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## Newsletter—October 16, 2026

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### Student Corner:

Congratulations to a couple of our STS students:

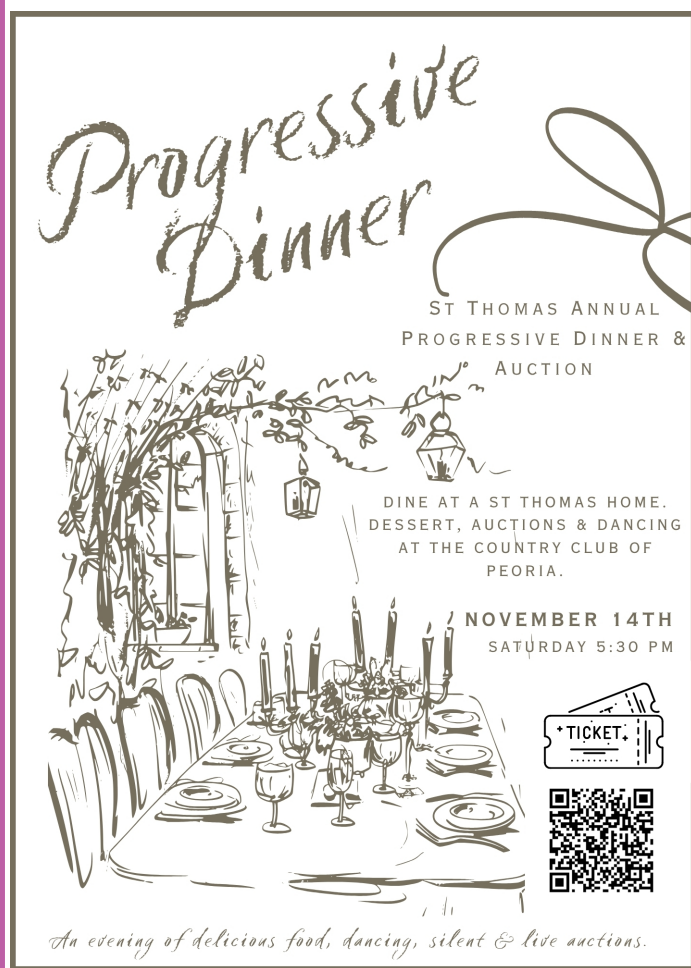
Oscar Ayoub who will be competing in the IESA State Cross Country Meet.

Maria Cadenas who made ILMEA Jr. district band! She will perform in a special concert on November 8!

We wish you the best on your upcoming competitions!

Tickets are now on sale for our annual Progressive Dinner & Auction on November 14th. Attendees will dine at a St. Thomas home and then progress to the Country Club of Peoria for desserts, a live auction, and dancing. The event's silent auction will open online on November 7th.

[Purchase your 2026 Progressive Dinner & Auction tickets here!](#)



**It is time to order your yearbook!**  
The 2026/2027 yearbook is officially for sale. Use [this link](#) to place your order. All sales before October 31st save 10%!



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### **FUTURE STARS**

**BIDDY BASKETBALL**

**32ND YEAR**  
LEAGUES FOR BOYS & GIRLS

#### **LEAGUE PRACTICE / EVALUATIONS**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**  
**LAKEVIEW YWCA**

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

#### **IN-PERSON SIGNUPS & QUESTIONS**

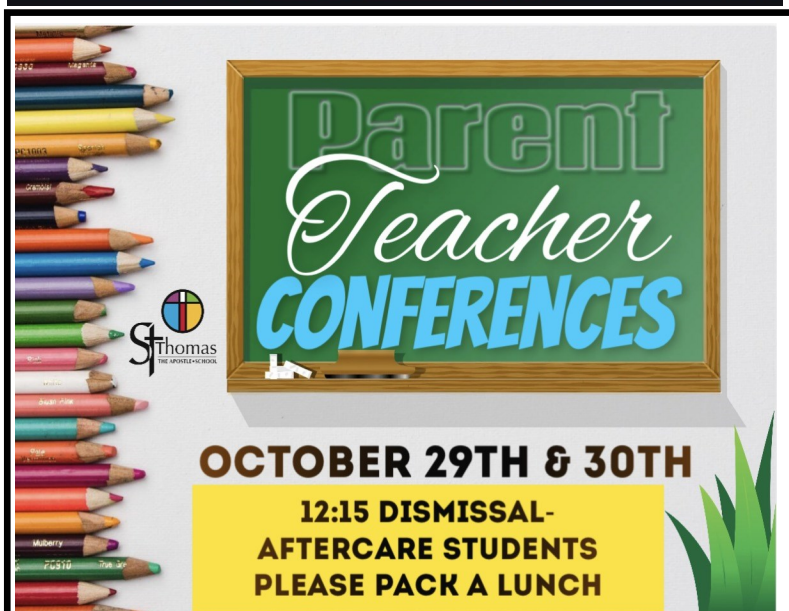
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 • NOON-2 PM**  
**RICHWOODS HIGH SCHOOL**  
Front entrance

#### **COACHES MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 • TIME/LOCATION TBD**

Join the thousands of previous boys and girls who have gone through the program.

**SIGN UP ONLINE**  
**WWW.FUTURESTARS-SPORTS.COM**



## **Parent Teacher CONFERENCES**

**OCTOBER 29TH & 30TH**

**12:15 DISMISSAL-  
AFTERCARE STUDENTS  
PLEASE PACK A LUNCH**

Conferences are required! All parents were sent an email and reminders to sign up. Check your spam if you did not receive the emails and get signed up ASAP!

# DONUT SUNDAY

Come join us at the 10am Mass to see the students from each grade level participate in the liturgy and enjoy donuts in the parish hall afterwards.

September 13, 2026- 2nd Grade

October 4, 2026- 1st Grade

November 1, 2026- 3rd Grade

December 6, 2026- 4th Grade

January 10, 2027- 7th & 8th Grade

February 7, 2027- 6th Grade

April 11, 2027- Pre3, PreK, Kindergarten

May 2, 2027- 5th Grade



## **PRIZES FOR WINNERS!**

**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 Tuesday, October 27th!**

Pumpkins may be brought in starting on Monday, October 26. Please have all pumpkins turned in on Tuesday, October 27 for judging. All pumpkins must go home on Friday, October 30. Any pumpkins left will be thrown away.



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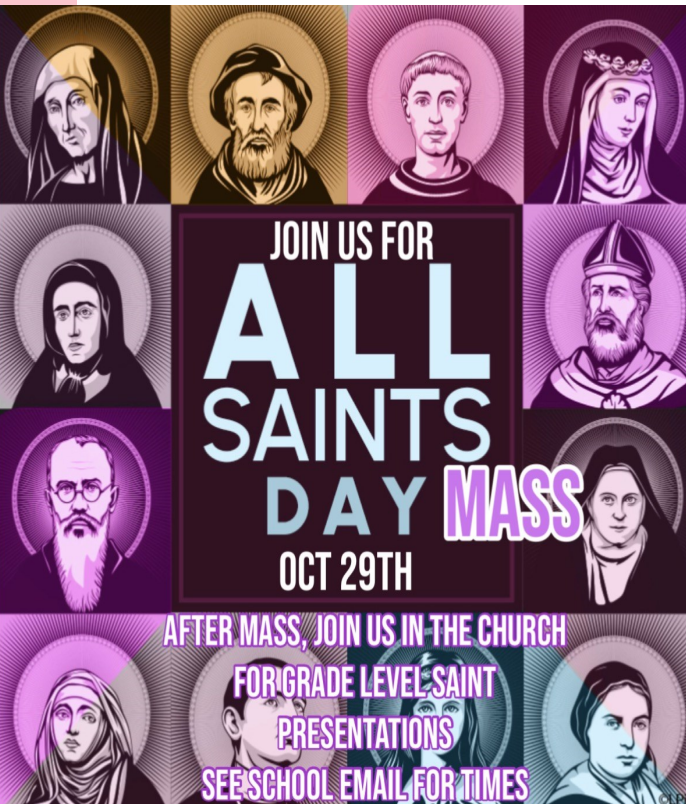
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## HALLOWEEN PARADE



**YOU ARE INVITED**  
**Friday, October 30th**  
**11:00 (Gym Doors Open @ 10:45)**  
**Kinder-3rd Grade**  
**STS GYM**  
**K-8TH PARTIES**  
**11:15-12:00**  
**Early Dismissal 12:15**



**JOIN US FOR**  
**ALL SAINTS DAY MASS**  
**OCT 29TH**  
**AFTER MASS, JOIN US IN THE CHURCH**  
**FOR GRADE LEVEL SAINT PRESENTATIONS**  
**SEE SCHOOL EMAIL FOR TIMES**



*Celebrate*  
**DAY OF THE DEAD**  
**OCTOBER 30th**



Please send a photo of a deceased loved one to school by Friday, Oct. 23rd 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.

You're invited to join 6th Grade as they present their  
**ALL SAINTS DAY - LIVING SAINTS WAX MUSEUM**  
**NOVEMBER 2nd - CHURCH HALL - 1:30-3:00 pm**



**OPEN TO ALL PARISH AND SCHOOL FAMILIES!**





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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](mailto: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.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

## HAPPY VETERANS DAY

Happy Veterans Day to all the brave men and women who served our country and fought for our freedom! ...

St. Thomas invites all school families and parish veterans to join us on Wednesday, November 11, at 9:00 AM for a special prayer service honoring the brave men and women who have served our country. ❤️🕊️💙

Following the service, our 5th grade students will be hosting coffee and donuts for all veterans as a small token of our gratitude and appreciation for their service and sacrifice.

 Veterans, please join us! We are honored to celebrate you!

 Please scan the QR code to RSVP.

### HONORING ALL WHO SERVED