environment Program at St. Thomas Library	29
BOYER 8:30am - Prayer Service in Church for All Saints' Day (5) Full School Day 3:30pm-7:30pm - Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30pm Crafts 'n Stuff at Philo Library	30
NO SCHOOL	31

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 29<sup>th</sup>  
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	

The school received a check for \$28.05 from Kirby Foods IGA! Thanks for shopping at IGA & helping our school!



## 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.:

### 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 25<sup>th</sup>, and will continue through Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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

If you have already placed your order, thank you! If not, we hope you will order today to help our school! Every order counts, and by buying from Market Day you are helping us reach this important goal. This month, St. Thomas will earn extra dollars with every Sweet Rewards purchase! Remember to order pies for Thanksgiving! Internet orders can be placed online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) by noon on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, or return the order sheet to school by Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Tiffany Dodd for assistance at 373-6893. Thank you for your continued support.

**GM Box Tops were mailed off this week. We will be receiving a check for \$277 in December. Thank you for saving them. Keep bringing them to School & Church!**

**We have submitted a total of \$865 for this year!**

## Sports News:

### Sports Schedules

Can be found at [www.stthomasphilo.org](http://www.stthomasphilo.org). You can find all updated practices and game schedules at this website.

**GO TIGERS!!!**

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> - 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 21<sup>st</sup> - 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](http://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 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 reservations for the upcoming Athletic Boosters Annual Dinner/Dance, November 7, 2008, 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.

### Fall Follies

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