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Congratulations Comets! YOU DID IT! Thank you so much for all of your efforts in helping us reach our school's fundraising goal for this Step It Up event! We had no doubt that you would make it happen! A huge thank you to our P.T.O. and Mrs. Kate Slevin for all of her help in coordinating this event! We raised over \$25,000 for our school!

Please don't forget our P.T.O. provides over \$45,000 a year to our school for various programs and items needed, so please don't forget to keep buying the Comet Cash. We have about any gift card you might want and many families buy them for gas and food too. It's a win, win! You can buy them through Mrs. Robenstein in the school office. Please look for more details from Angie throughout the year!

Thanks again, we're aiming at setting up our Day of Awesomeness for the spring! Other fundraising prizes will be given out soon and I will be perched on the roof next Friday! :)

GO COMETS!!!

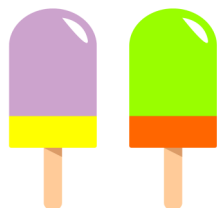
Mrs. Bentley



We did it! WOW! We knew we had amazing students and parents, but this is truly an overwhelming wave of AWESOMENESS! Thank you for making a difference during the STEP IT UP! fundraiser! You rock!
#stepitup #empoweredkidschangetheworld #schoolrules #makeadifference #dayofawesomeness

Student Council will be having a frozen treat sale on **September 30th**. For a \$1 donation, each student will get a popsicle.

The money collected will be used for the Neighborhood House Toy Drive.



Thanks for your support!!

It's Not Too Late to Mitigate Your 2020 Illinois State Income Tax Liability

We need your help through additional donations! So far this year we have only received donations to make awards to 18 students.

Please consider making a donation to the Invest in Kids Scholarship Program. You will benefit from the state tax credit and the students will benefit from the tuition assistance.

Through the Invest in Kids Act, Illinois children from low-income households have access to a new scholarship program that can provide up to 100 percent of their tuition and fees to attend a Catholic school.

These scholarships are funded by donations made by individuals and corporations to Empower Illinois, the Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) that represents the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Peoria.

HOW DOES IT WORK? An Example:

A Taxpayer Donates \$1,000

Individual donor designates the Catholic Diocese of Peoria Schools or a specific school as the beneficiary.

The \$1,000 gift becomes a student scholarship

The donation becomes \$1,000 in targeted scholarship funds.

The taxpayer claims a \$750 credit on their 2020 Illinois state income tax bill

The taxpayer receives a credit on their state income tax bill equal to 75 percent of their gift.

A student receives an excellent Catholic education!

Children receive an outstanding Catholic education that their families previously thought was unattainable.

Step-by-step donation instructions are available at:

<https://empowerillinois.org/donate/>



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2020 St. Thomas Golf Scramble

In support of the St. Thomas Sponsor a Student Assistance Fund
Hosted by: St. Thomas Men's Club

Friday, September 25th, 2020 • Mt. Hawley Country Club

All golf outing proceeds will be used in the support of the St. Thomas Sponsor a Student Tuition Assistance program. The net proceeds from this year's outing will fund \$500 scholarships for students of St. Thomas who demonstrate a financial need. It is the goal of the Men's Club to fund 15 scholarships for the 2020-21 school year. Your support of the golf outing is greatly appreciated.

GOLF REGISTRATION \$95 per person

Golfer sponsorship includes: Door prize ticket, green fees, cart, and dinner.

Registration Deadline Friday, September 11th • Late registration after September 11th, \$100 Per Person

DINNER ONLY \$25 Per Person / Dinner starts at 5:30pm.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

HOT SPOT SPONSORS

- Golf Beverage Sponsors: \$200 / Logo on Sign at beverage stations
- Dinner Sponsors - \$200 / Logo on table tents at dinner

[Click Here To Register or Sponsor](#)

TEE SPONSORS \$125 / 35 Sponsors

Placement of company logo sign at the Tee Box or at the Hole.

BE A PRIZE OR RAFFLE SPONSOR

Feature your business by donating a raffle or prize item. Please drop off prize or raffle item at 613 W. Glen Ave. Include donor information and value (optional).

- **Registration/Check-in 11:00am-11:45am**
- **Shotgun Starts at Noon (Be at your hole by Noon)**
- **Followed by a Steak Dinner at St. Thomas**
- **Registration Deadline Friday, September 11th**
- **Late Registration \$100 Per Person**

For more information please contact:

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Youth Sports ~ St. Thomas Community Center The Greater Peoria Family YMCA's **Rebound Program** (co-ed, ages 8-14) will not only teach the skills of teamwork and leadership but also spend dedicated time each week to foster development in the principles and values of the YMCA. Several sessions are scheduled from September 2020 through June 2021. For more information: <https://peoriaymca.org/rebound/> **Youth Volleyball League:** Co-ed, ages 7—14 Sundays from September 27—November 15 Children learn the fundamentals, focusing on basic skill development and proper technique. Participants progress from learning the rules to developing skills in the areas of underhand and overhand serving, setting, spiking, and digging. For more information: <https://peoriaymca.org/youth-development/youth-sports/>

The Comet Cash Program is offered all year as part of our PTO fundraising. We encourage all families to sign up to be a part of this great opportunity, to help you with your tuition as well as the PTO. For those who are active already, make sure you download the new RaiseRight mobile app.. If you have never signed up for the mobile app., it is easier and better than ever to use. Our school code is BA38E9AD7759.

We stock cards listed on the order form in RenWeb/FACTS. Additional retailers and card denominations can be viewed at shopwithscrip.com. You can send your orders through school, email angieroben-stein@stthomas-school.net or purchase after weekend masses.