



Spartan's Corner—News

November 2010

Grandparents' and Special Persons' Day

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this day a success. The homemade cookies and brownies were a huge hit with the guests. The music program was once again the highlight of the day and enjoyed by all. The Book Fair was quite successful however, a little overwhelming for all who participated. (We look to greatly expand the space and flow of next year's Book Fair).

The STS staff does a super job at planning this special day. We who are involved in PTO thank Mr. Kolakovich and his staff for allowing us to be a part of it.

Dates to Remember

November

- 19 1/2 day of School
- 22 No School-Parent Teacher Conferences
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Break

December

- 2 PTO Meeting
- 6 St. Nicholas Treat Day
- 20-31 Christmas Break



Tuition Reimbursement

Many families have been taking advantage of the FREE Tuition Reimbursement program which began September 1st. What easier way to save some extra cash, to use towards tuition, than buying your weekly groceries, gasoline and prescriptions or visiting your favorite restaurant with scrip and it doesn't cost you anything extra.

If you haven't signed up yet and would like to begin saving, please contact Kim Price at 262-1061 or k_m_price@msn.com.

Scrip News

We have new Scrip in Stock! The following items are now in stock:

Amazon \$25	Amazon \$100
Gymboree \$25	Marathon \$50
McCarthy's on the Riverwalk \$25	Speedway \$50
Ruth's Chris \$50	

Holiday Scrip.... There isn't an easier way to shop for the Holidays than with Scrip! There are many retailers we carry in stock (or can order in for you) to use when you are doing your Holiday shopping.

How about giving a gift card as a Christmas gift from St. Thomas scrip. Many people young and old really enjoy receiving gift cards. This way they can go out and shop for themselves.

Scrip Special Orders....We can special order scrip gift certificates for you. To see all merchants, go to the Great Lakes Scrip or ScripPro websites, www.glscrip.com or www.scrippro.com. Special orders take roughly 4-5 days to arrive.

Scrip Business Buyers....PLEASE REMEMBER TO PLACE ORDERS FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES EARLY! If you are ordering gifts for your employees, please remember to give us plenty of time to get them ordered and in on time. **We do not keep large quantities of gift cards in stock for each vendor.**

Giving Tree

One of the most wonderful things about the St. Thomas Community is its spirit of giving, helping and caring. Last year during the Holidays St. Thomas initiated the Giving Tree, initiated due to the tough economic climate and high unemployment rate our area was under. The Tree was a great success and allowed the school to help several families.

Even though the second half of 2010 has seen an improvement in the economy, there are still many families trying to get back on track. And next year and in years to come, there will always be someone within our reach that can use a hand. Maybe the Giving Tree could become a tradition. What a great way to reinforce to our children the true meaning of Christmas!

So beginning in a couple weeks, you will be asked (if you can) to share within our own community by contributing to the Giving Tree. Thank you for your consideration!

Update on the \$10 fee for the Handbook and Directory.... This fee which was collected last month also goes towards snacks for I-Step. This was not mentioned in the original information on this fee. We're sorry for any misunderstanding.

Scrip "Garage Sale"

Every year we accumulate a few odds and ends Scrip that we need to remove from inventory. These items will be sold at a discount, but will not be eligible towards Tuition Reimbursement since they were purchased prior to the beginning of the program.

We will be glad to special order any of these vendors for you in the future, at full price. We just will not be carrying them in our inventory.

Vendor	Value	Sale Price	# available
Borders	\$25	\$23	3
Fazoli's	\$10	\$8	2
Hallmark	\$25	\$24	2
LLBean	\$25	\$22	3
The Limited	\$25	\$22	1
Pier 1	\$25	\$23	2
Ritter's	\$10	\$8	4
Sears	\$25	\$23	1
Steak 'n Shake	\$10	\$8	5

These are sold on a first come-first served basis. If you would like to purchase any of these, e-mail Kim Price at k_m_price@msn.com or make a note on your Scrip order form.

Spartan's Corner

Open from 2-2:40 daily

Stop in Spartan's Corner to purchase Scrip or Spirit Wear or to visit the Spartan's Closet.

Spirit Wear....Pick-up gym clothes, Spirit Wear and middle school polos. Spirit Bucks are also available in \$5 and \$10 increments (use like cash in Spartan's Corner). **These Spirit Bucks and all items for sale in the Spartan's Corner make great HOLIDAY GIFTS!**

Spartan's Closet....Home to gently worn uniform clothing. Feel free to take what you need, you do not need to make a donation. Please help us keep the closet organized by making sure clothes are in with the correct size.

For those donating, **clothes MUST be clean and free of tears or stains.** If your child couldn't or wouldn't wear it to school, please do not donate it to the Closet