



# Newsletter—October 13, 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 us, please complete this form below. We appreciate your support!

The yard signs are here! 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>



# 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](http://www.SaveMyScholarship.com)**  
**to tell your lawmaker to**  
**TAKE ACTION!**  
**#SaveMyScholarship**  
**@EmpowerIllinois**

Hey Thom's Moms and friends,

Put on your sweatpants and tennis shoes and join us for the 2nd Annual Coffee Walk and Talk on Grandview Drive! We will meet on Saturday, October 21st at 9 am at the first overlook near the picnic tables. Come walk with friends and enjoy this beautiful fall weather! RSVP using the Sign Up genius link provided below. If you would like to bring an item to share, please use the drop down options to select from. We look forward to seeing you there! Any questions, please text Allexe Slevin at 309-696-2301.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A5AB2BABFEC07-45146899-coffee>





**Outdoor Recess:**

Students should be encouraged to engage in physical activity during recess year round...including winter--- unless temperatures are dangerously cold or when it is raining. Every child, unless excused by reason of ill health, is expected to comply to the outdoor guidelines set at St. Thomas. Please keep in mind that winter air does NOT cause or worsen minor symptoms as long as children are dressed appropriately. Extended indoor recess requests require a doctor's note.

**Guidelines**

Students will be outside at all recesses when the temperature (including wind chill) is 15 degrees or above and it is dry. Temperature is checked throughout the day during cold weather.

Students need to dress adequately for cold weather by wearing coats that close, hats or ear bands, pants or tights/ leggings, and mittens or gloves. Students will also be required to stay within the designated areas to avoid unnecessary wetness. Students may bring boots to wear for warmth, however, *playing IN the snow during recess is not allowed.*



**COMETS**  
**2023-2024**  
**YEARBOOKS**  
**ON SALE!**  
**NOW**  
**PRE-ORDER BY OCT. 31ST**  
**& RECEIVE 10% OFF**  
**CLICK THE LINK!**

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2023 -2024 yearbook sales have begun! Order before October 31st and save 10%. Follow [this link](#) to log in using last year's account or to create a new one.

ALL KIDS meet at the friendship bench!

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH | 5:30-7:30 PM  
 ST. THOMAS BACK PARKING LOT  
 PARK IN A RECTANGLE  
 WITH YOUR DECORATED BACK FACING OUTWARD

CANDY & NON-CANDY OPTIONS WELCOME (OK TO ALLERGIES APPROX. 500Y+ PRICES)

5:30-6:00 PM  
 BACK LOT OPENS FOR SET UP/IN-LAGTE  
 6:00 PM  
 GATES CLOSE- NO NEW VEHICLES  
 TRUNK-OR-TREAT UNTIL CANDY IS OUT  
 7:30 PM  
 GATES OPEN TO VEHICLES LEAVING THE LOT

**COMETS23** Concessions!

\*\*\* IF YOU ARRIVE AFTER 6 PM, PLEASE PARK OUTSIDE & WALK IN  
 DO NOT START TRUNK-OR-TREATING BEFORE THE SIGNAL!  
 FOR SAFETY REASONS, CARS CANNOT BE MOVED UNTIL 7:30PM

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

**START EARNING FOR STS NOW**

Use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipts for participating products. STS will automatically earn cash with every Box Tops product you buy.

In order to earn cash for STS, you'll need to use the Box Tops App on your mobile device!



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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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See flyer that our St Thomas families could start sharing with friends and family now for our 2023 Wreath sales. These items are available for order until November 15, 2023, and will ship right to their door! The PTO will receive \$10 for each order. We will still be having the regular Wreath sales for local friends and family members beginning around the 26th of October and ending November 10th. These orders will be delivered to the school by December 1st and families will be able to distribute orders immediately upon pick up.

## ST THOMAS SCHOOL 2023 Holiday Online Wreath Fundraising



### Balsam Fir Wreath 22"-24"

made with fragrant balsam fir

**Price: \$52.41**



### Lake Superior Wreath 25"

made with lush balsam fir and berried juniper

**Price: \$57.18**



### Holiday Centerpiece 13" tall

made with a long-lasting fir base and mixed greens in a high-quality basket

**Price: \$53.87**



### Lake Superior Swag 24"-26"

made with lush balsam fir and berried juniper

**Price: \$52.43**



### Itasca Wreath 25"

made with lush balsam fir, white cedar and red pine

**Price: \$57.18**



### Voyageur Wreath 25"

made with lush balsam fir, white cedar and red pine

**Price: \$57.18**



### Itasca Swag 24"-26"

made with lush balsam fir, white cedar and red pine

**Price: \$52.43**



### Voyageur Swag 24"-26"

made with lush balsam fir, white cedar and red pine

**Price: \$52.43**

**St Thomas School is pleased to present our on-line  
2023 Wreath Fundraising Program.**

**Simply scan the code or head to**

**<https://my.evergreenindustries.com/stthomasschool>**

**Be sure to include STTHOS  
as your FUNDRAISER CODE when ordering.**



St Thomas School  
Friends & Family 2023

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