

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

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## Principal's Corner:

Dear Families and Friends,  
October is all too quickly, but not quietly, coming to a close. This past week we:

- Prayed our last weekly Rosary for this Month of the Rosary by having a "Living Rosary". All of the Rosaries we pray together are very special, but there seems to be a little more affection and love with this form. Thank-you to Mrs. Jacobson for coordinating this beautiful event.
- Grade 3 had a terrific trip to Curtis Apple Orchard. They had a beautiful fall day to be outside and they even managed to bring back a special treat for the office. Thank-you to everyone, especially the helping parents.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Graders did a very good job in taking the part of the two major candidates running for President, Vice President, and Secret Service Agents, researching each one's platform, and then going to the classrooms to present "their" stance. The next day, the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders set up the Polling Place, had the check in (each student had previously registered), and so far, the tally is not in. What a great way to learn a democratic process by seeing and doing.
- Thursday, we had the All Saints Prayer Service in the church. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders dressed as their Saint of choice and told the significance of the Saint. The readings, prayers, and music were very moving as we remember that we are all called to be Saints. I would say the students gave all of us a wonderful boost towards this path we have in common.
- Thursday morning, Kendall Hewing, Luke Warnes, and Beth Decker received prizes for a coloring contest sponsored by Keller-Williams Realty. Many thanks to our contact person, Barb Gallivan, for making this contest available to the students. The prizes were: \$25 Gift Card, \$15 Certificate for Pages For All Ages and \$10 coupons for McDonalds.
- There are Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday Evening and Friday Morning. The teachers and I are looking forward to seeing all of you.
- Next Monday, all of our teachers will be attending the Springfield Diocesan Adult Enrichment Conference. St. Thomas School is so very blessed to have such dedicated teachers who continually keep enriching and broadening both their professional skills and spiritual lives as they live their Educational Ministry.

May fall continue showing her beauty and glory, bringing all of us closer to our mission to: **LIVE, LOVE, AND SERVE AS CHRIST.**  
Anita Crain, Principal

**Pages For All Ages - Book Fair  
Continues thru Sunday 11/2**

## School News:

Anita Crain, Principal  
Mary Schumacher, Secretary

### HONOR ROLL - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### Honors

Morgan Carmien, Macie Dodd,  
Emma Powell, Kayley Sollers, Josh  
Stricklin

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### High Honors

Jeff Deem, Anna Happ, Christy  
Lannon & Aileen Tierney

##### Honors

Zoey Bryant, Doug Hughes

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### High Honors

Chandler Bollman, Megan James,  
Randa Harshbarger, Regan Kelley,  
McKenzie Martin

##### Honors

Jack Bolger, Justin Deters, Nick  
Godsell, Dalton Grimm, Zack  
Thorson

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

##### High Honors

Sean Kelley

##### Honors

Nick Decker, Camille Gay, Hayden  
Harshbarger, Joel Ping

**Congratulations to Each of You!**

### Rooted In Faith - Tuition Assist.

Our school has received a check in the amount of \$4,261 for tuition assistance from the John Lancaster Spalding Fund. This was made possible by all of your generous donations to the Rooted In Faith Fund over the last four years. We will be receiving the same amount in March of 2009. Thank you for all of your support to the Diocese of Peoria.

### Child to Child Two: A Catholic Campaign to Aid Education

Our school is once again participating with NCEA to help aid Catholic schools and parishes that were hit by the hurricanes. We would ask that each student bring in \$1 or a check made payable to "St. Thomas School" with "Child to Child" in the memo section to help our school assist their schools. We would like all donations in by Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.

## Dates to Remember

Pages for All Ages 25  
Book Fair Thru Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>

### NOVEMBER

NO SCHOOL 3  
Noon- Market Day Orders Due On-  
Line

VOLUNTEER NEEDED 4  
Hot Lunch - BBQ Pork

SHERMAN 5  
8:20am-Rosary/Gym  
7:30pm-Ed Com Meeting

VOLUNTEER NEEDED 6  
3:30pm - Kids Cookin' at Philo  
Library

BOYER 7  
8:30am - Children's Mass (6<sup>th</sup>)  
8:30am-10:30am - Open School  
Visit Time  
Coffee & Donuts  
3pm- Children's Choir Practice  
5pm-Market Day Pick Up

7pm-Haunted Hallway 8  
Halloween Dance

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 Dates are Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>  
& Nov. 21<sup>st</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	

**Tuesday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>  
Show your Patriotism  
by Wearing  
Red, White & Blue**



## 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](http://Stthomasphilo.org)

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

## School News Cont.:

### Altar Servers

Please Note the Following:

School Masses: Servers are not to bring candles to the pulpit. Msgr. Ramer reads the Gospel at the front of the people.

Parish Masses: Servers will bring the candles and stand next to the pulpit as Msgr. Ramer reads the Gospel.



## Market Day

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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 we are only half way to our goal so far.

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 11/3, or return the order sheet to school by 10/30. Please contact Tiffany Dodd for assistance @ 373-6893. Thank you

### Box Tops

Help our School by going on the internet to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). Go to Bonus Box Tops and Enter! Please try to visit this site often or at least every month to help our school.

**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 2008!**

## 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.

### Reminder about behaviors at games home & away

We love to have as many people as we can at all of the events our students are involved in. We would like to remind everyone to please remain in their seats during the game. As spectators, we do not run up and down the hallways nor play in the bathrooms. When we do this, we are creating extra work for our volunteers at the games and we are not supporting our teams that we came to watch. As you have noticed, when we go from the gym to the restrooms or concession stand area, classes have proudly displayed their work in the hallways for all to enjoy. Let's respect and admire their work as we walk by.

The doors to the new kitchen area should not be used as an entrance or exit to the school. The main doors are the only doors that should be used. We do not have a volunteer to be outside to watch students on the playground equipment and we are asking for safety reasons for all students not to be out there during the games. Finally, if we eat or drink anything in the gym or the concession area, please make sure to pick up after ourselves. Let's all come and support our teams and enjoy the games.

Hot Lunch is Spiritwear Day!!!  
Tuesday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – BBQ Pork  
Wear Red, White & Blue!

## 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.

### Shop Early for the Holidays!

The St. Patrick's Guild, Urbana, is having its 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Are you crafty or do you have a product to sell?** If you make or sell a product, please consider being one of our vendors. For more information, please contact Kristi Turner at 530-2661 or by email at [klnturner@yahoo.com](mailto:klnturner@yahoo.com)

### Smart Martha Seminar Coming to Champaign, IL

Smart Martha seminars are designed for busy mothers seeking to live out their vocations as God has called them in today's busy society. The seminar offers tested advice and solutions for mothers who want to balance taking care of their families' physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs as well as their own needs.

**When?** Saturday, November 25 9am-2pm

**Where?** St. Matthew Catholic Church Great Hall

**What?** A Smart Martha Seminar, made up of presentations, small group discussions, and some personal workbook time

**Cost?** \$40, which includes a workbook, lunch, and a great time

**Please Register** by November 7<sup>th</sup>. Call Katie at 766-5161

## St. Thomas More High School News:

### 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.