

**Dates to Remember:**

- Sept. 20, Tues.: 2nd Grade Vision & Hearing Screening, 12:30pm
- Sept. 22-24, Thurs.-Sat.: Fall Festival
- Sept. 23, Fri: Student Vision & Hearing Testing, 8am-2pm
- Sept. 23, Fri: Pep Assembly, 2:15pm, Gym
- Sept. 28, Wed.: Confirmation Meeting for Students & Parents, 7pm, Church
- Sept. 29, Thurs.: Safe Environment, 6:30pm, Learning Center
- Oct. 4, Tues.: PTO Meeting, 6pm, Learning Center

**8th Grade**

- Jessica Bolton
- Caroline Breitbach
- Allison Dickerson
- Colin Evers
- Riann Kennedy
- Brittany Phillips
- Madi Ribordy

**7th Grade**

- Clare Behrens
- Erin Bousek
- Justin Brown
- Amelia DeCeanne
- Jordan Delinski
- Orion Eddlemon
- Courtney Ehrat
- Emily Fahey
- Kate Fahey
- Teresa Greenwald
- Madisen Guthrie
- Caroline Hanle
- Maggie Manning
- Ashley Parker
- Caroline Petta
- Karly Spires
- Lexi Vogel

**6th Grade**

- Grace Breitbach
- Katy Coyle
- Cheyenne Easley
- Grace Fahey
- Katelyn Heffron
- Catherine Hilbert
- Caleb Kaniecki
- Celine Khoury
- Matthew Knecht
- Joey Legate
- Hannah O'Bryan
- Ceci Parker
- Charlotte Reynolds
- Megan Russell
- Haley Salander

2011-12  
Junior High  
Choir for  
School Mass  
& Special  
Events

**Fall Festival: September 22-24**

Our annual parish event will be here in just over a week, time has flown since last year! Some information on games, tickets & pies was emailed home on Fri, Sept 9. **We will send home information about parking on Thurs., Sept. 15. This is very important information so please be sure to watch for and read the instructions.**

A few traffic highlights:

1. All traffic will enter campus on Emery (front of the school) and come around the east side for both drop off & pick up.
2. At pick up you will be directed where to park and you will face the church.
3. All parking lot traffic will exit through the Twelve Oaks gate near the Adoration Chapel.
4. The main gates at Albany and the north Twelve Oaks gate will both be closed.
5. No street parking will be allowed on Twelve Oaks and traffic will only run southbound.
6. Follow the parking attendants and you will be fine! 😊

Thank you for understanding and please read the directions & map for details.



We were recently informed that St Philomena is the Parochial School Winner for the Peoria Public Library Summer Reading Program! St. Philomena had the highest percentage of participants for all of the private/parochial schools in Peoria and Dunlap! Way to go readers! Our 63 participants each received a prize from the Peoria Public Library and will be featured on a poster promoting reading.

**Junior High Parents** learn all about Standards Base Grading and how it documents a student's academic growth and achievement. Thurs., Sept. 15 in Mrs. Subert's room at 6:30pm Call the school to reserve a seat .

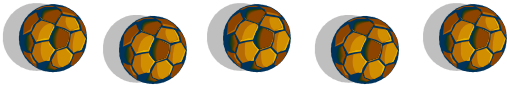
**WELCOME**

Please join us in welcoming Josh Hunt to our staff for the school year. Josh is serving an internship for his Masters in Guidance and Counseling through Bradley. Josh will work with Sr. Jeannie on Thursdays and Fridays. He will conduct classroom sessions, small group sessions and individual counseling sessions. Please extend a warm St. Philomena welcome to Josh. We are blessed to have him join us.

**Important resources for parents!** Common Sense Media provides a wealth of information for parents and educators about technology its uses and abuses. Every week new articles are posted along with helpful advice and answers to commonly asked questions. Their website is [commonsense.org](http://commonsense.org) Take some time to check it out.

God bless,  
Sr. Jean Marie Ciuffini

Good luck to all of our soccer players & coaches as they begin tournament play! Check the soccer league website at [www.ppsasoccer.org](http://www.ppsasoccer.org) for tournament details.



Remember:  
Entry to all home volleyball & basketball games (*excluding IESA Tournaments*) is **FREE** for ALL SPS families & grandparents! Come & cheer for the Tigers!

### Girls Basketball Upcoming Games

9/24 @ St. Thomas; 6,7,8 @ 9am  
9/30 @ Peoria Academy; 6 & 8 @ 5pm  
10/1 vs. St. Vincent; 6,7,8 @ 9am  
10/4 @ St. Edward; 6,8 6pm  
10/8 vs. Blessed Sacrament; 6,7,JV,8 @ 9am  
10/11 vs. St. Mark; 6,7,8 @ 5pm  
10/12 @ Monroe; 7,8 @ 5pm

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### St. Philomena PTO September Meeting Notes

**Principal Report:** Enrollment is at 421, wonderful but presents traffic difficulties. Molly Franke, Catherine Lawless and Anne Cusack are leading a K-3 pickup system, email Molly at [mefranke2@comcast.net](mailto:mefranke2@comcast.net) to participate ♦ Detention policy clarification coming. Tardy detention will not impact Honor Roll. ♦ Halloween parties are a concern. Difficulty getting kids into costumes and parading. Perhaps a Fall Harvest party closer to Thanksgiving. Fourth and Fifth grades do Harvest parties with success. ♦ We are starting with new Science program and adding Social Studies soon. ♦ Junior High standards based grading: information session is Thurs., Sept. 15, 6:30-7:30pm. If parents cannot attend, please contact Mrs. Subert for information. Does not rank and sort kids, but gives parents an idea of where the student is achieving.

**Volunteers:** PTO events have leaders for all activities. Auction and Fall Festival committees still need volunteers.

**Events:** *Garage Sale* brought in \$4,428 ♦ *Pre-K and Kindergarten Play Date* was successful with positive feedback. ♦ *New Family Night* had many families in attendance, working on improvements for next year. ♦ *Unpack Your Sack Day* \$541 in Logo items sold. Ordering more items as some ran out. Ordering mini soccer balls. ♦ *Magazine Sales* slightly lower than expected, sale will be extended. ♦ *\$100 Club* has 68 members, 68 yet to renew. Monthly drawings beginning next month. ♦ *Cookie Dough Sales* will be lead by Stacey Day and begin Oct. 31. Dough will be delivered in time for the Holidays. ♦ *Pumpkin Parade / Trunk or Treat* will be Sun, Oct. 30 in the parking lot. Games, scouts selling refreshments, and trick or treat through parking lot. Anne Kennedy will lead. ♦ *Wreath Sales* will be lead by Kristi Glover. First meeting will be Oct. 3 at 6:30pm in teachers' lounge. Anyone wishing to help is welcome to attend. ♦ *Auction* invitations have been sent to printer, raffles going to print next week. Still gathering donations and underwriting. It would be great to have participation from all families. ♦ *Box Tops* will be lead by Molly Franke. Looking at special events to bring in more Box Tops. Encouraging families to sign up online. Molly may speak at an upcoming PTO meeting. ♦ Spring has no fundraiser, Yankee Candle is an option. Another option is having St. Phil's nights at local restaurants.

Full PTO minutes can be found at <http://www.stphils.com/school/community/pto.cfm>



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### **From the PTO President**

I would like to thank all of the parents who joined us for our September PTO meeting. We had several parents in attendance! Winner of the door prizes was Kanchana Kennedy who won a Tiger Sweatshirt Blanket, Tiger Reusable Tote. Everyone else attending this month received a Tiger Reusable Tote!

Spotlight – Item of the Month:  
H.U.G.G. – Help Us Go Green! Show school spirit and do something good for the environment at the same time. Purchase your reusable tote(s) for \$5 each. Purchase extra to give to your family or just use yourself! Order form will be attached to the newsletter email. Or, you may go to the school's website under Support > St. Philomena Gear for more items!

For the October 4th PTO meeting we will have another door prize! All parents who attend the October meeting will have a chance to have their name drawn for a Moonlight Masquerade Raffle Ticket! 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 at 360-6023 or [lisalamb67@aol.com](mailto:lisalamb67@aol.com).

In Faith,  
Lisa Lamb  
2011 – 2012 PTO President