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# Newsletter—September 29, 2023

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**Our Peoria Area Catholic schools are coming together to support the Invest in Kids Act!** We are working to collectively fill a bus or two to travel to Springfield to show our support for this program at the state capital. This trip will take place on Tuesday, October 24. The buses will leave at 9:00 a.m. from St. Phil's and return by 4:00 p.m.

If you would like to join me, please complete this form below. We appreciate your support and don't forget if you can't make this trip, PLEASE consider coming to the town hall meeting at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mark's school gym on Thursday, October 12.

The yard signs should be arriving any day now, if you would like to place one in your yard to support your fellow Comets, please e-mail [jillianwayne@stthomas-school.net](mailto:jillianwayne@stthomas-school.net) If you have already told us you're willing to do so, there is no need to respond.

**Trip to Springfield: Come Join Us!!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054AABAF28A5F94-44696438-peoria>



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](http://www.SaveMyScholarship.com)**

**to tell your lawmaker to**

**TAKE ACTION!**

**#SaveMyScholarship**

**@EmpowerIllinois**



Region I Catholic Schools is hosting a town hall meeting with some of our local legislators. We are trying to drive home the importance of KEEPING the Empower IL scholarship for IL families. We need as many staff, parents, donors, and parishioners there. Comets let's pack the gym!

**THURSDAY. OCTOBER 12TH**

**6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**St. Mark's School Gym**

**Earn 1.5 volunteer hours for attending!**



Wednesday, October 4, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The feast commemorates the life of St. Francis, who was born in the 12th century and is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment.

We will have our annual Blessing of the Animals on Wednesday, October 4 at 8:45 a.m.

Parents are welcome to bring their family pet and gather in the space marked off by cones. Students will come out and may join the parent for the blessing of their animal.

Please keep pets in the center of the cones. As the students come out, they will line up around the coned off area.

Join us for our annual  
**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**  
to celebrate  
*St. Francis of Assisi*  
Wednesday, October 4th  
@ 8:45 a.m.  
St. Thomas Back Parking Lot

\*\*\* If you cannot bring your pet, don't forget to bring a photo from home!

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**2023-2024**  
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**HALLOWEEN PARADE**

**COMETS**

**YOU ARE INVITED**

**Tuesday, October 31st**  
**2:15 PM (GYM Doors Open @ 2)**

**Kinder-3rd Grade**  
**STS GYM**

**K-8TH PARTIES**  
**2:30-3:15 PM**



**PRIZES FOR WINNERS!**

**COMETS**

**HAPPY DECORATING!**

**IT'S OUR ANNUAL STS PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST**

**PUMPKINS JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:**

- \* SCHOOL SPIRIT! GO COMETS!
- \* SPORTS SUPER FAN
- \* SPOOKIEST AND SCARIEST
- \* BEST ANIMAL
- \* MOST CREATIVE
- \* FUNNIEST

**Pumpkins due to the front office by Friday, October 27th!  
Start bringing them in on the 25th**

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