

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

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Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY

DODD 23
Ticket Sells for Mardi Gras
Hot Lunch-Chicken Strips/Mac & Cheese
Spirit Wear Day

VOLUNTEER NEEDED 24
Hot Lunch-Monicals (Donated)
Afternoon-Mardi Gras

STINEBAUGH 25
8:30am-Ash Wednesday Mass(6th)

SHERMAN 26
2nd & 4th Gr Field Trip

PING 27
8:30am-Altar Server Practice
Hot Lunch-Lenten Meal

Buy Gift Cards at St. Thomas School for Gifts or Regular Shopping. Cards are on hand (used same as CASH) in the back of St. Thomas Church after Masses, at the School office, or find order forms in the back of all churches!!!

Place orders in the Sunday Collection Baskets, call

Jean Tay at 684-3395, or email at

jtay8@yahoo.com

Some Cards on hand

WalMart/Sams	Arby's
Marathon	Kohl's
Dicks	Macy's
Panera	Bergners
Texas Roadhouse	Chili's
Starbucks	Bergners
Itunes	Lowe's
Red Lob/O Gar	Hallmark
TJ Maxx	Applebees
Gap/Old Navy	Marathon
And Lots More	

684-2309

Principal's Corner:

Dear Friends and Families,

It seems like with only a blink of an eye we are in the 3rd week of February. Last week we celebrated Valentine's Day, love notes, candy, and all, and held many Abraham Lincoln activities in honor of his 200th Birthday. Our Reading Incentive Program got under way and the theme is based on the time period of when Mr. Lincoln lived. Be sure to look at the Lincoln "Log" Cabin being built with paper logs which have the names of students and the books they have read in the Library hallway. Also, Mrs. Baird's room has a new structure, yes; you guessed it, a log cabin. We had another beautiful Mass last Thursday, prepared by the 7th Grade. I am sure we all have a deeper respect for the message of the Gettysburg Address after reading it together at the end of Mass. With the help and support of our PTO, we had a birthday party for Mr. Lincoln, including cupcakes and a gorgeous cake decorated like a huge authentic penny. Our PTO makes the best things possible for our school, and we thank them so much.

Mrs. Jacobson and her husband, Matt, welcomed their latest blessing named Brandon Thomas on February 16th at 5:09 AM. Everyone in the family is doing well, adjusting, and loving every minute of it!

We can't seem to thank everyone enough for all the love and support you send our way in so many different ways. We know many people are praying for us so we may continue to learn and grow in our faith, to educate our youth to be the future voice of the Catholic Church; that by our words and deeds, people will know and embrace the Word of the Lord, and for all the many gifts you send our way. Also, our thanks go out to an anonymous and generous donor who gave us an extra Monical's Pizza Lunch, at no cost to the students. Also, we have had a very nice collection of new books, for different ages, donated to us. The list goes on and on. Please know how grateful we are for all of your generousities of time, prayers, talents, and treasures.

So many people continue to wish me well and to build my memory treasury of the goodness of having been among the St. Thomas Family. For those of you who read our "What's Happening", but do not receive "letters home", I sent a letter out in early Feb. that I am resigning at the end of this school year to have more time with my family. The Education Commission has started a Principal Search and with all of their hard work and dedication, I have no doubt you will have the best Principal ever.

Next week, we will have our School Mass on Ash Wednesday, and we will not have a School Mass on Friday. Today our 1st Graders gave us a beautiful Mass, their first! What a marvel to watch our young students participate in the liturgy and to see and feel the love for Christ they radiate. I am in awe when I am with them and how I am so immersed with feeling the Presence of God in each and every one of us.

Please read the "Good News" of upcoming events, plan to join us whenever you can, read about our fine athletics and our many class activities and see how we:

LIVE, LOVE, AND SERVE AS CHRIST.

God Bless, Anita Crain

Anita Crain, Principal
Mary Schumacher, Secretary

School News:

St. Thomas Tiger Tots Preschool

It's True!!! St. Thomas will have a preschool starting late August 2009! Congratulations to Chandler Bollman, Ella Godsell, Josie Powell, and Coral Scuff who thought of the name for our new preschool! They were rewarded with a McDonalds luncheon on Friday, compliments of the preschool committee! Spread the word - Registration begins March 11th!

Parents-Don't Pack a Lunch on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 24th!!!

All students in our school will be treated to a complimentary Monical's Luncheon on Tuesday. Thank you to a couple of very thoughtful and generous grandparents! What a special "treat" this will be for our students!!! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND THOUGHTFULNESS!!!

Trivia Night/Silent Auction will be held at St. Thomas Gym on Saturday, March 28th - Sign Up Now - Don't Miss Out on the FUN!

Silent Auction begins at 6pm

Trivia begins at 7pm

\$10.00 per person

Looking for "Teen" tables

Seating is limited! Reserve your spot today by calling Mary at 684-2309 or Sharon Baxley at 598-2325. Reserve as an individual or as a table of 6-8. Prizes to be awarded. Cash Bar available. Please bring your own table snacks!

The 3rd Grade Log Cabin Is Built!!!

In honor of Abraham Lincoln's humble beginnings, Mrs. Baird's third graders have their own log cabin! A very HUGE thank you goes out to Don Koeberlein and Jon Chambers for the design. Stuart Hutchison for the supply and cutting of the "logs". The assembling crew: Don & Debbi Koeberlein, Zach Koeberlein, Stuart Hutchison, and Lon & Jean Tay. How blessed we are to have such devoted parents! To quote the 3rd graders, "You guys ROCK!!!" We invite anyone who would like to view our Lincoln Log Cabin to stop by Mrs. Baird's room anytime. (Remember we have Open School Visit Time after Mass on First Fridays!) Thank you again and God Bless!

Mardi Gras Mission Carnival 2009

The students of St. Thomas will get to enjoy their annual Mardi Gras Mission Carnival on Tuesday, February 24th in the afternoon which is sponsored by the 7th & 8th Grade Classes. Students will need to purchase tickets for the carnival on Monday, February 23rd. (Please put the money in an envelope with the student's name and amount on it - Limit \$5) Money earned goes to Crisis Nursery and one other charity of choice.



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.:

Tiger Talent Show/Grandpeople's

Day The talent show will take place on Thursday, March 19th at 7pm in the school gym. Grandpeople's Day is scheduled for Friday, March 20th starting at 9:00 a.m. Please make plans now to attend the talent show and have your students call their grandparents or a special person in their life to see if they will spend the morning with them taking a tour of their classroom, attending Mass, and then having the honor of eating a sack luncheon in the gym with them. After lunch, the students will be dismissed for the day with their grandparents.

Shop Rural King Feb 16-22 Did you happen to shop at Rural King this past week or will be shopping there this weekend??? If so, please turn in your receipts to the church office and they will reward us with 5% of your total purchase.

Box Tops - Over \$1,000 Earned - Thank You We collected another \$239.00 in box tops this past week which now earned the school \$1,099 to date for this school year. Keep up the great job - Tear Off - Collect - Turn-In!!!

Lincoln Reading Calendars

Parents - please write the name of the Lincoln Book which your child has read on the "Lincoln Log Calendar". Turn in days for the calendars are on Friday mornings during the month of February.

Seeking Silent Auction Donations!

We are looking for donations for the silent auction which will be held that evening as well. Any donations can be made before March 14th by contacting Sharon Baxley at 598-2325 for more information. Thank you for your continued support! Also, we are looking for some empty "baskets" so that we can put together some Classroom Baskets for the auction. Please bring them to the school office.

Sports News: Sports Schedules

Can be found at www.stthomasphilo.org. You can find all updated practices and game schedules at this website.

Volleyball Concession Stand and Gate Workers NEEDED for the following dates:

Tue. 3/10, Philo Gym: 1 person 5:15 (gate), 2 people 5:30 (stand)

Wed. 3/11, Philo Gym: 1 person 5:15 (gate), 2 people 5:30 (stand)

Thu. 3/12, Philo Gym: 1 person 5:15 (gate), 2 people 5:30 (stand)

Highschoolers needing service hours, grandpeople, families--anyone who loves excitement, please call Julie Gay (684-2304) if you can help out.

St. Thomas More High School News:

Win \$15,000!!!

The GR-R-REAT Saber Raffle is in full swing, and you won't want to miss your chance at winning **FIFTEEN THOUSAND** dollars! Only 1,000 tickets will be sold—Grand Prize \$15,000; 2nd Prize \$5,000; 3rd Prize \$2,500; and 4th Prize \$1,000. Congratulations to **Jeff Dunlap**, our first of ten \$100 weekly winners. Main Drawing held Saturday, April 18th. You do NOT have to be present to win. Purchase your ticket today by calling the school office at 352-7210, ask an STM parent or Alumni Parent, or purchase online at www.hs-stm.org.

STM Presents "INTO THE WOODS"

The High School of Saint Thomas More presents Stephen Sondheim's Musical Classic "INTO THE WOODS". Come with us as we journey into the woods with the Baker, his wife, the witch, Lil Red, Cinderella, and many of your other storybook favorites. This whimsical story will leave you laughing, fighting back tears, and transformed by the end of the journey. Directed by Jodi Prosser, Musical Direction by Nick Stefanic. Performances held at the high school on: March 5 & 6 at 7:00 p.m. March 7 at 1:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Fairytale Tea and Matinee: March 6 at 12 Noon

Tickets: \$9 for Adults; \$6 for Students & Children

The Fairytale Tea is \$10 per person or \$12 per child with Matinee ticket and \$15 per Adult with Matinee ticket.

For Ticket Information, call 217-489-9080 or www.hs-stm.org.

Save the Date – April 18th "Show Your Stripes – American Sabers" Spring Gala
Live entertainment provided by STM students in an original celebration of all things American.

Go to www.boxtops4education.com and enter to win extra box tops for St. Thomas School!

Keep Collecting All Year Round!