

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

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## Remember

### JANUARY

Sock Hop Dance/Gym 24  
7-9pm

CSW Weekend Masses 24-25

DODD 26  
Hot Lunch-Chicken Strips/Mac & Cheese

BAXLEY 27  
Need RSVP's In to Mary for Volunteer Luncheon

VOL NEEDED 28

POWELL 29  
11:30am - Volunteer Luncheon in Gym

CARMEN 30  
8:30am-Children's Mass (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
9:30am-10:30am - Open House  
Noon - Skateland

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

684-2309

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and enter to win extra box tops for St. Thomas School

Next Turn-In Date - Feb. 20th

## Principal's Corner:

Dear Families and Friends,  
We had an exceptional First Annual State of St. Thomas School Address last Wednesday night. We thank everyone who attended, both physically and spiritually. From all appearances and actions, the feeling that St. Thomas School is so much more than just a school, but a **FAMILY** of countless faith filled people, dedicated to the Mission of St. Thomas School, was very evident. I doubt that anyone left doubting the Presence of God and His Plan for all of us.

We are hoping to see many of you during our Catholic Schools Celebrate Service Wee.

**LIVE, LOVE, AND SERVE AS CHRIST.**

God's Blessings,  
Anita Crain, Principal

## School News:

### Tolono, Ivesdale, Pesotum, Sadorus, Savoy & Surrounding Area Families

Please join us on **Sunday, February 1st, after the 9:30 a.m. St. Patrick's Mass, in the St. Patrick's Parish Center in Tolono** for complimentary coffee, juice, and donuts. The St. Thomas Education Commission will be offering a brief presentation, followed by an open Question & Answer session, for all those interested in learning more about **St. Thomas Catholic Grade School in Philo**. Current St. Thomas parents, teachers, and administrators will be on hand to help answer any questions interested parents may have regarding our school.

### The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders of St. Thomas Parish

request your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. As we take part in this great sacrament of sorrow, forgiveness, and penance, we look forward to the peace of Christ in our hearts.

Anita Crain, Principal  
Mary Schumacher, Secretary

## Catholic Schools Week January 24-30, 2009 Schedule of Events

### Saturday, Jan. 24 Kick Off Catholic School's Week with a School Dance! **ALL ARE INVITED!!!**

It will be held on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 p.m. in the school gym. All are invited to attend. Bring a friend, a new family, a neighbor, or fellow parishioner with you. Drinks will be provided for the kids. Adults need to bring their own beverages. We would ask parents to bring a table snack to share. Hope to see everyone there!

### Sat. & Sun., Jan. 24 & 25 Student led Masses in the area.

**Monday, January 26**  
**Service in Our Community** - Roger Phelps of Our Lady of the Lake in Mahomet, will come at 2pm to speak about the Mission Trip their youth goes on each summer.

**Tuesday, January 27**  
Service in Education - Teacher Appreciation Day

**Wednesday, January 28**  
**Service in our Nation** - Classes will send prayers and thank you notes to legislators for our area. McKenzie Martin will share her experiences of her trip to the Inauguration of President Obama with small groups throughout the day.

**Thursday, January 29 - ALL ARE INVITED**  
**Service in our Vocations** - Students will say Thank-You to Msgr. Ramer for saying "yes" and celebrate his 1/2 birthday to start off the school day. Then our students will help serve our **VOLUNTEERS** at a luncheon in their honor at 11:30 a.m. in the school gym. All Volunteers for our School are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Mary 684-2309 by Tuesday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Friday, January 30 ALL ARE INVITED**  
**Service in Our Students** - All are invited to join our students at our Children's Mass starting at 8:30 a.m. at St. Thomas Church followed by an School Open House from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. We invite everyone to come and visit all of the classrooms. Our students have many classroom activities and presentations for their guests. After lunch, the students will enjoy an afternoon of roller skating. Upon returning to school, Msgr. Ramer will close CSW with a prayer.

**Live, Love, and Serve as Christ**



## School News Cont.:

Gift Card (Scrip) Program at St. Thomas School Is a Big Success this School Year. Thank You to Everyone who participates in this program.

**Every Little Bit Helps!** We will begin selling Gift Cards in the back of St. Thomas Church after each Mass starting this weekend. Please stop and talk to Julie Gay if you would like more information on this program. You will also see us on occasion at St. Patrick's in Tolono.

We are trying to use this program as our 4<sup>th</sup> major fund-raiser for our school. We currently have the Golf Outing, Magazine Drive, and Pancake & Sausage Breakfast. If you have any questions regarding this program, please see Mary in the school office or call Jean Tay at 684-3395.

It is a "no money out of your pocket" program. You purchase a gift card for face value and the company gives the school a "kickback"! Thank you so much for your continued support of St. Thomas School.

**The Curriculum Committee** is working on the details for our reading incentive program for this school year. It will take place during the month of February to coincide with the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. We have some awesome things planned but we could use some help. Anyone (individuals or businesses) wishing to donate to help offset costs for prizes and incentives for the program, please talk to Mrs. Crain, Debbie Reinhart, Wendy Carmien, or send an envelope marked "Reading Incentive Program Donation" to the office. Thank you!

## 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.

### St. Thomas is Hosting 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Regionals at the Philo Gym

Lois Happ 898-1816 is still in need of someone running the clock for these games. Please contact her if you would like to help out.

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Feb 5<sup>th</sup>

Also, if you would like to come and see St. Thomas in action, we are playing the 2<sup>nd</sup> game on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:15 p.m. Come to the Philo Gym and help support the Tigers!

St. Thomas 7<sup>th</sup> Graders will be in Regionals this upcoming week at Chrisman. Their first game is on Monday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. Come and Support our Tigers!!! We may have a Fan Bus - Watch Tiger Tales or Call the School to find out if one will be taken!

## St. Thomas More High School News:

### STM Preview Night - Take 2

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents are invited to attend the STM Preview Night - Take 2 on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. Meet the entire STM faculty, learn more about the STM academic program, and visit with our coaches. Reserve your spot by calling the school office at 352-7210.

### 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.

## STS Alumni News:

Congratulations to Ana Deters and Logan McNeely of Unity High School who were named as Illinois State Scholars. Congratulations to both of them on their great accomplishments.

### March 11<sup>th</sup> - Is a Full School Day - Please Mark Your Calendars!

## 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.

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Stthomasphilo.org

### Thank You

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