

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

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Dates to Remember

OCTOBER

NO SCHOOL 9
Teacher's In-Service/Peoria
6pm-XCtry Spaghetti Dinner/Gym

NO SCHOOL 12

BOYER 13
Hot Lunch-Monicals
Spiritwear Day
3:30-6:30pm-Preschool Screening

GRAHAM 14
5:45pm-Athletic Pictures
6:15pm-PTO Meeting
Safe Environment Preview

DEEM 15

FINN 16
Picture Day
8:30am-Children's Mass (Farney)

HEWING 19
Hot Lunch-Beef Tips/Noodles
Spiritwear Day

VOL. NEEDED 20

KILLION 21
11:45am-8th Gr. Parent Luncheon

BAXLEY 22
No PM Bus Service

NO BUS SERVICE 23
8:30am-Children's Mass (McDonald)
End of 1st Quarter
3/4th Gr. Nursing Home Visit
11:45am-School Dismissal

Principal's Corner:

Each fall our STUCO plans a fall activity for students in grades 5-8. This year they decided to have a cookout. In planning the cookout, we chose the date of the Saint Thomas More High School Homecoming football game. So, last Friday, the STUCO officers planned and set up the cookout with help from a few parents and Mrs. Farney. Students brought games and ate dinner and had a wonderful time. After the cookout, about 25 students boarded the bus to go to the homecoming game. We had a great time at the game and our students represented St. Thomas School very well. I want to thank Mr. Schumacher for driving the bus for us that evening. I also appreciate the parents who helped with the cookout and chaperoned the trip to St. Thomas More.

Please remember that we are continuing the food drive throughout the school year. Collection boxes will be in the school foyer and students in Mrs. Deters' class will take care of delivering the donations. Each month we will choose a different pantry/charity to receive the donations. Thank you for your generosity.

We are continuing to work on upgrades to the school's computer lab and the school's website. If you are interested in helping our tech team, please call the school office.

I continue to be amazed at the generosity of time, talent, and treasure that our students benefit from. Thank you for continuing to support what we do at St. Thomas Catholic School.

School News:

Pencil Collection Philo 4-H Friends and the Champaign County 4-H Ambassadors are collecting pencils for the children of Iraq. In many schools, 4-5 children share one pencil. Please bring your donations to St. Thomas School. Thank you for your cooperation. Our goal is 1,000 pencils by October 31st.

Market Day is off to a fabulous start! Thank you to all who have ordered this year. I encourage you to sign-up online to receive money saving coupons every month. **Our next sale is October 30th.** This is our last sale before Thanksgiving!!!! Remember to order your desserts this month! The more you buy, the more St. Thomas earns during the Dessert Bonus Days! Please return your order forms to school or the back of church by 10/26; internet orders can be placed by 10/26 until 11pm. Please contact Tiffany Dodd for assistance at 373-6893.

Box Tops Our first turn-in date will be October 26th. Please bring in any and all GM Box Tops that you have at home to school or the back of the church. Thanks for helping our school earn \$\$\$.

Last year we earned over \$1,000 with all of your help!

STM 2010-2011 Admissions All 8th grade students and parents are invited to attend the STM Preview Night-Part 1 on Wednesday, October 21st starting at 6:00 p.m. Reserve your spot today by calling the school office at 352-7210. The High School of Saint Thomas More will begin accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year beginning Monday, November 16th.

Save the Date (STM) Friday

November 13th The Athletic Booster Organization (ABO) Dinner/Dance will be held on Friday, November 13th at the St. Matthew Great Hall. More details to follow!

Meijer Has Now Joined the Scrip (Gift Card) Program

Meijer's contribution is 3%. Stop by the office or after Mass to pick up your gift/grocery cards TODAY! Place bigger orders with Jean Tay by calling 369-2305 or email her at jtay8@yahoo.com. Thank you for helping earn our school \$\$\$\$ by using this program.

Child Find Preschool Screening

will be held at St. Thomas Catholic School on Tuesday, October 13. The screenings are for children ages 3-4 and will be done from 3:30-6:30pm. This screening is being done along with the Unit 7 School District. Please call 217-485-6510 to make a screening appointment or if you have any questions.

Cross Country

Come over to Kickapoo State Park in Oakwood to watch our athletes run their Sectionals on Saturday, October 10th starting at 10a.m. They are all having a GREAT season!!! Wear your spiritwear shirt with you and cheer them on to the finish line!

Athletic Pictures

Will be taken on October 14th starting at 5:45 p.m. and be done at 7:00 p.m. The following sports will have their pictures taken at this time:

Cross Country	Speech
Girls Basketball	Boys Basketball
Spirit Squad	

Speech Team - Please wear your Green Mass Day Shirts and Khaki's.

Safe Environment Curriculum for Catholic Schools

This curriculum is integrated into our school's regular instructional program throughout the school year. The Diocese requires that each school provide parents an opportunity to learn more about the program and the objectives being taught. Mrs. Roche will have a copy of the complete curriculum for review at the PTO meeting scheduled for October 14th. She will be available before and after the meeting for questions.

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

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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.

Tiger Tots Preschool Registration

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

We're on the Web!
Stthomasphilo.org

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