

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

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December

FEBRUARY

VOLUNTEER NEEDED 2
Reading Incentive KickOff
Hot Lunch-Beef Tips/Noodles
Noon-Market Day Orders Due
Spirit Wear Day

VOLUNTEER NEEDED 3
8th Gr Regional Day
Spirit Wear Day

LANNON 4
7th Gr Sectional Day
Spirit Wear Day
8:20am-Rosary/Gym
2:15pm-Pep Rally/Gym

VOLUNTEER NEEDED 5
8th Gr Regional Day
Spirit Wear Day

CARMEN 6
8:30am-Prayer Service/Church (8th)
8:30am-10:30am - Open School
Visit Time
9:20am-Coffee & Donuts
5pm-Market Day P/U

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

Some Cards on hand

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

684-2309

Go to

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

Next Turn-In Date - Feb. 20th

School News:

Tolono, Ivesdale, Pesotum, Sadorus, Savoy, Philo, Sidney & 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 & Pre-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.

Congratulations to our 2nd Grade Class and the 2nd Graders of St. Thomas Parish on Receiving their First Reconciliation last Saturday.

Ian Asklund	Garrett Boyer
Aidan Cunningham	Keegan Cunningham
Elizabeth Decker	Matthew Decker
Chase Fincham	Peter Manrique
David Martin	Evan Miebach
Coral Scaff	Finnegan Stinebaugh
Luke Warnes	

May the peace of Christ be in their hearts forever.

Reading Incentive Program - Lincoln's 200th Birthday!!! - We are kicking off this year's program on Monday, February 2nd. It will continue until March 6th. The theme is Lincoln's 200th Birthday. Read, Read, Read!!! Let's build a Lincoln Log Cabin!

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

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 7th & 8th Graders will be there to help "grade the answers".

Anita Crain, Principal
Mary Schumacher, Secretary

HONOR ROLL - 2nd Quarter

5th Grade

High Honors

Morgan Carmien

Honors

Macie Dodd, Emma Powell, Kayley Sollers, Josh Stricklin

6th Grade

High Honors

Christy Lannon & Aileen Tierney

Honors

Zoey Bryant, Jeff Deem, Anna Happ, Doug Hughes

7th Grade

High Honors

Chandler Bollman, Megan James, Regan Kelley, McKenzie Martin

Honors

Jack Bolger, Justin Deters, Randa Harshbarger, Zack Thorson

8th Grade

High Honors

Sean Kelley

Honors

Nick Decker, Camille Gay, Hayden Harshbarger, Joel Ping

Congratulations to Each of You!

A BIG Thank You from all the teachers of St. Thomas School to all of our parents and volunteers who helped in any way to make CSW Teacher Appreciation Day so relaxing and special for us. It took so many of you to come together to make this remarkable day possible for us. Thanks again to each of you.

Congratulations to our 2009 National Geography Bee Classroom Winners:

Grade 4 - Griffin Boyer & Isiah Bryant
Grade 5 - Morgan Carmien & Brandon Koeberlein
Grade 6 - Doug Hughes & Aileen Tierney
Grade 7 - Jack Bolger & Justin Deters
Grade 8 - Nick Decker & Sean Kelley

The school wide competition was held on Friday, January 23rd in the St. Thomas Gym. Our 2009 School Champion was Sean Kelley. A job well done!

We are proud to say St. Thomas School is one of the charter schools of the National Geography Bee. Competition began in 1989 and we were part of that first contest!



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.:

John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Fund Grants

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2009-10 school year, for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed. Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from the rectory (684-2571). Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for 2009-10 must reapply. **The application deadline is February 15, 2009.** Notification of grant awards will be made by mid-April.

Market Day Thank you to those who have placed an order! This month St. Thomas has the opportunity to earn a \$250 gift card to Barnes & Noble, so please consider ordering. Order sheets are due by Monday morning. Internet orders can be placed online at www.marketday.com by Noon on Monday, Feb. 2nd. If you need assistance, please call Tiffany at 373-6893. We thank you for your continued support!

Sports News:

Sports Schedules

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

St. Thomas Sports Pictures will be Taken on Monday, Feb. 9th

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

Boys Basketball Regionals/Sectionals for this week -

Tuesday, Feb. 3rd - 8th Grade Boys Basketball plays at the Philo Gym at 7:15pm for their 1st Regional Game

Wednesday, Feb. 4th - 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team plays at Chrisman at 6pm for their Sectional Game against Gifford.

Thursday, Feb. 5th - 8th Grade Boys Basketball plays at the Philo Gym at 6pm if they win on Tuesday night.

Let's Pack The Philo Gym on Tuesday night for Regionals for the 8th Grade Boys Team - They play at 7:15pm.

If they win, let's do it again on Thursday, Feb. 5th at the Philo Gym at 6:00pm!

St. Thomas 7th Graders will be in Sectionals this upcoming week at Chrisman. They will play on Wednesday, Feb. 4th at 6:00 p.m. Let's pack the Gym with our Green Crush! Come and Support our Tigers!!! Their Fan Bus will be leaving at 4:40 p.m. Call Mary to reserve a seat!

St. Thomas More High School News:

Empty Bowl-Art Club Fundraiser

The STM Art Club will sponsor an Empty Bowl Supper on Friday, February 13th 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 80th Birthday

Save the date and celebrate Msgr. Hallin's 80th 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 Mary Grady of The High School of Saint Thomas More who was named as an Illinois State Scholar. Congratulations to Mary on her great accomplishment.

Also, Kevin Grady has been named to the Dean's List in the University of Notre Dame's First Year of Studies for outstanding scholarship during the Fall 2008 semester.