

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

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SEPTEMBER

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Hot Lunch Hamburgers	
3-8 Gr. Iowa Basic Testing	
DECKER, KIM	23
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VOLUNTEER NEEDED	24
MIEBACH	25
8:30am-Mass (4 th)	
6:00pm-Blessing of the Gym/Open House/Wienie Roast/Hay Rack Rides	
NO SCHOOL	26
Philo Fest Begins	
Philo Fest Breakfast @ 8:45am	28

Principal's Corner:

Dear Families and Friends,

Pope Benedict XVI has asked all Catholics around the world to remember and pray about our Church's greatest missionary, St. Paul. Starting this past week, we, at St. Thomas School, began using the letters of St. Paul as part of our Morning Prayer. On the 1st day of the month, a confirmation student will read the expanded verses of St. Paul and introduce that month's St. Paul antiphon. This antiphon will be added to the end of every Morning Prayer, followed by the St. Paul Prayer: **Dear Holy Spirit, come into every part of my being and make it a temple for Jesus Christ, to the glory of the Father. Pray for me, Saint Paul, to be a worthy instrument of the Gospel. Amen**

The antiphon for September is "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring (the) good news!" Please pray with us and rejoice as we go forward in faith during this Pauline Year.

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills testing is going well for Grades 3-8 and will continue through next week. We thank everyone for having their children well rested and nourished when they come each morning to start another school day.

Wednesday was our first day this school year to pray our St. Thomas School Chaplet together. Please join us on the 3rd Wed. of each month as we pray this very special Chaplet.

Our Cross Country Team and Girls' Basketball continue to do well. The Speech Team is working very hard on their daily practices and all of us are very excited to be a part of their November Meet in Mahomet.

We once again want to **THANK**, with our whole hearts, everyone supporting the **MAGAZINE SALES**. Each sale, no matter the size, benefits St. Thomas School and strengthens our commitment and mission to educate our youth to live their Catholic Faith and be the strong source of Evangelists our Lord asks from each of us.

Please keep in your prayers, Mrs. Farney and her family, for the passing of her father, William Riordan, this past Tuesday. **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Also, continue to keep St. Thomas School in your prayers and thoughts so we may continue our commitment to **LIVE, LOVE, AND SERVE AS CHRIST**, with joy.

Anita Crain, Principal

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Mary Schumacher, Secretary

School News:

Our Students Did a GREAT Job With Our Annual Magazine

Drive As of Thursday, September 18th, they sold a total of 950 subscriptions for the school!!! That is just suburb! Prizes were awarded to the top 3 selling families: \$250 Gift Card - Kendal & Maggie Hewing (107) \$100 Gift Card - Zack & Sam Thorson (70) \$50 Gift Card - Ethan, Evan, and Martina Miebach (57)

Also, a big majority of all our families will be attending a Cardinals Baseball Game in St. Louis in late April or early May 2009 for selling 15 or more subscriptions. Thank you for all of your hard work. We couldn't have done it without all of your help. A big **THANK YOU** as well to **ALL** of our customers who make this happen for our school!

We will accept subscriptions until Tuesday, September 23rd for anyone still interested in purchasing a magazine or CD.

**Hot Lunch is Spiritwear Day!!!
Monday, Sept. 22nd - Hamburgers**

4th Grade Class In computer class we went to freerice.com for the first time this year. (The website that gives food to the hungry, while we learn.) We were delightfully surprised. They have added math, foreign languages, and more language arts to their website! It was fun. We donated 16,880 grains of rice that day!

Fannie May Candy Sells will start the beginning of November this year and run throughout the entire month. Start planning now in regards to your Christmas List! We found last year that several business owners took advantage of our candy as gifts to their employees or customers. If you are interested, please contact the school and we will get you an order form this year. Orders will be delivered straight to a students' home this year on December 15th. No school pick-up is required. What a way to SHOP!

Market Day is excited to promote FREE groceries as part of the BIG GROCERY GIVEAWAY! Simply place an order for October and your name will be entered to win. Over 1,000 winners will be awarded! Don't forget to order Halloween treats for your little monsters!

Order on line at marketday.com until NOON on Monday, September 29; or return your order sheet to school/church by Sunday, Sept. 28th. If you have any questions, please call Tiffany @ 373-6893.

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. 29th

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. All are welcome!

Sign Up Sheets to help are posted 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.

Printer Cartridges/Cell Phone

Recycling Updated information regarding the recycling of Printer Cartridges & Cell Phones.

The companies will not longer accept the following:

Phones **WITHOUT** cameras (they will take camera phones only)

No Longer Accept:

HP2670A

HP2681A

HP2682A

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!

SAVE THE DATE
PTO OPEN HOUSE & WIENIE ROAST

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

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

Sports News:

On Wednesday, September 17th, St. Thomas Cross Country team competed in the Catlin Meet at Kickapoo State Park (Catlin-Rossville/Alvin-St. Paul-Georgetown-St. Thomas)

Girls

Randa Harshbarger 1st/18 14:40

Regan Kelley 2nd/18 14:50

McKenzie Martin 3rd/18 15:40

Christy Lannon (Ran in Boys' Race) 15:33

Morgan Carmien 10th/18 18:37

Kayley Sollers 14th/18 19:55

Boys

Nick Godsell 1st/33 12:05

Jack Bolger 4th/33 13:10

Sean Kelley 6th/33 13:18 (Season's Best)

Chandler Bollman 7th/33 13:26

Lucas Decker 8th/33 13:38

Justin Deters 9th/133 13:57

Max Martin 30th/33 20:19

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

Community News:

MOPS at St. Pat's in Tolono is Hosting a Scrapbooking Night for Any and All Scrapbookers!

Calling all scrapbookers! You are invited for a fun evening of scrapbooking, food and a chance to win raffle prizes.

St. Pat's MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is hosting a Scrapbooking Night on Friday, October 10 from 4 p.m. to midnight at the St. Patrick's Parish Center, 212 E. Washington, Tolono.

Register by September 26 for a special early registration fee of \$15 or pay \$20 at the door. Early registration includes 10 free raffle tickets. The price includes a meal, snacks and drinks. Proceeds will go to St. Pat's MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers).

Creative Memories Consultant June Kopmann will be available for supplies and assistance. People may preorder Creative Memory supplies by September 26 at www.mycmsite.com/junekopmann and will receive an additional 10 raffle tickets.

To register call Lainey at 217-485-5244. For more information visit www.stpatsmops.org

Foreign Exchange Student From Slovakia

has found a Host Family in the Pesotum area to live. Lil would like to thank everyone for their help in spreading the word. He will be attending our parishes on the weekends and would like to join our youth group here at St. Thomas School on Sunday nights. Any help people can give will be greatly appreciated. Contact, Lil Van Vleet at 217-356-7819

The Kendra Adams Benefit is in need of baked goods & "goodies" . . . pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, party mix, puppy chow, etc. for a Bake Sale and Cake Walk to be held at Kendra's Benefit on Sunday, Sept. 28th. Items can be dropped off at Unity East on Sat., Sept. 27 between Noon & 3pm or Sun, 9am to 12:30pm. Have your item packaged to sell.