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Newsletter—October 24, 2025

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On Friday, October 31, our primary grade children (K - 3rd grade) will have a Halloween celebration. The children may bring **school appropriate** costumes (weapons and costumes of a violent nature are to be avoided) and change shortly before their parade. Starting at @ 1:10 p.m. the Kindergarten children will parade through the 1-3 classrooms. K - 3rd grade will go to the gym to parade for parents who wish to come.

The Parade for Parents will begin @ 1:20 p.m. **in the gym**. In order to avoid congestion in our hallways, **ALL** parents are asked to come to our gym between 1:10p.m. - 1:15 p.m. for the parade. Please enter the school through the gym door entrance, which will be open @ 1:10 p.m., and go directly to the gym.

Parties for grades K-8 will start at 1:30 p.m. in their classrooms and will conclude @ 2:15 p.m. to allow time for an end-of-the-day wrap-up with the children before the 2:30 p.m. dismissal. **We are requesting that parents leave the classrooms at 2:15 p.m.!** In order to promote greater security and safety for our children, we also ask that parents **NOT** take students from the classroom at 2:15 p.m., but wait for them to be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. Your cooperation and support is appreciated!





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PRIZES FOR WINNERS!

HAPPY DECORATING!

COMETS

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 Tuesday, October 28th!

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COMETS

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Friday, October 31st

Dress in your favorite Halloween attire with uniform bottoms!

Socks, shirts, hats, bows, orange & black

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HALLOWEEN 4TH GRADE CANDY DRIVE

BRING ANY UNWANTED OR EXTRA CANDY TO YOUR HOMEROOM ALL DONATIONS BENEFIT OUR ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY

NOVEMBER 3RD-5TH

St Thomas THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

TANNER'S ORCHARD

1947 SINCE 1947 2022

75th ANNIVERSARY

DONUT SALE

\$15/DOZEN

\$\$\$ & ORDER FORMS DUE BY NOVEMBER 3RD TO THE FRONT OFFICE!

CHECKS ACCEPTED BUT CASH PREFERRED (CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO ST. THOMAS PTO)

DONUT PICKUP - NOVEMBER 12TH

COMETS

Celebrate DAY OF THE DEAD

OCTOBER 31ST

Please send a photo of a deceased loved one to school by Friday, Oct. 24th so we can add them to our Dia de los Muertos remembrance table.

Each grade level will be discussing Hispanic traditions and creating something colorful to add to the display.



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CMGConnect

DIOCESE OF PEORIA



End-User Instructions

Getting Started:

1. Go to <https://Peoria.cmgconnect.org/>
2. Create a new account by completing all the boxes under the **Register for a New Account** area. This includes your address, primary parish, and how you participate at your parish or school. If you have questions please contact your parish/school coordinator.
3. Your dashboard will show you the required and optional training curriculums that have been customized for your particular role within the Diocese.
4. Click  under the Safe Environment Training-Peoria to begin.
5. On the last page of the curriculum, submit your background check information.
The curriculum will be marked "Resume" until your background check is processed and reviewed by the diocese. Processing can take up to 7-10 business days.
6. If needed, you can access your completion certificate after you are certified by returning to the training dashboard and clicking **Print Certificate**.



For technical assistance, contact us via the  button found in the bottom right corner of the web page.

Last Updated: 02/13/20

REMINDER: Diocesan requirement for volunteers.

Please check to see if you have expired! Training is good for 5 years.

All volunteers of the school and parish (those who work with or have contact with children) must have completed the Safe Environment workshop prior to working with our children.

To complete the training go to

<https://cmgconnect.org/> online training hub

Find your Diocese - Peoria

Set-up an account

Complete Safe Environment Training for **Volunteers**—not employees

Create ONLY ONE user account. If you have forgotten your log in – email safeenvironment@cdop.org

If you have already completed the online training, it will show as complete when you log in.

If you have expired, you must take the RENEWAL Training – complete the background check and CANTS at the same time. These are uploaded – do not print and send to the office. Follow the prompts to submit.

We appreciate your support by completing these mandatory steps for volunteers. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

2025 Saint Philomena Chess Tournament

Saturday, October 25th, 2025

3216 N. Emery Ave, Peoria, IL

Register Here—

<https://www.kingregistration.com/event/25StPhills>



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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
ST. THOMAS
Progressive Dinner
Safeguarding our Children
Saturday, November 8th

5:00-6:30 PM

Hors d'oeuvres & Cocktails hosted at
the home of Laura & Allen Cullinan

7:00-8:30 PM

Small group dinners at private homes
Prior to the event, attendees will be emailed their host homes

8:45-10:30 PM

Dessert and auction at the
Country Club of Peoria

Price per person: \$50

Register online or via this form, please make checks payable to
St. Thomas the Apostle and turn in at the parish or school office.

Registration deadline: October 27th

When ordering tickets, please list any dietary restrictions or
allergies. Any questions, please reach out to the parish or
school offices.



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JOIN US FOR
ALL SAINTS DAY MASS
OCT 30TH - 2:30 PM

BEFORE MASS, JOIN US IN THE CHURCH
FOR GRADE LEVEL SAINT
PRESENTATIONS BEGINNING AT 2:10 PM



NOVEMBER 10th-14th

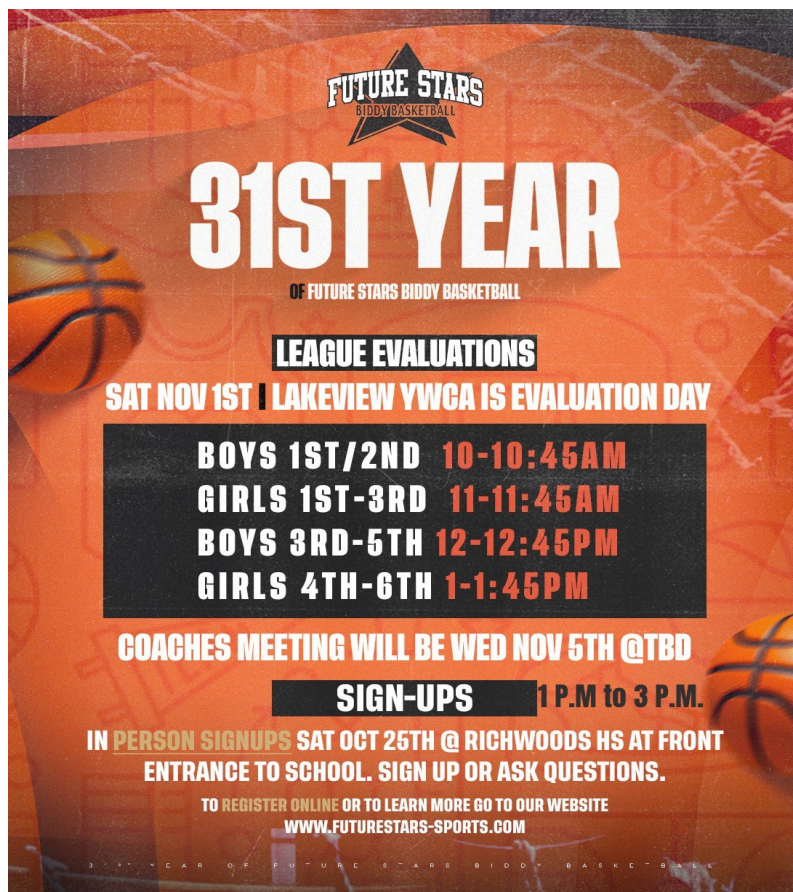
ST. THOMAS SCHOOL
Thanksgiving
FOOD DRIVE

St. Thomas THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

NOW ACCEPTING CANNED FOOD AND
NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS
All donations benefit the St. Thomas Food Pantry!

"And do not forget to do good and to share with
others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

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FUTURE STARS
BIDDY BASKETBALL

31ST YEAR
OF FUTURE STARS BIDDY BASKETBALL

LEAGUE EVALUATIONS
SAT NOV 1ST | LAKEVIEW YWCA IS EVALUATION DAY

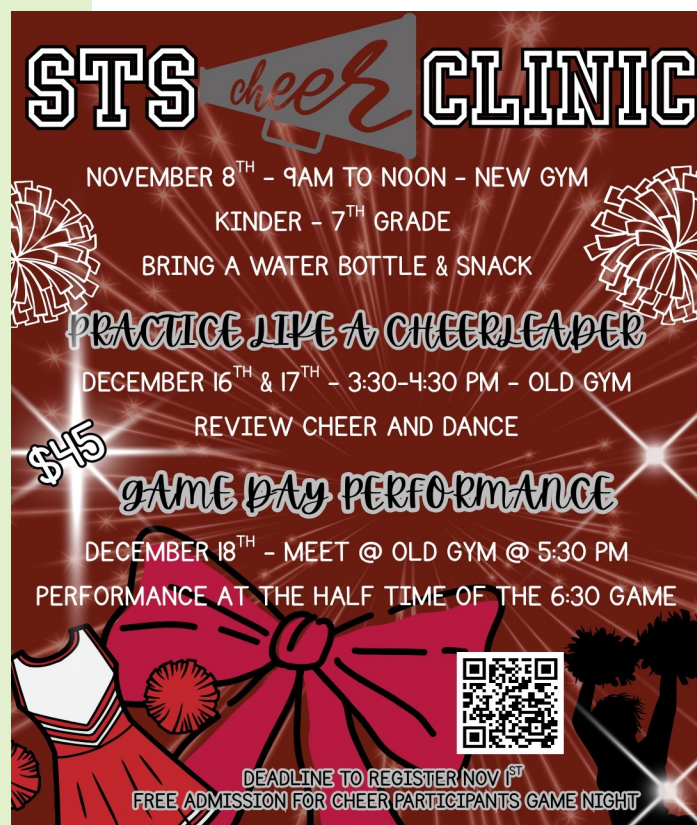
BOYS 1ST/2ND 10-10:45AM
GIRLS 1ST-3RD 11-11:45AM
BOYS 3RD-5TH 12-12:45PM
GIRLS 4TH-6TH 1-1:45PM

COACHES MEETING WILL BE WED NOV 5TH @TBD

SIGN-UPS 1 P.M to 3 P.M.

**IN PERSON SIGNUPS SAT OCT 25TH @ RICHWOODS HS AT FRONT
ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL. SIGN UP OR ASK QUESTIONS.**

TO REGISTER ONLINE OR TO LEARN MORE GO TO OUR WEBSITE
WWW.FUTURESTARS-SPORTS.COM



STS cheer CLINIC

NOVEMBER 8TH - 9AM TO NOON - NEW GYM
KINDER - 7TH GRADE
BRING A WATER BOTTLE & SNACK

PRACTICE LIKE A CHEERLEADER
DECEMBER 16TH & 17TH - 3:30-4:30 PM - OLD GYM
REVIEW CHEER AND DANCE

\$45 GAME DAY PERFORMANCE
DECEMBER 18TH - MEET @ OLD GYM @ 5:30 PM
PERFORMANCE AT THE HALF TIME OF THE 6:30 GAME

DEADLINE TO REGISTER NOV 8TH
FREE ADMISSION FOR CHEER PARTICIPANTS GAME NIGHT





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"A" Honor Roll

Mrs. Kilian 6th Grade— Cisco Alanis, Teresa Arriaga, Gigi Fontana, Donald Genzel, Adele James

Mrs. Showalter 7th Grade— Claire Coad, Elena Mendez, Mason Mohning

Ms. Tomlin 8th Grade— Bryan Le, Amalea Mouro, Noelle Shields, Zoe Torres Ravelo

Mrs. Ward 8th Grade— Juliana Hudson, Morghan James, Katie Lai, Mazzy Parry, Ella Schmidt

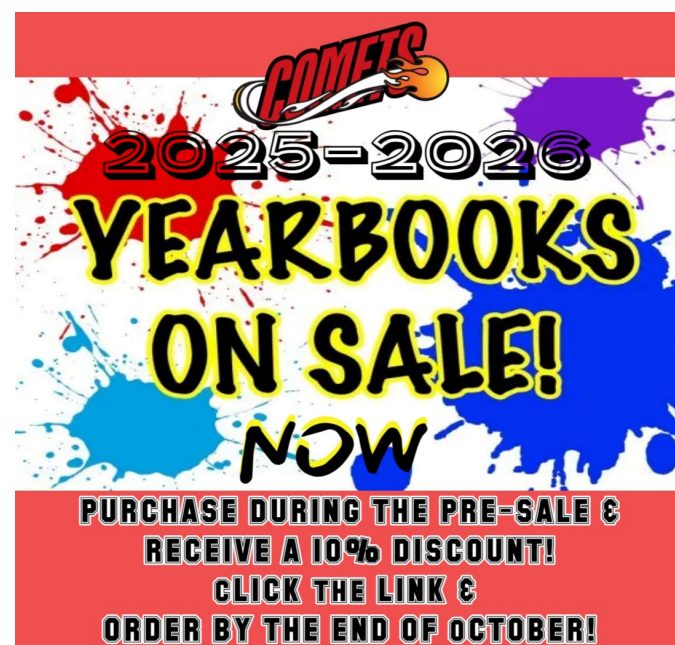
"B" Honor Roll

Mrs. Kilian 6th Grade— Joshua Braet, Jeffrey Craig, Henry Gardner, Geri Olson, Blake Whitten

Mr. Showalter 7th Grade— Oscar Ayoub, Allyson Camargo, Amelia Dobereiner, Harry Koszuta, Nick Lynch, Leo Schendl, Samantha Wayne, Zoey Young, Gabby Zimmerman

Ms. Tomlin 8th Grade— Jonah Beyer, Natalie Braet, Marisa Leon, Onyx Martin, Bella Menchaca, Christina Pag-ong, Emelia Ritterbusch, Paul Schramm, Caleb Whitten

Mrs. Ward 8th Grade— Jax Cowan, McKinley Dennhardt, Alexis Dinh, Evie Olson, Aberdeen Rasch, Riley Reusch



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2025-2026
YEARBOOKS
ON SALE!
NOW
PURCHASE DURING THE PRE-SALE & RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT!
CLICK THE LINK & ORDER BY THE END OF OCTOBER!

Use [this link](#) to login and order your copy today!
Purchase by October 31st to save 10%.

Track It Forward is an app available on the Apple app store and Google Play. You may also see it called Volunteer Time Tracking in the app store when searching for it. We encourage parents to download the Track It Forward app to their phone to ensure hours are logged upon completion. Go to: Find an Existing Site and type in St. Thomas the Apostle Peoria Heights. Click to register.



TRACK IT FORWARD



DOWNLOAD THE TRACK IT FORWARD APP

PLEASE ONLY CREATE ONE LOGIN PER FAMILY!

Email Questions to
comethours@gmail.com