

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

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MARCH

DODD 23
Hot Lunch Chicken Strips
Spirit Wear Day

VOLUNTEER NEEDED 24

PING 25
8:30am-Stations of the Cross
Student Confessions

DODD 26
6:30pm-Athletic Parent Meeting
Open to All School Parents
7pm-Lenten DVD Series/Library

VOLUNTEER NEEDED 27
8:30am-Children's Mass (2nd)
Hot Lunch-Lenten Meal
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	Lowe's
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 - Open Registration is Now Taking Place. Kindergarten through 8th Grade - Call 684-2309 for More Information!

Tiger Tots Preschool Registration is Now Open to All 3 & 4 Year Olds. Call 684-2309 NOW to Reserve Your Child's Spot!

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! Last Chance To Sign Up

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!

Silent Auction is Open to Everyone

Everyone is invited to come at 6pm to be involved in the Silent Auction on Saturday, March 28th. The more people—the more FUN we will have! We have at least 50 wonderful items! Cubs tickets!!!! Bears Tickets!!! Ilini Items; a Rosary blessed by the Pope; Movie Packages; and many, many auction baskets! Come and join in on all the fun! Be prepared to walk away with a smile. WE HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU THERE! A Cash Bar with Soda, Beer, and Wine is available to all our guests.

Congratulations to Joel Ping and Hayden Harshbarger who competed with 58 other entrants at the University of Illinois Engineering Open House Middle School Design Competition on March 14th. This year's challenge was to build a ping pong ball launching system that could hit a target twenty feet away. Joel and Hayden designed a launcher that used air pressure and received 2nd Place overall. Also competing were 7th Graders Randa Harshbarger and Megan James. Congratulations to each of you on a job WELL done!

Earth, Wind, and Fire 5K Run at the U of I Campus

On Saturday, March 14, we had three students participate in this 5K run. Sean Kelley took 1st Place in his age group with a time of 20:58. Regan Kelley placed 2nd in her age group with a time of 23:40. Morgan Carmien placed 3rd in her age group with a time of 27:30. All three won medals for their performances. Way to go, Running Tigers!

Anita Crain, Principal
Mary Schumacher, Secretary

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.

Golf Outing Chairman & Committee Needed

If this is of interest to you, we would ask that you please call Lainey Hewing 485-5244 or the church office 684-2571 to sign up to be a member of this committee. This is 1 of our 4 major fundraisers for the calendar year. For the past several summers, our school has sponsored a golf outing in the local area. We need your help in order to make this happen again this year.

Lincoln Reading Program

The kids read 64 Abe Lincoln books and a total of 36,240 minutes throughout the month of February! 1st Grade read the most with 7,683 minutes and 4th Grade came in 2nd with 7,617 minutes! Special recognition goes to Kendal Hewing for reading 2,128 minutes! 53 of our students earned a trip to the Villa Grove movie theater to see a movie! Date will be announced soon....

Read-Read-Read

Math League Contest 7th & 8th grade

students recently participated in the Math League contest. Math League is an interschool league competition where students compete for the highest score as well as the highest team score using a variety of problem solving methods. The top five students in each grade level were as follows:

8th Grade

1st Sean Kelley
2nd Nick Decker
3rd Joel Ping
4th Camille Gay
5th Hayden Harshbarger & Lucas Decker

7th Grade

1st Megan James & Regan Kelley
2nd Randa Harshbarger
3rd Justin Deters
4th Chandler Bollman

Congratulations 7th & 8th Graders

Don't Forget to Order Your Market Day Items for this Month!!!

School News Cont.:

Spirit Wear Orders Order sheets have went home for the last time this year. They are due by next Friday, March 27th.

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.

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!

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!

Adopt-A-Book Program is now taking place at St. Thomas School for this year! If you are interested in adopting a book for our school library, please call the school office and ask for Bridgett, our librarian. Thank you for your continued support of our library.

Lent - "Let's Help Others" Program Next week's item for our School Lenten Project is a box of Kleenex. The Food Pantries in C-U both keep expressing their gratitude to our school for helping them fill their shelves during these hard times!

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. All 4th-8th Grade athletes and speech students and their families are invited.

The Athletic Department is looking for 1-2 people who are willing to schedule and keep track of who has and has not worked the concession stand/gate for the home games next year. This person(s) would also be responsible for notifying the AD of the supplies needed for the concession stand prior to the games. This person(s) is not responsible for working the stands/gates themselves to fill the spots. They are only going to be responsible for the above tasks.

The schedules for next year's sporting events will be complete by the time school is out for the summer so sign ups for the gate and concession stand will be available to all parents on Sign-Up/Fee Day. If this volunteer opportunity is something you would like to do, or are interested in getting more information on, please contact Lois Happ 684-2403.

I would personally like to THANK

Julie Gay for all she did for the Athletic Department these past 2 years!!! She was incredible in what she did and the amount of time she gave to our school and athletic program! Thank You Julie!!!
Lois Happ, A.D.

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

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. 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.



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!