

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

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## Dates to Remember

### SEPTEMBER

14

#### SCAFF

1<sup>st</sup> Turn-In Day for Mag. Dr.  
Hot Lunch - Chicken Strips

15

#### TAY

16

11:45am-Kindergarten Parent Luncheon

17

2<sup>nd</sup> Turn-In Day for Mag Dr.  
6pm-School Open House  
Wiener Roast/Hayride

18

8:30-Children's Mass (McDonald)  
K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> -Nursing Home Visit  
11:05am-Bus Dismissal  
11:45am-School Dismissal  
PM-Teacher's Institute

20

7:30am-11:00am  
Biscuit & Gravy Breakfast/Gym

21

SCAFF  
3<sup>rd</sup> Turn-In Day for Mag Dr.  
Hot Lunch-Beef Tips/Noodles

22

DODD  
Vision/Hearing Screening

23

CARMEN  
8:30am-Final Turn-In for Mag Dr.

24

25

CARMEN  
8:30am-Children's Mass (Farney)

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**St. Thomas School  
684-2309**

**Live, Love, and Serve  
As Christ!**

## Principal's Corner:

I hope everyone was able to relax and enjoy the Labor Day Weekend. September is rolling right along and there are many events on the calendar. The school calendar may be seen on the school website. Families are able to print a copy for reference if needed. Otherwise, please know that Tiger Tales will help you stay up to date on current events as well.

We had a rousing assembly to start the magazine sale! Students are excited and motivated! Thank you for helping us with this very important fundraising opportunity.

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills will be administered next week in grades 3-8. Please help our students do their best by making sure they get plenty of sleep and eat a good breakfast.

The School Open House will be held this coming Thursday, September 17, at 6pm. The PTO is planning a wiener roast to follow the Open House events.

We have now split the preschool program into separate classrooms for three and four year old students. I would like to thank everyone for their support of the preschool. It has been a blessing to our school and the community.

Our Tech Team continues to help us get the computer lab and our websites up to speed. I appreciate your patience as we work to get things right. I want to express my appreciation to the Tech Team for the many, long hours they have put into the upgrading of the computer lab for our students.

We are truly blessed with wonderful support of time, talent, and treasure at St. Thomas School. Whether you are training altar servers, serving lunch, reading stories, coaching, or serving on one of our various committees—please know that you are greatly appreciated! May God bless you as you continue to Live, Love, and Serve as Christ!  
Gwenn Roche, Principal

## School News:

**Kindergarten Parent Luncheon** will be on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m. in the Concession Stand Foyer. This is a traditional luncheon where one or both parents come to spend the lunch time with their student. Usually, the parent brings a "to go" luncheon in for themselves and their kindergarten student. We hope everyone can make this special event.

**Class Elections** Junior High Class elections for Student Council 2009-2010 took place on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to our winners: Chandler Bollman, president; Justin Deters, vice-president; Aileen Tierney, secretary; Doug Hughes and Zoey Bryant, co-treasurers. We all look forward to a fun-filled and productive year!!!

**Apple Jacks** The students of Grades 7 & 8 were recently consulted about Kellogg's Apple Jacks breakfast cereal. Jessica Farney, daughter of Mrs. Farney, is a media planner whose current client is Kellogg's cereals. The company plan to introduce a new character to its Apple Jacks family and needed some information from a 11-14 year-old group. We were happy to help. As a thank you for our efforts, we received 2 cases of Apple Jacks cereal and our very own personalized poster from Kelloggs. We really enjoyed this opportunity.

**St. Jude's** We will be participating in the St. Jude's Children's Hospital Math-a-Thon in mid-October. Watch for details!

**The Annual School Open House** has been scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 p.m. in the school gym. Immediately after the open house, all are invited outside to a wiener roast and to go on hayrides.

**In The Computer Lab** we reviewed Safety Procedures and acceptable use policy. This year we will provide a greater focus on Keyboarding Skills and Word Processing for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades with one day dedicated to reinforcing those skills and the other day to special projects.

We completed diagnostic tests in Advanced Math and reviewed grading procedures. In 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, we reviewed key terms, estimation, and addition of fractions with unlike denominators. We are individually working on "multiplication in a minute" to improve our at-a-glance multiplication skills. We also discussed class expectations and grading procedures. I look forward to working with your children and to a great year!

Mrs. McKinney

**Support Our Girl Tigers** at their first Home Basketball Game of the season! On September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, St. Thomas will take on Holy Cross at our school gym. This year's Girl's Basketball team is as follows: Josie Powell, Anna Happ, Emma Powell, Morgan Carmien, Kayley Sollers, Britton Grimm, and Abbey Tierney. The coaches are Todd Grimm and Brent Carmien. There will be 2 games this night: The first one will be St. Thomas vs. Holy Cross, and the second game will be University High vs. Holy Cross.

**Reminder Parents:** If a student comes with their paying parent, the student will get into the home games free! If a student comes not accompanied by a parent, there will be an admission fee for that student. Fees for admission to regular season home games are: \$3.00 for Adults; \$2.00 for Seniors; and \$1.00 for students (K-8<sup>th</sup>)

**STS Tiger Tales** Sign up to be put on our daily announcement list. All are welcome to sign up! Please email [kthorson@stthomasphilo.org](mailto:kthorson@stthomasphilo.org) with your email address. Thank you.



## *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](http://Stthomasphilo.org)

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Wish List - We appreciate  
All of your donations!