

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

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## Remember

### FEBRUARY

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED** 9  
Spirit Wear Day/Community Day  
Shirts for Field Trip (Grades 5<sup>th</sup> -  
8<sup>th</sup>)  
Hot Lunch-BBQ Pork Sand.

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Field Trip

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED** 10

**PING** 11  
Mid Terms  
6:30pm - Marketing Meeting  
7:30pm - Ed Com Meeting

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED** 12  
8:30am-Children's Mass (7<sup>th</sup>)  
Hot Lunch-Spaghetti  
Mass Day Shirts - Calendar  
Correction

**NO SCHOOL** 13

Math Counts - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. 14  
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**NO SCHOOL** 16

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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  
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Jean Tay at 684-3395, or email at  
[jtay8@yahoo.com](mailto:jtay8@yahoo.com)

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Dicks	Macy's
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Starbucks	Bergners
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TJ Maxx	Applebees
Gap/Old Navy	ETC.

684-2309

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Next Turn-In Date - Feb. 20th

## Principal's Corner:

Dear Families and Friends,

St. Thomas School was so stuffed full of activities in January it's a miracle we didn't burst! The New Year, The Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, the First Annual State of the School Address, a new President of the United States, First Reconciliation for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders, Catholic Schools Week; even the Snow Days were like a festival.

February does not seem to be offering any let up. The Lincoln themed Reading Program had a great kick off and lots of students are eager to start "Lincoln Logging" their minutes. We will have a strong team representing us at the Math Counts Competition on February 14 at the U of I Campus. We are so grateful for the hard work and time the students and Mrs. McKinney have done to prepare for this important and significant event. The 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades will be completing the Diocesan Writing Assessment. Lots of field trips are in the making. Grades 2 & 4 will be going to "James and the Giant Peach" on 2/26. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be providing the Mardi Gras Celebration on 2/24, the day before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. All through the month, we are celebrating Abraham Lincoln's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the students will be voting for the IL Caudill and Monarch Awards, our athletes have done so well, the spirits are highly charged, Girls Volleyball continues to thrill us, and Track will start before we know it! Whew!

My thanks and gratitude to the many people for their kind words and caring thoughts they have shared with me in the past week. I shall cherish each and every one of them, and will store them in my heart. Come August 1, I will really be pulling on them for support to get through this time of entering a new and different stage of beginnings. God has always provided for my family's strengths and joys, and we have no doubt His Plan will continue to richly bless us. **LIVE, LOVE, AND SERVE AS CHRIST**  
Anita Crain, Principal

## School News:

**Mark Your Calendars - Trivia Night will be held at St. Thomas Gym on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Silent Auction begins at 6pm  
Trivia begins at 7pm  
\$10.00 per player  
Seating is limited. Reserve your spot today by calling Mary at 684-2309. Reserve as an individual or as a table of 8. Prizes to be awarded.  
This is an Adult event. However our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will be there to help "grade the answers".

## Looking To Borrow & Seeking Silent Auction Donations!!!

St. Thomas School would like to borrow an aquarium for the Trivia Night which will be held on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. We will return it in good condition!

Also, we are looking for donations for the silent auction which will be held that evening as well. Any donations can be made before March 14<sup>th</sup> by contacting Sharon Baxley at 598-2325 for more information. Thank you for your continued support!

Anita Crain, Principal  
Mary Schumacher, Secretary

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

**Regionals wow!** Is what each fan said last night at the Championship game where St. Thomas faced Danville St. Paul. Our 8th grade team stepped up to the plate and showed everyone St. Thomas has a mighty roar and wanted the win. Unfortunately, our team could not pull out the win in the last few seconds of the game, but it was definitely not because we did not try our best. The 8th grade team gave it everything they had. Our boys' basketball season came to an end, but our 8th grade team should be very proud of themselves for all they accomplished this year. This team had the leadership of four outstanding 8th grade boys leading with Nick Decker, Lucas Decker, Sean Kelley, and Joel Ping. These four boys displayed an incredible amount of heart, respect, sportsmanship, faith, and drive throughout the season to get to the Championship game for the Regionals. The seven 7th grade boys Jack Bolger, Chandler Bollman, Justin Deters, Nick Godsell, Dalton Grimm, Alex Happ and Zack Thorson also made up the 8th grade team. Fans, thank you for coming out and supporting the 8th grade team this entire season. The green crush gave such energy to the team and the team thanks you. The 8th grade boys' team was coached by Tom Kelley and Ken Decker! Coaches thank you for all you did. Even though the four 8th grade boys' basketball career is complete at St. Thomas, we want you to know you will never be forgotten. You four boys are a great testament of the St. Thomas mission statement. Live, Love, and Serve as Christ!

## 7th Grade Boys Basketball

**Team** made it to Sectionals this year. They met a tough Gifford team right from the start on Wednesday the 4th. The team had a lot of great moments in the game, but just quite couldn't pull out the win. This team has had some great achievements this year starting with placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Illini Conference tournament, winning 2nd place in the Chrisman Hardball Tourney, coming in 1st at the Gifford Tourney, and most importantly winning the Regional Championship. Through all of this, their academics were all meet and that is a great accomplishment in itself. This team is held together by their strong team work, faith, family, and friends. There is not one player on this team that is more important than another. The 7th grade team that played in the Sectionals consisted of Chandler Bollman, Jack Bolger, Justin Deters, Nick Godsell, Dalton Grimm, Alex Happ, Brandon Koeberlein, Zack Thorson, and Andrew Warnes. Team, we want to say, "Thank you for a wonderful season with great memories!" Fans and parents, the team would like to say, "Thank you for making the trip with us all the way to Sectionals and for supporting us from start to finish!" This team was coached by Jim Deters and Mike Godsell!

## School News Cont.:

**Mrs. Baird's Third Grade Class** is beginning their study on Abraham Lincoln. This past Thursday, they "built" their own log cabins in honor of President Lincoln's humble beginnings. We will begin construction on the classroom size log cabin next week. We encourage all to stop by and see our progress. Special thanks to Jean Tay and the Koeberlein's for assisting with this endeavor. We are so blessed to have such wonderful volunteers!



### February Calendar Correction

Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> - We will expect our students to wear their Mass Day Shirts rather than being a Spirit Wear Day. Sorry for the error.

## 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.

### Sports Pictures - Pizza Night for Athletes & Coaches Monday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>

Pizza will be supplied to all athletes and coaches by the Athletic Department. The Athletic Department will pick up 11 pizzas so parent won't have to worry about dinner. If the athletes would bring .50 for a drink or a drink, the A/D will take care of the rest!

### St. Thomas Sports Pictures will be taken on Monday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>

5:15pm - Speech Team  
5:30pm - Cross Country  
5:50pm - Girls Basketball  
6:15pm - Girls Volleyball  
6:45pm - 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Boys Basketball  
7:00pm - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Boys Basketball

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

Wed. 2/18, STS Gym: 1 person 5:15 (gate), 2 people 5:30 (stand)

Fri. 2/20, Philo Gym: 1 person 5:15 (gate), 2 people 5:30 (stand)

Sat. 2/21, Philo Gym: 1 person 5:15 (gate), 2 people 5:30 (stand)

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:

### Empty Bowl-Art Club Fundraiser

The STM Art Club will sponsor an Empty Bowl Supper on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at The High School of Saint Thomas More from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The Empty Bowl Supper is to raise funds to support America's Second Harvest Food Bank. STM students, faculty, and friends create unique, one-of-a-kind ceramic bowls that are used to serve soup to those attending the supper. Visitors pay \$5 for a bowl of soup and bread, which symbolically represents the plight of those who are hungry. For a contribution of \$10, visitors may take their bowls home as a reminder of their contribution.

### Save the Date-Msgr. Albert Hallin to Celebrate His 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Save the date and celebrate Msgr. Hallin's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, February 15, 2009. This celebration will be held at the St. Matthew Parish Center from 1-4pm, with the Hallin "Roast" at 2pm. In lieu of gifts, donations may be made to The High School of Saint Thomas More Msgr. Hallin Scholarship Fund.

### 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$5,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$2,500; and 4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$1,000. One \$100 winner per week beginning February 13<sup>th</sup> and continuing for 10 weeks. Main Drawing held Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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](http://www.hs-stm.org).

**Save the Date – April 18<sup>th</sup> "Show Your Stripes – American Sabers" Spring Gala**

## 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!