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Newsletter—September 15, 2023

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Empower Illinois (Invest in Kids) needs our help!

The Invest in Kids Program, which has provided scholarships for many of our St. Thomas students', is due to be eliminated if the State Legislature does not add it back into the budget during the upcoming Fall Veto Session.

Through Empower Illinois, the Invest in Kids program has enabled many students throughout the State of Illinois to attend a private school instead of their local public school. Without this support many of these students would have to attend their local public school which is often less than ideal for the students and their families.

Empower Illinois is working very hard to convince our State Legislators of the importance of this program for Illinois students. As part of these efforts St. Thomas School will be given yard signs to hand out to our families in an effort to bring this program to the attention of our local community and our local legislators.

We would ask all of our families to pick up a yard sign and put it in your yard. Peoria is considered a priority district in this effort so the more signs and support we can show the better our chances of convincing our local legislators to support the Invest in Kids Program.

Even if you or your family is not directly affected by this program we would ask that you still show your support with a yard sign. This program is so essential to many of our students and families.

[Please fill out form here](#)

(Signs will be coming next week!)



Save My Scholarship

If the Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program is not renewed, then 9,500 students from low-income families will lose their scholarships, causing many to leave their best-fit school; additionally, the dreams of 26,000 more students on the waitlist will evaporate if the program is reduced or even eliminated.

Please visit
www.SaveMyScholarship.com
to tell your lawmaker to
TAKE ACTION!
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On the first Friday of the month, our first through eighth grade classes attend Adoration. Eucharistic Adoration is when we spend time alone with Jesus in the form of the host. Some have one-on-one conversations with Jesus, other pray traditional prayers such as a rosary, others read their bible or holy books, and some may choose to write in a journal about their walk with Christ. Classes sign up on the first Friday of every month that we are in attendance. We invite parents and grandparents to attend with their children on first Fridays, whether by joining their child's class or by signing them out of class for around fifteen minutes to spend side-by-side time at Adoration. Always double-check the time with your child/your child's teacher, as schedules sometimes change.) Please prayerfully consider if this is something you are called to do, even if only once during the year.

THANK YOU, COMETS!

With your generosity, we were able to raise over \$1,800 for the Sacred Heart School in Maui.

Our continued thoughts and prayers go out to all those impacted by this devastating fire. You will rebuild and come out stronger!

God bless you!

BE THE SPARK! GO STS!

Panera FUNDRAISING

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**September 21, 2023
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm CST
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Donut Sundays: After the Sunday morning Masses. Again this year, for each Donut Sunday, we will invite the students from a particular grade to be present for the 10:00 AM Mass. Some students will help with parts of the Mass, and even with the serving of the refreshments afterwards. Students from our school and CCD program are welcome. We encourage our families to attend, as it also gives our parents an opportunity to socialize together.

6th grade will host on Sunday, October 1!



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THOM'S MOMS

Margarita Meet

RSVP to Alexe Slevin @ #309-696-2301 and have your money to the office no later than Friday, Sept. 22nd!



\$20

GOOD TEQUILAS MEXICAN GRILL



CASH BAR

Saturday, September 30th
Good Tequilas -Peoria Heights-
6:00 P.M.

JOIN US FOR AN AFTER PARTY 8PM-
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PTO MEETING
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Mrs. Kenney's and Mrs. Kilian's classes enjoyed time outside enjoying popsicles, books and tag.



JOIN OUR
WAY TO BIKE!
CAMP

DESIGNED TO HELP YOUR CHILD GAIN THE SKILLS, CONFIDENCE, AND KNOW-HOW TO GIVE THEM THE EXTRA "PUSH" THEY NEED TO RIDE THEIR BIKES INDEPENDENTLY!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH AND SEPTEMBER 30TH @ 10 AM



THOM'S MOMS
Walk & Coffee Talk

Saturday, October 21st
9:00 am
Meet on Grandview Dr.
at the First Outlook

Friends Welcome
Please RSVP using our Link
Bring something to share!

WHAT TO EXPECT

- A unique camp designed by W2G Occupational Therapists, Drew + Hannah
- Two, 2 1/2-hour sessions
- 1st session -An individualized plan that will include exercises, strategies, and tips
- 2nd session -Review progress, more practice, + make any needed adjustments

5 YEARS AND UP

WHO Do you want to teach your child how to ride a bicycle but don't know where to start? Has your child been practicing for months but they just can't seem to ride independently?

\$100 Registration Fee

CAMP LOCATION Bicycle Safety Town
6518 N Sheridan Rd. Peoria, IL

REGISTRATION waytogrowpediatrics.com

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