

Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 12, Wed: School Picture Day
- Oct. 19, Wed: Google Workshop for Parents, 6:30pm, classroom 8T
- Oct. 22, Sat: 7th & 8th grade dance, 7-9pm, Gym
- Oct. 26, Wed: Report Card Distribution
- Oct. 26 & 27, Wed & Thurs: Conferences & Book Fair (learning center)
- Oct. 27, Thurs: Half-day School, dismiss at 11:30am
- Oct. 28, Fri: No School
- Oct. 30, Sun: Trunk or Treat, 3-5:30pm, parking lot
- Nov. 1, Tues: PTO Meeting, 6pm, Learning Center
- Nov. 1, Tues: 5th grade Saints in Heaven, after 9am Mass, gym



New pickup procedures will begin on October 17. Please review the material that will be sent home in the near future.



All Saints Day Reminder:

All Saints Day, November 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a vigil Mass at 5:30pm on Monday, October 31 and on Tuesday, November 1 Mass will be at 7am, 8am, 9am (school) and 5:30pm. If you cannot attend at any of these times, visit www.masstimes.org and type in your zip code to see a listing of Peoria-area churches and their Holy Day and Vigil offerings.

The 5th graders will host their annual Saints in Heaven after the All Saints Day school Mass on November 1. Plan to attend the Mass & then come to the gym for our living museum of Saints. You will be impressed!



The Explore test for PND class of 2016 will be Sat, Nov 5. Visit www.peorianotredame.com to register.

Annual Benefit Auction
November 12 at
St. Philomena School
RSVPs due by Nov. 1



St. Phil's Trunk-or-Treat Potluck & Tailgate Party!

St. Philomena Parking Lot
Sun., Oct. 30 ♦ 3:00-5:30pm
\$5 per car (or per family if you walk in)
Receive \$1 off for every 10 Box Tops
you bring with you.
50 Box Tops will get you in free!
Go to www.stphils.com/school for details.



Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!!!

All proceeds benefit the St. Philomena library. Book Fair will be in the Learning Center. Hours are:
Wed, Oct 26 from 4 to 7:30pm,
Thurs, Oct 27 from 1 to 7:30pm,
Sat, Oct 29 after 4:30pm Mass
Sun, Oct 30 after all morning Masses. ♦ Donuts will be served after 9am Mass on Sunday.

Because of the demand for late afternoon/evening time slots for parent conferences we are opening up Wednesday, October 26 from 4 – 7pm for parent conferences in addition to the session on Thursday, October 27 from 1-7pm.

There will be no parent conferences Friday morning.

Information and sign ups for conferences was emailed home on Thursday, October 6.

Please be sure to check your email to read the information.

Basketball Games

10/12 @ Monroe; 7,8 @5pm
10/14 vs St. Thomas; 6,7,8 @6pm
10/20 @ St. Mary Kickapoo; 6, 7 @6pm
10/22 @ St Vincent; 5,6,7,8 @9am
10/24 v Dunlap; 7,8,6 @5pm
10/27 @ St. Joseph Pekin; 5,6,7 @5:30pm
10/28 @ Peoria Christian; 7,8 @4:30pm
10/29 @ Blessed Sacrament; 5,6,7,8 @9am
10/29 @ Blessed Sacrament (boys following girls)
11/4 girls @ St. Mark; 8,5,6,7 @5:30pm
11/4 boys v St. Thomas; 6,7,JV,8 @5:30pm
11/5 boys v St. Edward; 6JV,6,8 @11am
11/5 girls @ Washington Central; 7,8 @5pm
11/8 boys vs St. Joseph; 6,7,8 @6pm

Sharing your Time & Talent with Athletics!!!

Athletics would like to remind parents of St. Phil's basketball players that they need to sign up for three (or more) different game sessions to work concessions, admissions, or the scorer's table. Remember that you can sign up for a girl's game if you have a son or vice versa. *There are still many spots that need to be filled and many parents who have not yet signed up.* Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Molly Fahey, at mcfahay1@yahoo.com for more information and available slots. You may also contact our Scorer's Table Coordinator, Bill Scurry, at 5scurrys@att.net. You can also sign up to help if you do not currently have a basketball player. Remember, the school is part of our parish and all are welcome to participate. ☺



The Seventh/Eighth Grade Dance
will be held on Sat, Oct 22.



Congratulations to the 7th/8th grade boys AND girls soccer teams for playing in the Peoria Parochial Soccer Association championship games this year. Way to go Tigers!

St. Philomena PTO October Meeting Notes

Events:

- **Magazine Sales** profit is at \$16,051, final numbers available at November meeting.
- **October \$100 Club** winner is Bill & Sue Beckman.
- **Pumpkin Parade / Trunk or Treat** will be Sun, Oct. 30 in the parking lot. In need of more volunteers, contact Anne Kennedy. Cost is \$5/car. Receive \$1 off that price for every 10 Box Tops. There will be prizes awarded for car decorating.
- **Wreath Sales** will kickoff on Oct. 14. Have added garland by the foot and a few new options.
- **Auction** invitations have been mailed and RSVPs are starting to come in. Raffles will go out the week of Oct. 10.
- **Spring fundraiser ideas:** carwash, nights at restaurants, photo sessions.

Box Tops: Mollie Franke reported last year the school earned \$2,500 from BoxTops. The leading school earned \$52,000. Most of what St. Phil's earned was from clipped box tops. This year there will be a push for more families to use Marketplace, the Box-Top online shopping site. One example of stores available is Land's End. Buy your Land's End Scrip, go to Marketplace (www.btf.com) and make your Land's End Purchase there. It has also been suggested to check with businesses that have BoxTops on office supplies. Another idea is to have a school-wide campaign for the purchase of a specific item for the school.

Book Fair will be the week of Oct 24 and will coincide with parent teacher conferences. Looking for volunteers to staff the event. If we get enough volunteers, possibility of having a story time for younger children. Contact Monica Shaffer.

From the PTO President

Thank you to all of the parents who joined us for our October PTO meeting. Winner of the two free Auction registrations door prize was Gloria Khoury!

Thank you to Mollie Franke for her Box Tops demonstration and how they benefit St. Phil's. Plus Mollie went through the new pick up procedure (more details to come in future meetings).

Spotlight – Item of the Month: St. Philomena License Plate Frames - Show school spirit by sporting the St. Phil's License Plate Frames on your car. If you have a old frame currently on your car, now is the time to get a new clean version! Cost is \$3 a frame or 2/\$5. Order form is attached to this newsletter. Or, you may go to the school's website under Support > St. Philomena Gear for more items!

For the November PTO meeting, scheduled for November 1st, we are having another door prize! All parents who attend the November meeting will have a chance to have their name drawn for a Moonlight Masquerade Raffle Ticket! You can use this raffle ticket to enter the main drawing at the auction. ***Come and learn about what is coming up in the next few months at St. Phil's!***

If you ever have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to contact me anytime.

In Faith,
Lisa Lamb

Show Your St. Phil's Pride

Show school spirit by sporting the St. Philomena license plates frames on your car or cars!.

St. Philomena Tigers License Plate Frame(s)
\$3 each or 2/\$5.

License Plate Frames will be sent home with your child.



Send in your order form to school with your child.

Parent Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Homeroom _____

Frames Ordered: _____ x \$3 ea or 2/\$5 = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: St. Philomena PTO

The license plate frames are available all year round along with other logo items. Go to the school's website under Support > St. Philomena Gear for more items!