

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

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SEPTEMBER

TAY	15
Hot Lunch Chicken Strips & Mac & Cheese	
3-8 Gr. Iowa Basic Testing	
MIEBACH	16
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DECKER, JANET	17
8:20 a.m. - Chaplet/Gym	
3-8 Gr. Iowa Basic Testing	
MIEBACH	18
3-8 Gr. Iowa Basic Testing	
HAPP	19
8:30am Mass (5 th)	
3-8 Gr. Iowa Basic Testing	

Principal's Corner:

God has given St. Thomas School another glorious week! The 7th and 8th Graders attended the Bishop's Catholic Schools Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary on September 10. Bishop Jenky's homily is still in our hearts to jump with faith into the arms of Our Father because he will always catch us and never let us fall. The group stopped at Avanti's, in Normal, on the way back for a very delicious lunch. I received many comments from adults about the respect for the Mass shown by our students and how nice they looked in their green Community Shirts. Thanks to Lucas Decker and his camera, we were able to get our picture taken with Bishop Jenky. We'll get that out as soon as we can.

The 6th graders' Peace Mass honoring our servicemen and women serving overseas was very beautiful. Msgr. Ramer gave a very moving homily, and we were all reminded how appreciated it is to be remembered, especially when so far from home. Families were asked to bring items to school to be mailed to an Army Medic (Mrs. Deters' friend) for distribution in Iraq.

We have extended our lunch time by 5 minutes. The start of lunch is still at 11:30, and the end time is now 12:05. Students and staff are enjoying the five extra minutes. We want to thank our lunch recess helpers for staying the extra five minutes as well. Also, when we have the Parent Luncheons, everyone will have another five minutes to enjoy time with their family.

Next week we will begin our Standardized Testing, using the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. For the past 5 years the Peoria Diocese Schools used the Terra Nova Test. Now, for the next five years, the Diocese Schools will be using the ITBS. Grades 3-8 will be testing. Please read the letters from the teachers concerning your child's testing schedule.

The magazine sales continue to zoom. If you have not been contacted by any of our students and you would like to help St. Thomas School with this fund raiser, please call the school office at 684-2309, and we will get the information to you. The sale will end September 18th. Many thanks to everyone who has worked so hard and given so much of their time to make the Magazine Drive successful.

Please keep in your prayers, Mrs. Deters and her family, for the passing of her nephew, Phillip Rincker, 23, in a tragic farming accident this past Thursday. LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

May the Lord hold you and keep you,
Mrs. Crain, Principal

Anita Crain, Principal
Mary Schumacher, Secretary

School News:

Red Cross & The St. Thomas Student Council (Gr. 7 & 8) This past week the amount collected by the Student Council for the Red Cross was well over \$275. They even donated all of last Friday's donut money to this great cause. Thank you for all of your participation in helping others who are suffering.

Foreign Exchange Student From Slovakia is in need of a Host Family for this school year. He is enrolled at Unity, playing soccer, and a Catholic who wants to attend church while in the U.S. Presently he is with a Welcome Family that is helping, but not able to host. He is a joy to be around. He helped here around the school for several hours and the staff just fell in love with him. If interested, contact Local Coordinator, Lil Van Vleet at 217-356-7819 or Lillymae@comcast.net For more information www.ciee.org/hostfamily/

The Magazine Drive Update Our goal is to reach 1,100 subscriptions and profit approximately \$7,000 to \$8,000. We need YOUR help to have a successful drive. Thank you in advance for any help you can give our school!

**2 Student Turn-In Days Left!!!
Tuesday, Sept. 16th
Final Turn in Day is Thurs, Sept. 18th**

Orders must be in by 8:30 a.m. on each turn-in day for Prize Credit!

Remember – if the entire school turns in 750 orders by Tuesday, September 16th – The Magic Pencil Pull Machine comes back alive and each student in the school will get one pull for various prizes such as \$\$\$, Class Pizza Parties, Candy, and Stuffed Animals.

Once the school surpasses 650 orders – We win an all-school ice cream party!

**SAVE THE DATE
PTO OPEN HOUSE & WIENIE ROAST**

**Thursday, September 25th
6:00 p.m. Starting in the Gym**

Buy Gift Cards at St. Thomas School for Gifts or Regular Shopping. Cards will be on hand at the School office or find order forms in the back of all churches!!!

Place orders in the Sunday Collection Baskets or call Jean Tay at 684-3395.

Next Order Sept. 15th

**Collect GM Box
Tops & Help
Support St. Thomas
School.
1st Submission
\$588**

**Drop them off at
school, in the back
of churches!**



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.:

Philo Phest Sunday Breakfast -

St. Thomas is hosting a Community Breakfast to close out the Philo Phest and we need your help. If you would like to come and be a part of the planning committee for this wonderful event, we will be having a committee meeting on Monday, Sept. 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. All are welcome!

Sign Up Sheets to help will be posted shortly in the back of church

Breakfast will be served from 8:45 a.m. until Noon or sold out! Serving Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, donuts, etc.

Market Day Update! We'd like to thank everyone who supported our September Market Day sale! Our school profited \$258 this month (this is \$101 more than the prior year)!

October is Market Day's BIG grocery giveaway! Purchase any item this month and be entered to win up to \$1,000 in free groceries from Market Day. Just one item purchased will qualify you.

Tasty treats away your trick or treaters this month.

(6135) Mini Jack O'Lantern Pumpkin Cookies
(3426) Fruit Snacks Variety Pack
(3453) Cheddar Cheese Guppies

Thank you for your continued support. If you haven't tried Market Day – this is the time to give it a shot!

PARENTS – We would like for your student to bring back to school their LLS Chaplets as soon as possible (1st – 8th Gr) . If you have found their chaplets since the beginning of school, please have your child bring it to their teacher. Thank you.

School Calendar/Sports

Calendars are on the Website!!!

Get up-to-the-minute information by going to the St. Thomas School Website at www.stthomasphilo.org . The "live" calendar is located on the right hand side of the page. Check it out - It's Great! Also, all sporting events will have a "live" calendar this year. Just click on "Athletics" to view all sporting event calendars. This should help all families, grandparents, neighbors, and friends know when events are at St. Thomas School. Be sure to pass the word!

Hot Lunch – Spiritwear Day!!!
Monday, Sept. 15th – Chicken Strips & Mac & Cheese

Sports News:

On Friday, September 5th, St. Thomas Cross Country team competed at Chrisman Cowchip Classic Meet

5th Grade Girls

Morgan Carmien 9th/24 17:43-Trophy-
Personal Best

Kayley Sollers 16th/24 19:38 - Personal Best

5th Grade Boys

Max Martin 22nd/25 19:36 - Personal Best

6th Grade Girls

Christy Lannon 2nd/83 14:30 - Trophy

7th Grade Girls

Randa Harshbarger 2nd/86 14:11-Trophy-
Personal Best

Regan Kelley 20th/86 15:11

McKenzie Martin 25th/86 15:33

7th Grade Boys

Nick Godsell 1st/103 11:35-Trophy &

Trophy for Best Boys Overall

Jack Bolger 8th/103 13:18-Trophy

Chandler Bollman 12th/103 13:32

Justin Deters 14th/103 13:37

8th Grade Boys

Sean Kelley 21st/79 13:37

Lucas Decker 27th/79 13:53

Congratulations to each of our runners!
Keep up the hard & rewarding work!

St. Thomas More High School News:

Future Sabers Cheer Clinic

Will be held on Sat., Sept. 20th in the STM Cafetorium from 1-4 pm. Instruction by the STM Varsity Cheerleaders will include cheers, jumps, and dance. Participants will receive a t-shirt, and are invited to perform at halftime of the STM Varsity Football game on Friday, September 26th. Cost is \$25 per child or \$20 per child if more than one per family member attends. Girls and boys ages K-8 are welcome. Please download the registration form at www.hs-stm.org and return by Sept. 16th. Call Coach Kris Harrington at 359-4140 with questions.

Music Program Fundraiser

I DO ! I DO ! – a delightful musical comedy that celebrates the ups and downs of 50 years of marriage. Saturday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 5th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Center in Urbana to benefit the STM Music programs. Featuring Jim Mayer & Jodi Prosser, with Music Direction by Nick Stefanic. Adults: \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door; Students: 8/\$10. Limited seating. Reserve tickets by calling 384-4860.

Kitchen Needs

Mrs. Tucker, Food Service Director, is asking all those with extra fruits and vegetables in their gardens, to send them to the STM kitchen. Many of the recipes include tomatoes and the kitchen will be glad to use your garden extras.