

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

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Dates to Remember

MARCH

HEWING 16
Hot Lunch BBQ Pork
Spirit Wear Day

BAXLEY 17
American Heart Assoc. Day

MARTIN 18
8:20am-Chaplet/Gym
8:30am-Stations of the Cross
11:30am-3rd Gr Parent Luncheon
6pm-Fun Day Meeting/Library

VOLUNTEER NEEDED 19
Full School Day
No PM Bus Service
Report Cards
7pm-Tiger Talent Show/Gym
7pm-Lenten DVD Series/Library

20
No Bus Service
9:00am-Grandpeople's Visit to Classrooms
10:00am-Children's Mass (3rd)
Honors after Mass
Noon Dismissal
6pm-Stations of the Cross
6:20pm-Fish Fry

TRY OUR GIFT CARD PROGRAM WHICH EARNS THE SCHOOL \$\$\$--No extra \$\$\$ out of YOUR pocket!!!

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	Lowes
Red Lob/O Gar	Hallmark
TJ Maxx	Applebees
Gap/Old Navy	Marathon
And Lots More	

St. Thomas School
684-2309

School News:

St. Thomas School's Grandpeople's Day - Coming This Friday, March 20th
Schedule of Events:

9:00 a.m. - Classrooms open for Grandpeople to visit with their Grandchild(ren). [Grandpeople should report in the school office and we will have their oldest grandchild meet them in the gym to take them around to all of their grandchildren's classroom(s).]

10:00 a.m. - Children's Mass - We would like for the entire family to sit together if possible at church. **After Mass** - Honors will be presented and we will proceed back over to the school for a brief program put on by the 5th & 6th graders in the gym.

After the Program - Students will go to their classrooms to get their special made lunches for their grandparents, Msgr. Ramer will give the Meal Blessing, and everyone will enjoy a traditional "lunchroom" luncheon as a family.

12:00 p.m. School Dismissal

Please Note: Our Library Book Adoption Program will be available during Grandpeople's Day

St. Thomas Tiger Tots Preschool It's True!!! St. Thomas will have a preschool starting late August 2009! Registration began March 11th! Please help SPREAD the word about this exciting news!

Needing New Wooden Shelves for our Preschool - Anyone that can lend their time and talents for this exciting addition to our school can call Cathy Warnes at 684-3014 to sign up.

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!

Third Grade Parent Luncheon will be held this Wednesday, March 18th at 11:30 a.m. in the Concession Stand Foyer.

Thank You To All of Our Bus

"Cleaners" It was so nice for so many people to come out and help clean the bus. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to take pride in our school bus and St. Thomas School!

Talent Show Displays Parents, please let Mrs. Farney know if your child would like to display any items of their talents for the Talent Show!

Anita Crain, Principal
Mary Schumacher, Secretary

Math Counts Competition

The following students represented St. Thomas at the Math Counts competition held by the Engineering program at the University of Illinois on Saturday, February 14th.

90 Competitors-Our Students Placed As Follows:

Zack Thorson 56th; Jack Bolger 45th; Justin Deters 42nd; Joel Ping 35th; Hayden Harshbarger 34th; Nick Decker 21st; Megan James 17th; Chandler Bollman 13th; Sean Kelley 8th

Overall, St. Thomas received 4th place this year of 10 teams and was less than four points away from 2nd place for a very competitive finish. They are a wonderful group of students to work with and should be very proud of their achievement. Congratulations!

Education Commission

The Education Commission each year has members that rotate off of the commission. This year we will have 2-3 members from St. Thomas Parish leaving the commission and 1 from St. Patrick's, Tolono. We need to fill a seat for St. Mary's as well. We are looking for parents and/or parishioners who would like to have an active part in St. Thomas School's directions and opportunities. If you have any interest in serving a three-year term on the Commission (we meet the first Wednesday of every month), please call Msgr. Ramer regarding your interest.

Fun Day Meeting There will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library for anyone wishing to help plan the last day of school "fun day".

Need Help Serving Our

Confirmation Reception We will be having a reception for the 32 confirmation candidates, their sponsors, parents, family, and friends. Confirmation will be held at St. Thomas Church on Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. We would like to have 4 people from any of our parishes to set up and serve the reception at the school. Serving time would be after confirmation at around 8:00 - 8:15 p.m. If this is something you would be willing to do, please contact Lois Happ 684-2403 or Kathy Miebach at 684-2405. Thank you for your consideration to this wonderful event!

No PM Bus Service on Thursday, March 19th

No Bus Service on Friday, March 20th



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.:

STS Tiger Tales

Would you like up-to-date information each day from the school? Sign up to be put on our daily announcement list. All are welcome to sign up! Grandparents and parishioners of all our involved parishes are encouraged to be a part of our email announcements. Please email kthorson@stthomasphilo.org with your email address. Thank you.

Target & Their Take Charge of Education Program sent our school a check for \$136.35. Thank you to our parents, teachers, and many other school supporters using their REDcard (Target Visa Credit Card, Target Credit Card or Target Check Card) to make their purchases. Each time this card was used and we were the listed participating school with this card, Target donates up to 1% of the purchases. The more people involved, the more our school receives. All you need is a REDcard to enroll and participate. Enroll at Target.com/tcoe or 1-800-316-6142. Thanks again to all of our supporters!

Alumni News:

Ana Deters — The Alliance Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution and the Piankesaw Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution announced it's winners of the 2009 Good Citizens Award Program. All winners were local high school seniors who were selected by faculty and class for qualities like leadership and service. Ana Deters received one of two awards given from Unity High School. The winners wrote essays that will be entered into a scholarship contest.

Wendy Bosch Stokowski was awarded the Golden Apple Award this past week. Wendy teaches 5th Grade at Monticello. Every two weeks during the school year, NewsChannel 15 and Busey Bank honor a teacher in Central Illinois who is making a difference. The teacher is honored with a short segment on the Thursday 6 p.m. news and a Golden Apple Award plaque. Congratulations to Wendy.

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 **Ron Schiff**, our fourth 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.

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.

Sports News:

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

Annual Sports Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31st at 6:00 p.m. in the gym for all 4th-8th Grade athletes and speech students and their families.

7th Grade girls Volleyball came to an end for the season on Monday night in Thomasboro during Sectionals. This is the first time St. Thomas has been to sectionals for volleyball since 2001. This team gave it everything they had, but Decatur Lady of Lourdes brought a killer spike we could not stop. Our 7th grade Volleyball team has so much to be proud of this season. They all maintained their grades during the season, brought home 3rd place in the Illini conference, won Regional's and then made it to Sectionals. The girls that made up this team are Josie Powell, Regan Kelley, Randa Harshbarger, Megan James, McKenzie Martin, Anna Happ, Aileen Tierney, Emma Powell, Macie Dodd, Kayley Sollers, Morgan Carmien, Britton Grimm and Abbey Tierney. The coaches for this team are Robin Powell, Molly Kelley and Patty Tierney.

8th Grade girls Volleyball came to an end in the second match they played in Regional's Wednesday evening at home. The 8th grade team did not give up in the final match against St. Malachy. This team of girls also maintained their grades during the season and brought home a 3rd place trophy in the Illini Conference. These girls accomplished a lot this season and each of them should be very proud of what they did. The girls that made up this team this year are Camille Gay, Josie Powell, Regan Kelley, Randa Harshbarger, Megan James, McKenzie Martin, Anna Happ and Aileen Tierney. The coaches for this team are Robin Powell, Molly Kelley and Patty Tierney.

Both teams would like to thank each and every fan that came and supported them this season. Also the team would like to thank their families and their coaches for the time that was spent getting them to and from practices and games along with giving them their unconditional support and love.

As the Athletic Director, I am so proud of these girls. I had many wonderful things spoken to me directly about this team of girls regarding their attitudes, respect, and caring they displayed towards each other and other teams and their skills. Each person that spoke of them was very impressed with the whole team. Girls, thank you for a wonderful season and showing everyone that you came in contact what St. Thomas is all about! All of you are wonderful young ladies and I hope nothing but the best for each and every one of you! Great season.

The Saint Thomas Concessions effort this year was a huge success. We had 100% of families fulfilling their four-slot commitment, and many (who could not stay away from the fun of it all) going well above and beyond. Thank you to EVERY school family for supporting this important athletics fundraiser and service to our guests at our many events.

Parent Athletic Meeting
Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m.
Open to All School Parents