

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

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| NO SCHOOL | 1 |
| Noon - Market Day Orders Due | |
| STINEBAUGH | 2 |
| Hot Lunch - BBQ Pork | |
| DECKER, KIM | 3 |
| 8:20am - Rosary/Gym | |
| MIEBACH | 4 |
| 7pm - Ed Comm Meeting/Library | |
| HAPP | 5 |
| 8:30am-Mass (7) | |
| 8:30am-10:30am - Open School Visit Time | |
| 9:20am-Coffee/Donuts in Gym | |
| Grandpeople "Get Acquainted" Time | |
| Magazine Drive Kick Off | |
| 5pm-Market Day Pick Up | |

Buy Through SCRIP - It
easy as 1-2-3!

Cards will be on hand
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.

Market Day
Next Order Due
Monday, Sept. 1st
Pick-Up

Friday, June 5th

Principal's Corner News:

Welcome to all of our Families and Friends,

It is a privilege for the Staff and me to welcome you into the 2008/09 school year. We are looking forward to ministering with you and your children. We are blessed to have an outstanding and dedicated Education Commission, PTO and numerous volunteers who share in our mission and help make our school such a positive and peaceful experience for our entire community.

What a great start of the St. Thomas School Year! It's like a whirlwind, one filled with Faith and the Love of God! Our PTO sponsored our annual "Boo Hoo" Breakfast for families of first year Kindergartners. This special gathering was enjoyed and appreciated by all. Msgr. Ramer is still talking about what a splendid event it was. The Grandparents have had their Potluck Meeting and gathered for fellowship and to sign up for the many jobs and services they give. God Bless all of you for providing your precious time to help St. Thomas School to grow and prosper.

We have two new Staff Members: Susan Deem, 2nd Grade and Heather Baird, 3rd Grade. There have been a few changes in rooms and teachers' grade level assignment. Mrs. Amanda Jacobson, K, Ms. Jean McDonald, 1st, Mrs. Regina Lawhead, 4th, Mrs. Diane Deters, 5th & 6th, Mrs. Debbie Reinhart, 7th, and Mrs. Judy Farney, 8th. We are so blessed to have such a grand and highly qualified staff to teach and guide our students on their Catholic Faith Journey.

All of us are looking forward to seeing all of you at our Open House on September 25th. We will have the Blessing of the Gym with Msgr James Ramer, visits to the classrooms, and a Weiner Roast will conclude the wonderful evening.

As always, everyone is welcome to visit at any time and experience for yourself how all of us are committed to: **LIVE, LOVE, AND SERVE, AS CHRIST.**

God Bless,
Anita Crain, Principal

School News:

Please Welcome Our New Students & Families:

New Kindergartners:

Isabel Bryant
Isabella Manrique
Anna Sanders
Maggie Hewing
Mercedes Rentschler
Matthew Stricklin

New Students:

Bryant Boyer-Killion (4th)
Jeff Deem (6th)

Anita Crain, Principal
Mary Schumacher, Secretary

Visitors to Our School - Just a friendly note to remind everyone who enters the school building must sign in as a visitor and obtain a visitor badge to wear if you are proceeding past the front entry way. We are continually trying to protect our students in every way possible. We are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause anyone.

Open School Visit Time This year we are starting a new tradition at St. Thomas School. On each First Friday, we will start with Mass at 8:30 a.m. in the church and then proceed over to the school for Coffee & Donuts. After Coffee & Donuts, the classrooms will be open for parents & families, grandparents, neighbors, friends, etc. to come and visit until 10:30 a.m. This is an opportunity to see our school "in action". Invite a friend or neighbor to our Open School Visit Time! No sign in is required at this time!

Mark Your Calendars for the PTO Open House/Blessing of the Gym/Wienie Roast & Hay Rides

It is planned for Thursday, September 25th. Starting time will either be 6:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. - Watch for a flyer to come home in the middle of September. We hope all families and relatives will be able to attend to see their student's classrooms and meet their teachers. After the Open House, PTO will have a Wienie Roast outside along with Hay Rides. There is no school on the following day!

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. 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. Just click on "Athletics" to view all sporting event calendars. This should help all families, grandparents, neighbors, and friends know when events are at St. Thomas School. Be sure to pass the word!

The Magazine Drive starts Friday, Sept. 5th. Thank you in advance for 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 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.:

Hot Lunch – Tuesday, Sept. 2nd – BBQ Pork

Thank You – Once again this year we have a permanent Hot Lunch Staff. Please be sure to tell them "Thank You" when you see them in passing. They are Julie Gay, Bridgett Bollman, Laura Manrique, and Patty Tierney. A big thanks to all of our Grandpeople who come in to help serve on a rotation basis as well. Finally, thanks to our Hot Lunch Committee for the time and efforts in providing a weekly hot lunch to our students. They are: Julie Gay, Tracy Grimm, and Lois Happ.

Grandpeople "Get Acquainted" Time will be on Friday, Sept. 5th starting with Mass at 8:30 a.m. at St. Thomas Church and Coffee & Donuts after Mass at the school gym. All are welcome.



Did you know that your Market Day orders profited St. Thomas School \$3,200 last year? We look forward to your continued support and hope you will place your order today. We are pleased to offer a photo tote with your purchase of 3 or more items on page 3 of the September order guide. Some of the customer favorites include:

ChicNSteaks(3069)
Seasoned Salmon(2050)
Supersweet Corn(8180)
French Breadsticks(7782)

Order online @ marketday.com until noon on Monday 9/1; or contact Tiffany Dodd @ 373-6893. Thank you!

Education Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

Tiger & Community Day Shirt Exchange is available in the front entry way. Feel free to drop off any shirts/sweatshirts at the school that don't fit any longer. Don't forget to pick one or two up on the table that fits as well for free.

The new items are for sell in the "cabinet". Please ask Mary for assistance or call Wendy Carmien (684-2270) with any questions or help in ordering.

Remember – Our school is continually collecting the following:
Used printer cartridges; old cell phones; GM Box Tops; Campbell Soup Labels, V8, Swanson, Prego, Franco-American, Pepperidge Farm. Please drop them off in the back of St. Thomas Church or at the school at any time.

Sports News:

Basketball Season is here for the Girls! An open Gym will be held at St. Thomas from 9-10 am on Monday, September 1st for girls in 4th to 8th grade. It is not required that the girls attend the "open gym". The first practice will be held on Wednesday September 3rd! The parents meeting will start at 5:30pm in the school gym and at least one parent and the athlete must attend. The coaches will be going over their expectations for the season. It is also a great chance to ask the coaches general questions. Todd Grimm and Brent Carmien will be coaching the girls 7th grade team and Patty and Randy Harshbarger will be coaching the girls 8th grade team.

Practice for the girls will follow the parents meeting. Please check out the school Website for a list of practices for September to the end of October for the girls along with their game schedule!

Athletic Fees – Just a reminder that all Athletic Fees are due by September 2nd in the school office.

St. Thomas More High School News:

STM Annual Golf Outing is Monday, September 15th at Stone Creek Golf Club-Home of the Sabers@ Registration 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.; Lunch 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.; Shotgun Start at 12 Noon; Reception at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$150 per golfer and includes cart and range use, lunch, complimentary beverages and snacks throughout the day, an evening reception. All proceeds support STM Athletic programs.

Future Sabers News

7th & 8th Grade Students and your families, mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Future Sabers Tailgate on September 12th at 5:30 p.m. RSVP today by calling the school office at 352-7210. More Future Saber events will be announced throughout the year!

Music Program Fundraiser

I DO ! I DO ! – a delightful musical comedy that celebrates the ups and downs of 50 years of marriage. Saturday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 5th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Center in Urbana to benefit the STM Music programs. Featuring Jim Mayer & Jodi Prosser, with Music Direction by Nick Stefanic. Adults: \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door; Students: 8/\$10. Limited seating. Reserve tickets by calling 384-4860.